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Toward a core set of principles for men

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

These are only a few preliminary ideas, based on my own personal experiences and reflections. I'd

like to see the thoughts and ideas of other men about the idea of core principles for men, what purpose they might serve for us at this point in time, and what they might look like.

A Brotherhood Without Borders

September 23, 2009 | by Prime | Link | Original Link

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let us be the men who are awake.

An Introduction

September 24, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can Disney Grow With Boys and Men?

September 24, 2009 | by Whiskey | Link | Original Link

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

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

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

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

From the Wall Street Journal article:

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

As Charles M. Blow of the New York Times has written, the speed of the collapse of the Music Industry is amazing, cut in half from its peak in 1999, in ten years. First piracy, and then music streaming over the internet, free and legal, have severely cut industry revenues. Clearly, Hollywood can see the same problems facing themselves. Already Hulu.com, ironically created by NBC Universal (GE), Fox Entertainment Group, and ABC (Disney), has taught consumers to access streaming movies, television shows,and clips instead of buying DVDs. The success of South Park Studios where every South Park episode can be watched, for free, online, shows that creative people can build their own portals very quickly and capture consumer interest (and advertising revenue) without much cost. The success of "District 9″ in providing a unique, and expensive look with a production budget of $30 million means that the studios, with high costs and overhead, face real challenges from productions in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and potentially many other nations with low production costs and favorable tax treatment.

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

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

Most of the Marvel Movies outperform the Female skewing movie average (which was $225

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

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

Which makes Disney's move puzzling.

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

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

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

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

The extraordinary durability of Marvel Comics characters created from 1941 through the 1970's stems from the creators themselves. Often nerdy, shy, young men who did not find enormous success

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

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

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

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

The Despotism of the Petticoat

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

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

The feminist narrative regarding suffrage goes something like this:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The New TV Season: Missing Men

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Forgotten, centers around Christian Slater as an ex-cop leading a team of an older hotter (early forties) widow, a young woman (also “TV hot”), a doofus blue collar guy, and a broody artist in a volunteer effort to identify victims the police cannot and have closed the case on. If that sounds predictable — it is. Slater, at least, plays a semblance of a real man, and his character actually has to

do something — lead a disparate team to the goal of identifying the victim. With something approaching real masculinity, it's an odd-ball on ABC's schedule, filled with Desperate Housewives clones and PC lectures.

"Glee" centers around a High School Glee club, with a wheelchair bound singer, a gay one, various women, and so on. Think "High School the Musical" except without naughty pictures of Vanessa Hudgens on the Internet. No actual men or even approximation of men appear in this series. The same holds true of "Cougar Town," starring real-life cougar Courteney Cox, as a divorced Mom on the prowl for younger men, with the approval of her ex-husband and young son. Neither of whom mind her explicit retelling of her sexual exploits with young men not too much older than her teen son. I can imagine the pitch meeting. "Remember the Squid and the Whale? How the movie depicted how awful the parents were and screwed up their kids? This is just like that, except as a comedy. Plus Courteney Cox was hot … back in 1987." Again no characters even approximating real men appear in this sit-com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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…until we have.

These are exciting times for men.

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

I don't buy it – any of it.

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

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

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

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

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

Why?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We men, right now, are living through history. To most of us, it just seems like our lives. But, as time

passes our lives of today will become our context of tomorrow. And, our choices of today will shape the world that we and our children will live in tomorrow. And, in far less time than they can imagine, young men of today will have become the “older generation” of tomorrow and find to their surprise that those who came after them are now judging them based on the present they created for those next generations.

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

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

Yes, indeed, these are exciting times for men.

We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities.

Incest as Empowerment: The Rotten Fruit of Matriarchy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, some women are taking things so far that they run the risk of ruining what's left of the

veneer of civilization. Female Maculinist found a story about one Aimee Louise Sword, a 35-year-old woman from the Detroit area, who committed a despicable act with her son, citing the criminal female rapper Lil'Kim as her inspiration.

Ms. Sword apparently gave her son up for adoption some ten years ago, but was recently inspired to find him, which she did through an online search. She found the boy, now in his teens, seduced him, and then began having sex with him. This story may not be as popular with the Oprah crowd as Mackenzie Phillips', but it's part of the same trend. Interestingly, because the woman cannot realistically portray herself as a victim (at least not yet — let's see what her attorney comes up with), this story has been left out of national news. The police involved have expressed horror and deep pity for the boy, who will undoubtedly be scarred for life by the incident, but they seem to prefer that, for the sake of the boy, the story is swept under the rug as soon as possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

meets success, you'll want to cheer.

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

In pointing out these issues, I don't want come off as being too critical. In a literary world full of flotsam, jetsam, and other varieties of garbage, Roosh Vörek has produced something remarkable and memorable. Beyond its other qualities, *A Dead Bat in Paraguay* speaks to something deeper – the dissatisfaction so many men these days have with their lives. Writers sublimating their existential angst into grand adventures which they later published is nothing new, as we can see from this stanza from Lord Byron's *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*:

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

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

we now have “mid-life crises” and “quarter-life crises.” What is it about the modern West that sucks the joy out of being a man? To quote John Derbyshire:

> The modern workplace has also been de-masculinized. I have spent many years working in the offices of big corporations, among the vast clerical middle class of the Information Age. It has often struck me how much more suitable this work is for women than for men — how, in fact, men seem rather out of place among the “tubes and cubes” of the modern office. No masculine values are visible here. The mildness of manners, the endless tiny courtesies, the yielding and compromising, the cheery assertions of labor-room stoicism (”Hangin’ in there!”) that are necessary to get this kind of work done, leave little outlet for masculine forcefulness. Such outlets as did once exist have been systematically sealed off by the feminists and “sexual harassment” warriors. Was it really only twelve years ago that my mixed-sex office in a big Wall Street trading house celebrated the boss’s birthday by bringing in a full-monty stripper to entertain us? Yes, it was. If we did that today, we should be the subject of a *60 Minutes* segment.
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> The more boisterous manifestations of masculinity — physical courage, danger-seeking, the honor principle, belligerence, chivalry, endurance, small-group loyalty — which were once accessible to all men, in episodes of war or exploration if not in everyday life, have now been leached out to the extremes of our society — to small minorities of, at one extreme, super-rich sports and entertainment stars, and at the other, underclass desperadoes. There is no place now for a brilliant misfit like the Victorian explorer Sir Richard Burton, whose love of danger and of alien cultures led him to be the first, and quite probably the only, non-Moslem ever to penetrate the holiest sanctuary of Islam, the Ka’aba in Mecca — he even had the audacity to make a surreptitious sketch of the place while he was supposed to be praying. (Burton, by the way, was a holy terror as a boy — would be a sure candidate for heavy Ritalin treatment nowadays.)

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

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

Girl Game

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

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

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

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

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

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

Misinformation about cougars

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

Warner herself is skeptical of the cougar phenomenon, noting:

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

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

Luckily Warner's commenters aren't letting her off lightly this time. Many women have commented that the cougar phenomenon is a reality for them, and that they enjoy it very much, citing the energy

of younger men and so on. Others write that following their mid-life divorces, younger men simply seemed more attractive, and so on. For whatever reason, however, there are many women today who are not only interested in the cougar phenomenon, but who are living it, to one degree or another.

My own personal perspective is that I see no issue, in itself, with people dating at various age ranges. Many women seem to experience a heightening of the libido betwen 35 and 45, and perhaps at that specific time in their lives a man who is significantly younger can be rather sexually attractive to such women. I would suspect that many of the larger age-gap relationships will not last as the women age into their 50s, but some may. I do agree with the women critiquing the cougar craze in that it perpetuates standards of beauty and appearance into later ages, which is probably not helpful for the vast majority of women (and women like Warner certainly don't like it), but in this culture, people are free to behave as they wish. Cougars may seem desperate and pathetic, but perhaps some of them are more fulfilled than may be apparent, and are simply getting what they want out of life at this specific moment.

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

How do you Make a Cream Puff?

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Essentially, it comes down to the whipping.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here's a great line from his game article:

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

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

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

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

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

Abandon all maturity, ye who enter here.

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

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

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

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

Max's movie is at its best when the plot is de-emphasized and the focus is on the strong dialogue. The film is chock-full of hilarious quips that caused the audience to drown out the movie with their laughter. For example, during one scene in which Tucker and friends are driving, Tucker lets rip a fart and Drew remarks that it smells like Tucker "got buttfucked by a garbage compactor." The best scene in the film is an interplay between Drew and stripper Lara (Marika Dominczyk), with each of them trying to one-up each other in a battle of insults. The second half of the film is more focused on

physical comedy, which is where the narrative starts to come apart. In particular, the film's re-creation of a particularly disgusting episode of "The Austin Road Trip" involving explosive diarrhea is unbelievably lame. Despite its flaws, the film is a fun and funny ride for both Tucker Max fans and newcomers, and is a faithful adaptation of the man's work.

I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell has been compared to *The Hangover* in terms of plot, characters, and style, and this comparison is reasonably accurate. In particular, Max's movie has the same interplay of three male friends who occupy different spots in the alpha/beta/omega hierarchy of game. Tucker Max is the obvious alpha, a cocky, arrogant jackass who runs through women like a flu sufferer runs through tissues. Dan is a beta, an upstanding and generally honest fellow who cannot handle women, as shown by his inability to convince Kristy to allow him to go on the trip to the strip club, requiring Tucker to sweet-talk her down. Drew is a self-made omega who, after catching his girlfriend giving head to a white rapper, has retreated into a cocoon of video game addiction, nerdiness, and antisocial misogyny (telling one woman who sidles up to him at a bar that he will "carve a new fuckhole" in her if she doesn't get away).

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

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

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

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

> With a book that was on New York Time's bestselling list for three years in a row, and a movie out soon, clearly this dude has got a lotta funs. In fact, he's becoming someone that guys look up to. Guys now have this notion that if you drink yourself to oblivion and get with every girl in sight (no matter what they look like and regardless of whether they are too drunk to function) then you're "the man." It's like Tucker is the male Carrie Bradshaw…

> with a beyond vulgar twist. He's inspiring guys from coast to coast to act like an ass and to do so without remorse.
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> I think it's safe to say that Tucker Max is officially ruining men. And if we thought we were safe (because most guys don't read books anyway) this movie is only going to make it worse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

become self-absorbed assholes. It's really that simple.

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

Realmannspracht Ain't So Bad

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For starters, Paglia's quote above does get it partly right in that, yes, masculinity must be risky. It must weigh and accept risk when appropriate. To stifle a man's risk-taking nature, this tendency to

take calculated risks when the benefits appear to outweigh the costs, the imperative for men to stand on principles when the pragmatic path is so much more attractive, is to squelch part of what it means to be a man.

But Paglia errs in claiming that masculinity may only be conferred by other men. This is where Anakin correctly skewers the notion that manhood is awarded by the brotherhood to a prospective man. As Anakin said in his above-linked post, the only standard that matters is that of God's, and worldly attempts to twist these standards into something different from what God intended, or to attempt to make Man's standards supersede that of God's, are completely improper. Even if it is other men who are doing it.

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

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

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

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

an induction into the sorority of women, just as boys matriculate into the brotherhood of men.

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

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

* Integrity
* Chaste until marriage, faithful within marriage
* Industrious / hard working
* Disciplined
* Charitable
* Accountable / responsible
* Self-controlled
* Modest in dress and behavior
* Selfless

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

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

One Week In

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reporting on Rape Changing

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Changing Tides of History

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

> Well, fast forward 50 years and we find that men have far more freedom and flexibility than any group of men has ever had in the history of the world. They can now choose to be husbands, and/or fathers, or anything else, and the social pressure and stigma which used to force the vast majority of men into early marriage (and often early graves) and the role of a specialized beast of burden bred for the specific purpose of dragging around an emotionally and financially dependent wife and family is simply no longer there.
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> Certainly, some men might wish to continue to choose those roles for their lives. And the social Luddites, who fear and resist change, may want to try to keep men trapped in those old roles. But, as women's roles have changed, the system which gave men only one set of

> choices has changed whether people wanted it to or not.
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> Men may choose to be husbands and fathers. Or not. They can choose to be travelers, or explorers, or scholars, or X-box players. Or not. They can be househusbands, assuming they can find a breadwinning wife and are willing to deal with the residual social stigma toward a man who does not live up to the traditional roles. But, women have blazed the way in breaking down those old roles and in their place have left men a world of opportunities limited only by their own imaginations.
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> The real challenges confronting men these days are the topics Novaseeker and Prime have recently written about – defining core masculine values by which men define themselves. For too long men have been allowing women to define us – either in the negative, by giving a us a list of things they don't like about us, or by demanding that we become more like them. Some men are comfortable with becoming more like women, and we will see how women really end up liking them once they do.
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> But, for the rest of us, who have never had any desire to be women, we now have the opportunity to completely define for ourselves what sort of masculinity will serve us, and those we love, best in the coming years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The entire secret of male power is that men do, and men have, shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel. Men shoveled the gravel that built all the hydroelectric dams which provide the electric power which everyone today takes for granted; some of that "Patriarchal technology" that some women are so fond of sneering at. Men put their sweat and, for about 50 of them, their very lives into Hoover dam. Then they "handed over" the result to women to make their lives more comfortable. The millions of tons of gravel which went into building the transcontinental railway were shoveled by

men. And hundreds of their lives went into it as well. Women and men living today would have none of the conveniences which make their lives so comfortable if millions of men had not shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel. All the lawsuits and affirmative action programs in the world could not have built them. Those men did not wait for someone to "hand over" those dams or that railroad to them, they shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel and built them. Hoover dam is "male dominated", the transcontinental railroad is "male dominated" because men put their time, their work, their sweat, and their very bodies into building them. Everything that we see in the world today, from business to the military, that is "male dominated" is so because men died to build it.

That is both men's power and their powerlessness.

They shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel.

The Despotism of the Petticoat: Part 2

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To continue where I left off here…

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Of course we live in much different times today…we now have a society that has devalued and decimated marriage. It might even be argued that the first fault lines in the institution of marriage were indeed effected by the female driven temperance movement that sought to create the separate legal status between a husband and a wife in terms of voting.

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

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

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

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

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

> *completely subject Us to the Despotism of the peticoat, I hope General Washington, and all our brave Heroes would fight….*

Now what exactly do you think John meant by this?

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

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

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

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

The Hegelian Dialectic and Social Change

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

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

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

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

In a terribly oversimplified version -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some raw meat thrown out for the discussion minded…

4 Years for Raping a Fictional Character

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[Plug: my blog is here.]

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

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

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

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

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

Then “stalking”. Logical progression, right?

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

Rape didn’t stick. Neither did “stalking”, which by spring had fallen to the sawdust heap at the end of the rumor mill. Yet like a virus adapting to its host’s immune system, the rumor mutated into a form that was more believable. I was *sketchy*. What does that mean? Eight years later, I’m still not sure. When I was in college, it was a label similar to “creepy”, but even more amorphously defined. No facts are needed to back it up, a major advantage of that label for the sort of relationally aggressive, socially powerful, competitive “hyperfemale” inclined to spread rumors– facts and logic never were such a creature’s strong point. To call a man “sketchy” is to label him as socially undesirable, but with the force of “fact”. I mean, he’s sketchy! Can’t you see? Are you not with it?

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

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

What were its effects? All told, I did manage to have a pretty good college experience. I learned a lot, took great classes, and excelled academically. I can’t complain about the professors, academics, campus, or even 90% of the student body. I made a lot of very good friends. In fact, my colorful reputation made it easier to meet new people– but mostly men, and women only as friends. However, I’d always had some enemies and, on a small college campus with a ludicrously conformist dating scene, struggled with women. I was LJBF’d very quickly. I would have a first and second date go

very well, only to have her attraction killed immediately by others' nasty mutterings. Preselection's a bitch, and if a woman gets the slightest inkling that you've been rejected by another girl, well… she's likely to lose interest. It's wrong, and in a better world, women would form their own opinions of a man rather than relying on the hens, but that's the way that 95% of girls actually work.

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

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

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

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

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

Friday Night Game

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Let's You And Her Fight

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When the flirting escalated to the point of touching: "I've got bad news. Your friend already gave me

a shoulder rub. She's in the lead."

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

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

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

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

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

Men are on Top Because they Deserve to Be

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

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

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

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

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

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

I can't remember which of the masculinist books I have reviewed gave this example, but I consider it a very telling one: for thousands of years, delivering babies was women's work. Men did not interfere with women's entry to the midwife profession or tell them how to go

about practicing it. No midwife invented the forceps. Then, a few centuries ago, some rich decadent women decided to have male doctors deliver their babies instead of midwives. Within a century, one of these men had invented the forceps, which have saved untold lives. Women can do something for hundreds of generations without innovating. As soon as men turn their hands to a pursuit, they are devising ways to improve it.

If you start to point any of this out to a feminist, she will usually insist that men were *encouraged* to achieve while women weren't. To women, this argument makes sense, because women are deeply dependent on the approval of those around them. Standing alone is a male practice. There are women who can do it, but they are far, far rarer than men who can. But consider the hostility which every man who invented or discovered anything new has been greeted – Galileo put under house arrest, Socrates sentenced to drink poison, Martin Luther excommunicated, Darwin hounded by people who didn't want to be descended from apes, Theodor Herzl driven into an early grave, Wilhelm Reich ordered by the FDA to stop selling orgone accumulators, Jesus Christ nailed to a tree. In the 18th century, there was a smallpox epidemic in Boston. A male doctor inoculated many people, saving their lives. Religious leaders had him arrested on the grounds that the epidemic was punishment from God, and the roused rabble set fire to his house. Where was the encouragement for these men?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finally, as a beginner's handbook to handling women, *Bang* is easily one of the best resources available. In the book, Roosh breaks down the process of seduction in a coherent game plan that anyone can follow. The meat of *Bang* is broken down into chapters Internal Game (the attitudes you must internalize before you set out to approach women), Early Game (the stages of approaching, opening, and getting a girl's interest), Middle Game (what you should do on a date), and Late Game (getting her to have sex with you once you've gotten her home). And unlike *certain* guides that expend too much ink on early game and almost nothing on the other aspects of seduction, Roosh devotes equal time to each section, breaking down everything in meticulous, loving detail. He even

goes so far as to outline the most efficient way you should disrobe your woman once you're making out in the bedroom. And if that isn't enough, Roosh includes a handy appendix at the end for dealing with specific situations, such as the best way to approach a girl at a coffee shop. If you're new to game, *Bang* is an absolute must-buy.

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

But aside from the minor dent, *Bang* is a more than worthwhile entry into the seduction market. If you're starting out in the game or looking to take your skills to the next level, Roosh's book is a invaluable resource and a must-read.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It's often interpreted as overt rejection when a woman doesn't return a man's calls. I don't think it is, even if it's functionally equivalent. Sometimes, she has already rejected the man; but at least as often, it's indecisiveness. She wants to put off the decision as long as she can, as, in her mind, she gains *nothing* by formally rejecting him. That would give up the *option* of calling him 2 weeks later, should

she so be inclined. In other words, in this case, she technically hasn't made up her mind about him, but will forget about him after he makes up his. She never says "no", but puts off indefinitely having to say anything.

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

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

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

Feminism Is Only a Subset of Female Supremacism

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

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

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

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

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

You will also notice the blame put on men for everything, blame that men aren't being "gentlemen", blaming men for promiscuity, etc. It's even to the point where conservative female supremacists blame men for "letting" feminism happen. Men are even being blamed for abortion because it supposedly benefits men:

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

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

It's important to know about conservative female supremacism because there are a lot of women who will claim they're on the side of men because they're "not a feminist". Simply "not being a feminist" does not make a woman an ally of men. All it means is that instead of using the state to extract money and other resources from men, they believe marriage is the best way of doing this. They are stepping up their blame and shaming language because many of them are worried that feminists are

in the process of destroying their gravy train of taking money and other resources from men. They are right to be worried about that. With the development of game, even if a man doesn't use game he still understands the real nature of women, and this includes conservative female supremacists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

system and come back to “papa.”

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

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

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

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

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

The Myth of the "Glass Ceiling"

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Traditionally", the way men have typically done this is by marrying women who were good mates, in terms of supporting them in their career effort, and managing, often without a whole lot of assistance from the husband, the many affairs of the family. This is not, *contra* Betty Friedan, a life akin to that of a concentration camp inmate, at least not for many women who marry such men. It is, rather, a division of labor whereby one person focuses primarily on the acquisition of wealth for the

couple and family, while the other focuses primarily on the task of managing the family in other respects. The idea being that, given the tremendous time and effort it takes to rise to the top of a competitive corporate hierarchy, it makes sense, if a couple wishes to maximize the chances of the money provider to reach that pinnacle, to divide labor so as to allow for the time in which that effort may be directed. This used to be the common pattern for all marriages, but it is no longer the case, and that is probably a great thing for most men. But for the men at the very top of the hierarchy, most of their marriages are rather traditional in the sense that there is a division of labor, *de facto*, even if post-feminist terms are used to describe it. This does not mean that the wives in question are trophies who are either uneducated or incapable of getting ahead professionally — this is typically not the case today. However, for couples where one person is not only doing well professionally but rising to the top of a competitive hierarchy, the division of labor is a very consistent theme in these marriages, at least during the period from the time that children arrive until they are well on their way.

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

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

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

Choice (2) involves the mother staying home, for at least a time, at the cost of her career, to be the primary caregiver for the children for a number of years. It is often supposed that this choice is made by the couple for reasons of patriarchal sexism, and that the men concerned here force it on their wives. This is balderdash, particularly when it comes to the socio-economic slice we are discussing here: highly empowered, ambitious, driven women — women who are not going to have *anything* "forced" on them by *anyone*, least of all their husbands. The reality is that in most of these cases the

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

Couples who make choice (3) are often rather harried, but can actually be quite happy couples. The impact of choice (3), however, is that both careers suffer somewhat, and that neither husband nor wife has the time required to relentlessly compete with others in the hierarchy who are in arrangements (2) or, to a lesser extent, (1). So these couples have a workable arrangement, but one which also impedes on the ability of either of them to get to the very top of the hierarchy — at least during that period in their lives when others of their age level are making their driving laps in that race. This can be a great arrangement for couples who want an equalist relationship, but it goes without saying that the women who are in such relationships are not impeded from advancing due to some supposed GC any more than their husbands are.

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

What to do about this? Well, first, I don't think we need to acknowledge at all that a sex disparity at the top of the hierarchy is, in itself, a "problem" that needs to be addressed. The current situation is based on competition, as it should be. However, for women who really *do* wish to compete effectively, more attention should be given to the choice of men whom they wish to marry, in light of the impact this can have downstream. Women who have their heart set on being the CEO of a large Fortune 200 company should marry men who are willing and capable of playing a supportive role in her drive to the top — and should sacrifice their hypergamy in order to do so. In addition, women

who make that choice should also be prepared to hand off the child-care responsibility to their supportive husbands, and not feel frustrated, guilty, or "displaced and disempowered as mothers" in doing so. This may sound difficult, but some women manage to achieve it. More women could do so if they were willing to make life choice trade-offs based on priorities as to what exactly they want out of their lives in the long run — and the answer to that question, in order to be workable, simply cannot be "I want it all".

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

They’re Calling for Slavery Now

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feminists and Social Conservatives Cluelessly Proselytizing for Islam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although I do not support Sharia in the West, because I think it is a poor fit for Western culture, environment and civilization, it would be disingenuous of me to write that it does not offer an attractive alternative to contemporary family law. If the West cannot address its own broken law and the millions of injustices it has brought down on its men, we may soon face the specter of a home-

grown Taliban, and if the only people fighting it with all their hearts are Feminists and opportunistic Social Conservatives, there's a good chance it will eventually win.

Strategy and Tactics

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

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

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

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

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

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

focus groups, lobbyists and advisors who conspire with them to pass the necessary bills and attain the funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

self-preservation and gratification are all that is left to the typical man.

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

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

Fortunately, we have already done the hard work. Men have gone the extra mile, we have given up the shirts on our backs, and we have turned the other cheek. We have lost our wealth, our labor and our very pride. As bitter as the process may have been, we have gained something far grander than these ephemeral marks of stability and respectability: true freedom of will. We have finally rubbed the sand out of our eyes and started to see that many of the duties demanded of us are impossible (not to mention undesirable) to fulfill, and that there are other options.

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

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

Globalization and the Future State of Men, Part I

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

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

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

a majority of NAMs to lower economic strata. Scheve and Slaughter in their article document rising income inequality in the country, something that I think is an excellent symptom of this globalization process that snuck up on us all while our country was sleeping. As the reader can see from the graph drawn from the Scheve article, incomes have only risen for the top few percent of the population, while those who have foolishly bought into the education industry's marketing pitch have suffered from the double-whammy of falling incomes and heavy student debt. Interestingly, those that didn't attend college at all have not seen their incomes fall, which suggests that non-portable service jobs which do not have high barriers to entry (i.e. marginally useful yet expensive sheepskins) such as plumbers and automotive technicians have remained steady. If those people kept their financial portfolios clear of debt from unnecessary consumption, they probably do okay. HS dropouts, of course, fall in the bottom of the pile, forced as they are to compete with Pedro for stoop labor jobs in places like the Imperial Valley or in the meat-packing plants of Colorado, Iowa, or Nebraska.

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

Another men-impacting feature of globalization to consider is that globalization tends to benefit alphas and other apex-dwellers the most, while leaving betas and other lesser classes of men behind. We can see this phenomenon by noting who globalization selects to reward with the best incomes. It grants money and wealth to those who, in the global marketplace, add the most to the value chain of their corner of the knowledge economy, commensurate with their contribution.* Those who cannot or do not contribute to the knowledge economy on par with their peers are pushed lower on the pay scale, maybe even banished from the knowledge sector entirely. Manufacturing, according to Drucker, will eventually be nearly entirely performed overseas and, according to Friedman, will

shrink radically as capital replaces labor and labor becomes more and more productive, meaning progressively less and less of it is needed. Those displaced by the shift away from manufacturing, or those who note the complexion of the knowledge-service divide, will likely be quite unhappy about their newfound lower standard of living and drop on the social scale. This will have the effect of exacerbating the already marked income inequality that Drucker warned us about, which I contend will inevitably lead to calls (such as that made by Scheve and Slaughter) for more progressive taxation policies and forced income redistribution to balance the condition of the haves to the have-nots. (Given how some of the rich are fleeing New York and other high tax places, somehow I don't think that such a strategy will work.) The end result of all this displacement is that many traditionally "male" jobs will disappear, the good jobs somewhat predominantly occupied by alpha men, and the really good jobs occupied nearly exclusively by alpha men. The rest of the men, and nearly all the women, will sell their labor for cash in the service sector.

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

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

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

indeed.

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

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

The Corruption of Federal Funding Grants

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

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

> *The University of California, Davis, has determined that it significantly over-reported the number of forcible sex offenses that were committed on and around campus in 2005, 2006 and 2007, based on an internal review and an independent, outside review of the crime statistics it reports annually to the federal government under the Clery Act.*
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> *Specifically, in last year's Clery Act statistics, UC Davis reported 48, 68 and 69 forcible sex offenses in 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively. However, based on the two recent reviews, UC Davis has determined that the correct statistics for each of the years are less than half those numbers: 21 reported in 2005, 23 in 2006 and 33 in 2007.*
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> *The Clery Act requires publication of an annual report that contains specified campus crime statistics for the previous three calendar years. UC Davis' newly revised statistics for 2006 and 2007 are included in the 2009 annual report released today, along with the statistics for 2008. The new report indicates that 27 forcible sex offenses were committed on and around its Davis and Sacramento campuses in 2008. The 2009 annual report is now available online at http://police.ucdavis.edu/clery.htm.*
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> *Based on the internal and external reviews, UC Davis has determined that the former director of its Campus Violence Prevention Program, Jennifer Beeman, was responsible for the inflated numbers of reported forcible sex offenses in 2005, 2006 and 2007.*

Now why do you think Jennifer Beeman would do such a thing? These federal funds are granted on the basis of the number of reported sex crimes. With the funding levels directly tied to the amount of crimes reported, this lady was able to fund her department…which of course included paying her own salary.

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

Here's what a UC-Davis Power Point Presentation, delivered to State bureaucrats to make them

understand the way they could “maximize revenues” to their respective agencies:

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

> *There is no limit on the amount of funding a State can receive under “open-ended” programs like Medicaid, Title IV-E,* ***Child Support Enforcement****,* ***Food Stamps****, and Supplemental Security Income.*
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> *Instead of a fixed amount, under open-ended programs the Federal Government pays a fixed portion or “Federal Financial Participation” (FFP) percentage of the amounts claimed. ability to generate non-Federal (“matching”) funds.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Active Measures to Normalize the West…

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…or "How to Brainwash a Nation."

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

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

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

Interview of Yuri Bezmenov by G. Edward Griffin, 1985

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Your leftists in United States…all these professors and all these beautiful Civil Rights defenders…they are instrumental in the process of the subversion…only to destabilize the nation. When the job is completed, they are not needed anymore…they know too much. Some of

them…when they get disillusioned…when they see that Marxist/Leninists come to power, obviously they get offended…they think that THEY will come to power…that will never happen, of course. They will be lined up against the wall and shot. But they may turn into the most bitter enemies of Marxist/Leninists when they come to power. And that's what happened in Nicaragua.

You remember most of these former Marxists/Leninists were either put to prison or one of them split and now he's working against Sandinistas. It happened in Grenada, when Maurice Bishop was already a Marxist…he was executed by a new Marxist who was more Marxist than this Marxist. Same happened in Afghanistan…when first there was Taraki, he was killed by Amin and he was killed by Babrak Karmal with the help of the KGB. Same happened in Bangladesh when Mujibar Rahman, a very pro-Soviet leftist, he was assassinated by his own Marxist/Leninist military comrades. It's the same pattern everywhere.

In summary, the Active Measures to subvert the West are

- Demoralization
- Destabilization
- Crisis
- Normalization

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

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

Only a Fool Would Have Swallowed It.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When Ferdinand speaks of "The Emptiness of Modern Manhood", he invokes the imagery of a hollowed out shell. Certain surface trappings of manhood have been held onto by the social deconstructionists in collusion with the Social Conservatives, but they have hollowed out the heart of it, leaving a truly empty feeling shell. Obsessive-compulsive "chivalry" has dictated deference and special treatment for all women which was previously reserved for those women who had earned the right to be called "ladies." Hint: this right was not earned by swearing like a sailor, dressing in a manner which would embarass anyone with both self-awareness and taste, or excusing boorish and excessive behavior by saying "well, men have been doing it for years."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday Night Game: Handling Alpha Male Interlopers

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Grace under pressure. Don't get rattled. Stay composed and don't rush your words.
- Don't get angry. That's how things escalate to a fight. Fighting is for lesser men who have no better mental tools for neutralizing an outside threat.
- Don't seek succor in reassuring conversation or eye locks with your girlfriend. This is a common beta mistake. When AMOGed, deal with the guy directly. Ignoring him only works on weaker BMOGs. An AMOG hitting on your GF has proven he's got heavy sack, so you have to meet him eye to eye.
- Be funny. You'll want to smash the guy's face in, but you'll have to sublimate that urge into

biting humor.
- Maintain eye contact when addressing the AMOG. Treat it like a staring contest.
- Don't back down. Remember, the more persistent the AMOG is, and the longer he lingers hoping to oust you, the greater the risk he makes himself look like a douche. When you get really good at anti-AMOGing, you can even choose to keep the AMOG around for longer than he'd like, batting him around like a cat toy.

What about specific tactics? Like I wrote, you'll want to address the AMOG immediately, even if he's an asshole who doesn't initally acknowledge you. Force him into your reality. Don't give him a chance to execute game on your girlfriend. If an AMOG has progressed to negging your chick and telling exciting stories about himself *while you sit there*, you are in a deep hole.

Tactics include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One last thing. If your girlfriend is so easily swayed by an AMOG, you and her are likely on the road to a breakup. If that's the case, any of the tactics I listed above carry the risk of backfiring on you. The love of your life may tool you herself by saying something like "Hey, why are you acting so

weird? Let the guy talk.” If that happens, she was lost to you before the AMOG showed up. Gather your dignity, tell her it was nice knowing her, and leave her there with the guy she finds so fascinating.

Don’t answer her calls the next day.

The War on Science Fiction and Marvin Minsky

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

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

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

Things are worse in Britain. A few years ago Doctor Who was brought back. The man who brought back Doctor Who was Russell T. Davies, a gay man who proceeded to add a recurring character called Captain Jack who comes from the 51st century that was ~~bisexual~~ omnisexual. Yes, omnisexual as in not only is this character bisexual, but he has no problem with having sex with non-humans too. If you read interviews with Davies and the writers they use the term omnisexual to describe Captain

Jack. Davies has also admitted in interviews that he believes everyone will be "omnisexual" by the 51st century. Davies had more plans like this for Doctor Who, but there were so outrageously bad and obnoxious that the leftist BBC actually put a stop to him doing that (citing that Doctor Who was traditionally a "family show"). Of course the BBC gave Davies another show called Torchwood which is basically close to being "slash fiction" on television. (Slash fiction is a form of fan fiction written primarily by women where characters in science fiction TV shows are gay and have homosexual relationships completely contrary to the established canon of the show. The first slash fiction was about the original Star Trek series where women wrote stories about Kirk and Spock in a homosexual relationship.) Given that this is the BBC, all of this nonsense that alienates men for the benefit of women shouldn't be surprising.

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

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

This is not a Movement — It is an Act

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

flash in the pan.

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

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

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

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

Globalization and the Future State of Men, Part II

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

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

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

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

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

Added to this, in a flatttened, globalized world, societies as a whole will be forced to "compete" in the same manner as its individual people and companies do. The governments of societies that

impose onerous burdens on its people, capital, or businesses relative to other governments will find that its people, capital, or businesses will be tempted to relocate elsewhere. Assuming the existence of some societies that do not tax its peoples to "provide" health care, an expansive (and expensive) welfare state (one such society that does not is the PRC), and / or heavy environmental requirements, there will be pressure, not only from the marketplace, but also from lobbying activity, to keep social costs down or eliminate them entirely. We see this phenomena already, in that companies are tempted relocate economic activity to the lowest-cost areas they can find, from high-cost Europe to lower-cost America, and from moderate-cost America to low-cost Mexico or even lower-cost China, Malaysia, or the Philippines. Each company that moves away deprives the government of the former society of money, power and influence–things that governments care about–and "grants" those gifts to the receiving society. We see this played out today: the movement of commercial activity has been from highly burdensome societies, in other words, highly matriarchal societies, to the less burdensome societies which are much more vigorous and agile and patriarchal in nature. In fact, one can say that globalization as a whole is bad news for governments in general, not just fat lumbering matriarchal ones, since the mobility of capital, labor, and knowledge erodes government control over citizens and economic activity. Furthermore, under globalization, peoples are likely to interact directly with others, forming networks of common values and interests. These networks…a throwback to tribalism in a back-to-the-future kind of way…bypass the vertical hierarchy of government and thus displace government in the social space and deprive it of power and influence. Such a network is exemplified by the success of Moslem Sharia in the UK. A network of people, joined by a common interest and culture, that has all but displaced the "legitimate" government. The British government's power inside that network is greatly diminished, and that of the religious figures that lead that network is greatly increased. With this example in mind, it is easy to see how globalization re-enables society independent of the established hierarchical government. And in competition with it too: if the British government wishes to retain what power it has, it will take steps to make itself more appealing to a larger portion of the population.

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

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

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

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

Any way one looks at it, I see the return of patriarchy, for matriarchal or egalitarian societies seldom if ever survive contact with a patriarchal one. This re-adoption of the technology of patriarchy and the

rejection of the reactionary, more primitive technology of matriarchy is a good thing, not only for men, but for women as well, as both sexes live better when men are invested in society and the female libido is checked.

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

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

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

The "Tough Guise" Scam

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Masculinity has always been associated with violence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

> "He drove into their packed ranks, an enemy to beat all enemies, three times encircling them

> with great ramparts of their own corpses piled sole to sole and headless neck to headless neck, so all-encompassing was the carnage."

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

When Katz decided to blame the modern media for these "narrow" definitions of manhood that box men in…ancient Roman, Greek, Norse, Celtic, Japanese, Chinese, Mongolian, Aztec and Native American mythologies that portrayed men in the same way must have slipped his mind.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As men we should reject the idea that masculinity must be dissociated from violence, strength and

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

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

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

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

Jackson Katz is an enemy of men.

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

Feminism and the Economy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Moldbug blames this on "Progressivism", but really, it is due to a particular offshoot of Progressivism: feminism. Women are too threatened by heated debates; some primal part of the

female brain knows that if shouts give way to blows, she is at a disadvantage. Indeed, scientists have determined that the normal way in which men interact with each other is perceived by women as "harassment". So universities (and other institutions) that employ female professors are stuck with enforced conformity of opinion. Since we need room for debate and intellectual freedom in universities if they are to serve their purpose, it is necessary to limit the number of women in this field.

Women, quite naturally, do not want to work full-time. Feminists might not like this, but in real life, raising children does take time; it can't be done in half an hour a day after a fulfilling day at the office. "Gender equality" in the workplace means that women will demand special privileges for the sake of more flexible schedules. Female doctors in Ireland are only half as likely to work full time as male ones. The same applies in England. Also in the UK, female pilots are demanding to be paid the same amount for less work.

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

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

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

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

Feminism has wrecked the economy. It abolished the practices which allowed most men to support their families. It inflated prices of things like houses and cars by dragging naive women into the workplace, allowing sellers to base their prices on the two-income family. At first this might have been fun for those few women who had fun jobs, but soon, all women were forced into this system

whether they wanted to be or not.

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

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How Game Secured American Independence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

invitation to dinner, or for a walk in the park or whatever else might be desired by an acquaintance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moving Forward As Men

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

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

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

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

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

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

of our lives which are subject to our control, to some degree, if we choose to do so. But we also must realize that there are some things that we simply cannot change, because they lie outside our ability to change them.

To take a familiar example, there is often talk in our communities about how the breakdown in morality and sexual mores and so on has been so damaging. etc. — but the reality is that this particular genie is out of the bottle *and is pole dancing for tips*. She isn't going back into the bottle any time soon, and there isn't much any of us can do about that. The same holds true for women. Women are galloping roughshod over the entire culture right now, that is true. But there isn't much individual men can do about that. No, we need to realize that there are things we have no power to change. Let the women go and do what they wish — we can't stop them. But we can, and we must, exercise power over those aspects of our own lives which we can control, and channel that energy we have as men, that natural masculine drive, towards molding lives for ourselves that make sense in the current environment, and take full advantage of the choices and options open to us as men at this particular moment in history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

> Charles had seen in marriage the advent of an easier life, thinking he would be more free to do as he liked with himself and his money. But his wife was master; he had to say this and not say that in company, to fast every Friday, dress as she liked, harass at her bidding those patients who did not pay. She opened his letter, watched his comings and goings, and listened at the partition-wall when women came to consult him in his surgery.
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> She must have her chocolate every morning, attentions without end. She constantly

> complained of her nerves, her chest, her liver. The noise of footsteps made her ill; when people left her, solitude became odious to her; if they came back, it was doubtless to see her die. When Charles returned in the evening, she stretched forth two long thin arms from beneath the sheets, put them round his neck, and having made him sit down on the edge of the bed, began to talk to him of her troubles: he was neglecting her, he loved another. She had been warned she would be unhappy; and she ended by asking him for a dose of medicine and a little more love.

Nobody respects doormats, least of all women.

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

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

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

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

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

> "I think he is very stupid. She is tired of him, no doubt. He has dirty nails, and hasn't shaved for three days. While he is trotting after his patients, she sits there botching socks. And she gets bored! She would like to live in town and dance polkas every evening. Poor little woman! She is gaping after love like a carp after water on a kitchen-table. With three words

> of gallantry she'd adore one, I'm sure of it. She'd be tender, charming. Yes; but how to get rid of her afterwards?"

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

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

> But when she saw herself in the glass she wondered at her face. Never had her eyes been so large, so black, of so profound a depth. Something subtle about her being transfigured her. She repeated, "I have a lover! a lover!" delighting at the idea as if a second puberty had come to her. So at last she was to know those joys of love, that fever of happiness of which she had despaired! She was entering upon marvels where all would be passion, ecstasy, delirium. An azure infinity encompassed her, the heights of sentiment sparkled under her thought, and ordinary existence appeared only afar off, down below in the shade, through the interspaces of these heights.
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> Then she recalled the heroines of the books that she had read, and the lyric legion of these adulterous women began to sing in her memory with the voice of sisters that charmed her. She became herself, as it were, an actual part of these imaginings, and realised the love-dream of her youth as she saw herself in this type of amorous women whom she had so envied. Besides, Emma felt a satisfaction of revenge. Had she not suffered enough? But now she triumphed, and the love so long pent up burst forth in full joyous bubblings. She tasted it without remorse, without anxiety, without trouble.

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

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

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

> She leant against the embrasure of the window, and reread the letter with angry sneers. But the more she fixed her attention upon it, the more confused were her ideas. She saw him again, heard him, encircled him with her arms, and throbs of her heart, that beat against her breast like blows of a sledge-hammer, grew faster and faster, with uneven intervals. She looked about her with the wish that the earth might crumble into pieces. Why not end it all? What restrained her? She was free. She advanced, looking at the paving-stones, saying to herself, "Come! come!"

> The luminous ray that came straight up from below drew the weight of her body towards the abyss. It seemed to her that the ground of the oscillating square went up the walls and that the floor dipped on end like a tossing boat. She was right at the edge, almost hanging, surrounded by vast space. The blue of the heavens suffused her, the air was whirling in her hollow head; she had but to yield, to let herself be taken; and the humming of the lathe never ceased, like an angry voice calling her.

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

Again, this sounds awfully familiar:

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

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

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

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

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

> for her, that inflamed his despair, and that was boundless, because it was now unrealisable.

This continues when Charles meets Rodolphe for the final time:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let that one sink in for a minute.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“power and privilege” don’cha’know.

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

Whether they are “enemies” or not, you can pretty much count on most women playing for “Team Woman.” They are going to high-five each other over cutting those “over-inflated male egos down to size”, and nod their heads in enthusiastic agreement as the “you go grrls” give men their what-for.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

wasps have hit their target, accomplished their objective, and reduced poor Chuck to barely articulate profanity.

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

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

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

Unfortunately, this will probably require going for the throat. It will require analyzing the areas where women really are insecure and beating on them the same way operatives from Team Woman will attack a man's potential areas of insecurity in order to shut him down.

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

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

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

Data and Denunciations

October 14, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

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

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

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

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

PMAFT's post is approaching 400 comments now, which puts it in the viral territory. I've got to hand it to the guy — he really hit this one out of the park. In fact, we even got written up in my local feminist gutter-mag *The Stranger*, which features Dan Savage, among

other luminaries. Paul Constant, The Stranger blogger who wrote about our site is such a stellar example of a mangina that his denunciation should be a point of pride.

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

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

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

We Are All Misogynists Now

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Misandry as an acceptable cultural value.

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

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

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

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

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

…the lie that:

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

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS PREMISE AS VALID.

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

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

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

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

First Ride: The BMW K1300 GT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It Starts in Preschool Now

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today, we use different methods. We now have the tyranny of the matriarchy to constantly monitor and correct boys, lest they behave like boys. We have gone from Victorian Social Conservatism to

modern progressivism, and yet neither offers the child the best path to adulthood. I think it's time we started looking outward at other cultures so that we can take some time to reflect on what it is that sets us apart in this regard. Perhaps we will find some tools to help us build a new model of fatherhood.

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

Love and Race in Modern America

October 15, 2009 | by Cless Alvein | Link | Original Link

Cless Alvein's blog, Alvanista, is here.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Escaping combat dating is hard, and most American men have become fed up with it and the "mainstream" dating scene run by middle-class, mostly white, American women. Many of us will look elsewhere to find love, dating internationally and interracially. Our most fervent opponents in this are, perhaps not surprisingly, the entitled and selfish *Sex and the City* girls we're moving away from. Why? Because despite living in a "post-feminist" world, they still need us more than we need them. Why? Because the marital hypergamy of the typical, entitled American yuppie woman, even still, tends to follow specific racial and class patterns, which romantic men and women readily

ignore. Carrie Bradshaw's "Mr. Big" had to be a blue-blooded white man. By contrast, a person who is seeking *love* above all, like myself, can marry a woman of any nationality and racial background.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feminist Rantings for your Entertainment

October 16, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

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

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

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

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

Same troll, apparently still excited by genital imagery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At least she got one big word in there.

And finally:

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

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

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

The Menace of Cultural Marxism

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

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

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

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

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

Once this revisionist narrative was completed and disseminated, it provided powerful kindling for the movements which characterized the cultural revolution that took place in the West in the 1960s and

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

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

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

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

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

That's not to say that there was, or is, a "**conspiracy**" between the radical left and the men-in power. Rather, the men-in-power have collaborated with the ideas of the radical left because it serves their own interests — namely, preserving their own power at the heights of society by hemming in most

other men through a tangled web of entitlements, preferences, and outright discrimination designed to displace men by less threatening people who are not white, straight and male. It's this precise alignment between our elites (still mostly white guys) and our radical leftists that permitted the cultural revolution to have the impact that it did, and does, in the culture, and which operates to keep most men down, rather deliberately.

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

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

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

What is The Spearhead?

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

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

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

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

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

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

MRA has its place, but this is not it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nostalgia freaks will get off on the chain drive, and if "ton plus 10″ (110 mph) is too sedate, it is

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

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

Nice.

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

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

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

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

Women: Your Looks aren't all That Matters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Firearms and Personal Defense

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are a few of mine.

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

For the beginning handgunner, I believe the choice between an revolver and an autoloader is also a slam dunk – a revolver. Autoloaders are fine pieces of equipment, but they require a higher degree of skill and maintenance to use effectively. And, no matter what the auto lovers say, they are inherently less reliable than revolvers. On the top 10 list of characteristics a self-defense firearm must have, reliability is numbers 1-7. If it doesn't work the first time when you really need it, then it is worse than useless – MUCH worse. Introduction of a firearm into a conflict situation totally changes the nature of it and ups the stakes as much as they can be upped. It MUST work. A standing joke among firearm enthusiasts is that Smith & Wesson invented the original "Point and Click Interface."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guy Stuff: Building things

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

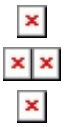
For the past few years I have been working with my nephew building a tree house. “Years spent building a TREE HOUSE?!?!” I hear you scoff. But, there are tree houses, and then there are tree houses.

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

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

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

Boys and their toys, eh?



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

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

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

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

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

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

Comment Feed for your Convenience

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

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

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

Your feedback is appreciated.

Fellow Travelers: Christian Rock Stars

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

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

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

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

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

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

Writing About Men is Important

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Men create social systems based on the general physical differences between the sexes. They divide labor and craft idealized, "essential" roles which make certain demands of men and offer them certain

privileges or punishments based on their ability to reach those ideals.

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

As Al Bundy would say, it's time to fight this Amazonian Masterhood over the intellectual discussion of masculinity with a thundering, "No ma'am."

The problem is that feminists and their pets have created an academic system wherein feminist interests dictate the rules. Any man who wishes to be considered an "expert" on masculinity or men's psychology, or who wishes to make a name for himself in the field of gender studies must genuflect to feminist gatekeepers. Could a man who writes critical reviews of feminist material, or whose writing seems to support patriarchal family structures, traditional gender roles, classical masculine virtues or natural differences between the sexes ever expect to find his work published in a scholarly journal such as *Men and Masculinities*? Below are its submission guidelines.

> Men and Masculinities seeks empirical and theoretical articles, written for a multidisciplinary audience, that explore issues in masculinities. Topics of particular interest include
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> - constructions of masculinities
> - male/female relationships
> - sexual behavior or sexual identities
> - representations of gender
> - diversity among men and intersections of race, ethnicity, sexuality, age, class, and masculinities
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> The journal subscribes to principles of non-sexist, non-heterosexist, and non-racist publishing, and the editors are also committed to publishing significant empirical work that challenges conventional wisdoms.

I think not.

The principles outlined above assure that any "exploration" of the male experience undertaken in the pages of *Men and Masculinities* will yield material that supports a progressive feminist worldview. There is no pretense of honest truth-seeking or objectivity here. As with the majority of feminist thought, this journal is a pre-determined conviction soliciting evidence to support it.

Men and Masculinities is edited by Michael S. Kimmel. Kimmel is a significant figure in what passes for "Men's Studies." His recent book *Guyland* was praised by Gloria Steinem and he is widely recognized as an expert on men. In the following clip, excerpted from his video on gender, *Mars, Venus or Planet Earth,* Kimmel talks about an explosion of writing on feminism.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgaOK74HqiA

This explosion of feminist writing led to feminist study groups about gender within academia. Kimmel gives the impression that these kinds of groups eventually led to the development of courses on gender and women's studies—from a feminist perspective. These courses are largely responsible

for indoctrinating and influencing generations of young people and have prepared them to accept and further the pathologizing of masculinity and maleness that we see in society, culture and government today.

If you go down to your local Borders or Barnes and Noble, you will notice that compared to the "Women's Studies" section, the "Men's Studies" section is awfully small. That's *if* they even have a shelf for it. Several of those few books are written from an explicitly feminist perspective. Most—like Harvey C. Mansfield's *Manliness*—make an effort to square their vision of masculinity with the feminist goal of a gender-neutral society.

The idea that women and feminists are the only real experts on what it means to be a man is absurd, but that's where we seem to be today. What we need is an explosion of writing about manhood from the perspective of men who do not seek the approval of women before they determine what being a man means. We need writing about men written manifestly for the benefit of men.

This writing will have to be extra-academic for the most part, because feminist thinking appears to be institutionalized at nearly all levels in academia. But the writing must be of a caliber that rivals the other writing in the field. This is a formidable task for those of us who don't have grants, research assistants or cushy tenured positions at Universities. But it has to be done, somehow, if men are ever to regain control over their own identities.

The Spearhead seems to be a step in that direction.

Guy Stuff: Traveling Hard, Fast, and Light

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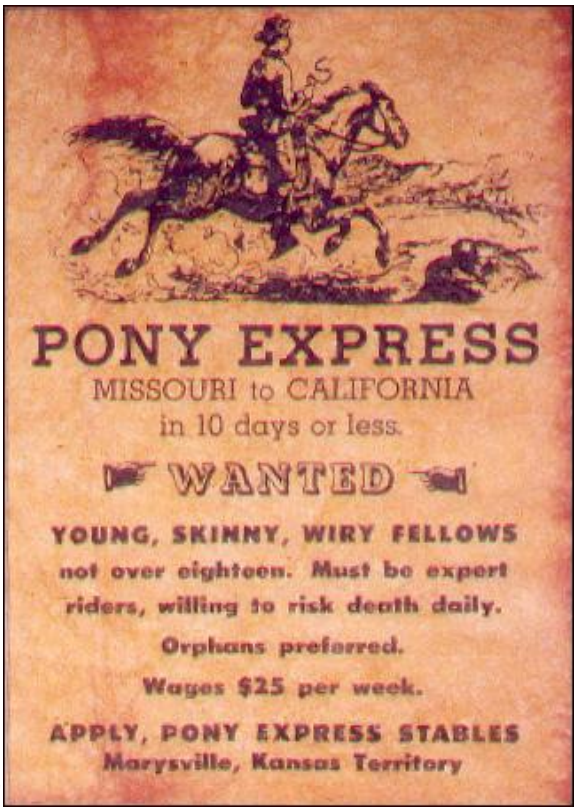

Road Trip!

Those two words conjure up many romantic images of days gone by – Route 66, the "freedom of the open road", and maybe even a memory or two of the Pony Express.

One huge advantage that guys have is that our needs are simple and the list of "requirements" we have for comfort is fairly short. Unlike a woman I knew many years ago whose idea of "roughing it" was "no reservations", we as men can easily travel hard, fast, and light.

There is so much of traditional manhood shown in that Pony Express poster – male ability, and freedom, **and** disposability. "Must be willing to risk death daily." Men without family ties, "orphans", were preferred. Not only would no one really miss them, but their lack of interpersonal ties left them completely free to do what men, and only men, could do when set free.

Riders changed horses every 10 miles – the maximum distance a horse could travel at full gallop – and when the riders themselves were ridden out, they handed off the mail satchel to another man just like them.

It's interesting that the only major "road trip/buddy" movie of the past few years has been about women – Thelma and Louise. It's popularity among women seems to indicate that some women, at least, envy the kinds of freedoms and mobility that men have always had.

Some of the authors and readers here are motorcycle enthusiasts. Those with the pluck and grit to climb on their own "Iron Horse" can carry just about everything they need for a decently comfortable existance in their saddlebags. A one-burner camp stove, day's worth of rations, light sleeping bag, and a bivvy sack are all that is needed to cast an eye to the horizon and say to oneself "I wonder what is over there? I think I will go see."

Some of the most powerful and pleasant memories of my life are experiences I had on motorcycle

road trips. Many years ago a buddy of mine and I stood under a tree at Vail Pass eating french onion soup into which a passing thunderstorm had dumped a few hailstones while it was heating. More than 25 years later we still get a laugh out of eating "Hailstone Soup" at Vail Pass.

He's all settled down, now – with a wife, and a daughter, and a big mortgage, and a membership in the local Kiwanis Club. He and I are cut from different cloth, and we have always known that. Several years ago, he said to me that he had always envied me my freedom. I told him that my life was as good a definition of hell as he would ever need. He is a guy who needs comfort, and security, and someone to take care of him. When we would have any sort of breakdown on one of our two-up trips, he would go find some shade and patiently wait while I fixed whatever would need to be fixed. He is the same type of guy as many who have approached me on one of my road trips and said wistfully "Well, I used to have a bike, but my wife made me sell it."

On the last road trip we took together, and I am sure the last one we ever will take together, he made the comment that he realized that if I died on one of those twisting mountain roads I love so much to travel, that it would be "right"… that I would simply be dying the way I had lived. He knows me really well, and has known me a long time, and he was right.

There has always been a subset of men with itchy feet. We're not the guys who coach your little league teams, or keep the florists and jewelry stores in business, or settle down like good betas and do what our wives tell us and sell our motorcycles when they tell us to. We don't make very good husbands, or dads for that matter, but a lot of kids love to have us as crazy uncles that keep the family entertained by allowing them live vicariously through our exploits. We are the kind of yahoos who climb on ships and sail toward what everyone else knows is the edge of the world and we are going to certainly fall off. Or climb into experimental airplanes not knowing whether we are going to blow up or break the sound barrier.

We ain't got a lick of sense, we are wilder than March hares, and as Burt Munro (a Kiwi from Invercargill, Julie) says in "The World's Fastest Indian", we often live more in 10 seconds on the edge than some people live in a lifetime. And, that works out for everyone – because we want to, and they don't. We do crazy shit, and we love it.

We are gluttons for intensity – believing that life is best savored by taking **BIG** bites. Yeah, we seldom do what we "should" do, which is why we are neither boring nor bored. We never sustain a civilization, but we end up doing those things which a civilization cannot do without – carrying its mail, pushing its limits, and reminding people that he who is not busy being born is busy dying.

We travel fast, hard, and light, and for that reason travel mostly alone, sometimes in the company of other hard men, but seldom in the company of women. You don't want to be us, but you benefit from having us around. We don't want to be you, and we will fight like hell if you try to make us into clones of you.

We are the ones who have benefitted most from feminism. Women no longer need us, so we are now free to see what is over that next horizon, eat hail-stone soup, and sit by the ocean feeling the waves hit the shore and meditating for days on end. Women have forced us to learn how to live without a woman's love, and we learned while that can be painful for a man, it is not fatal. We are "orphans" who are now free to make the lives we choose.

Facing death makes a man appreciate life in a unique way. No longer is it worth wasting even one minute of this miraculous experience called "life" slaving away in some corporate cube so that a government can confiscate what we make by doing so. Every minute of life passed is a minute we

will never have again, and one gone out of a too small allotment we are given in the first place.

The Feminization of Science Fiction (and Fantasy)

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The recent article by Pro Male/Anti-Feminist Tech on the "War on Science Fiction" generated a lot of heat and discussion. Among them, are Science Fiction (and Fantasy) being feminized, and secondarily, if so are these bad things? The answer to both is an emphatic yes.

The reason for both of course, is that majority or near-majority female creators in any literary genre "crowd out" male concerns, themes, and characters, which women find tedious to offensive, and produce essentially a "gay-female ghetto" that men flee quickly. Making said genres alien and irrelevant to nearly half of the population.

This is not to say that the feminized science fiction and fantasy genres of today are "bad" but they certainly are different, and mostly irrelevant to most men. Central to this fact are the profound gender differences in what men and women find appealing in literature, particularly science fiction and fantasy. Broadly speaking (there are exceptions), men prefer the traditional, "Big Idea" science fiction in which technology acts to radically change a society, and said changes are explored from a central (usually male) character. In fantasy, various historical events and allegorical tales are retold in altered form to produce a morality tale inter-mixed with entertainment, again usually in the form of a central male character.

Some of the literature of these genres are very good, with notable examples being "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," "War of the Worlds," "the Hobbit," "the Drawing of the Dark" by Tim Powers, and the stories of "Conan the Barbarian" by H. Rider Haggard. Much of it, like all genres, is very, very bad. Some of the female-oriented science fiction and fantasy novels and stories are very, very good. These would include, the Dragon Riders of Pern series by Anne McCaffrey, the Wizard of Earthsea series by Ursula K. LeGuin, and "the Children of Men" by Doris Lessing.

However, with the exception of the Lessing novel "Children of Men" (Lessing herself writes in the manner of a male writer), the female written and oriented science fiction and fantasy is very, very **different** than that of male written or oriented science fiction and fantasy. Female oriented fiction tends to be very personal, oriented towards personal choices of women (and sometimes men) on the issue of children, families, relationships, and so on. This does not make this bad literature, on the contrary some of it remain classics, enjoyed and loved by women **and** men alike. Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" for example has no doubt entertained and delighted many men throughout it's long history of publication. There is no doubt, however, that Austen's tale is **different** from that of those written by and for men. Different does not mean better or worse, an apple is not better or worse than an orange. But it is different nevertheless.

Mary Wollstonecroft Shelley's "Frankenstein," with its deeply personal concern about morality, science, and the corruption of power that science gives (in a debased mockery of God's creative act of life-giving) does not touch the notion of "Big Ideas" the way the true first Science Fiction novel does. As classic and beautifully written as it is, "Frankenstein" remains the first horror novel, and a deeply moving and personal one, not a Science Fiction novel. "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," on the contrary, has the "Big Ideas" fully developed. Captain Nemo is an Indian Prince, uprooted from his throne by the British Raj. He uses technology, the weapon of the West, to take command of the seas from the Colonial powers, to force them to return his ancestral lands to him. But, his very embrace of technology cuts him off from the traditions, value, and culture of his

homeland. His very love of country that led him to embrace technology makes him a man without a country. Eternally at sea, belonging to no one. Clearly Verne invites the reader to compare the West's embrace of technology with that of Nemos, and understand that the power of technology comes with a cost — the power cuts one off from the traditions, values, and culture of one's home culture.

This is the "Big Idea" that animates "Twenty Thousand Leagues" and can be seen in Isaac Asimov's "Foundation" series (what if science allowed historians to predict and change the future, save a Napoleon-like anomaly, to prevent another "fall of the Roman Empire?") Arthur C. Clarke's prediction of communications satellites, or William Gibson's "Neuromancer" series also cover large societal changes, instead of personal issues such as romance, love, sexual freedom, and so on. Even Huxley's "Brave New World," which focuses on family and sexual behavior, does so from a societal perspective. Rather than an extremely emotionally affective, individual tale.

If female oriented science fiction and fantasy is akin to Opera, with the aim of producing through intensely focused individual tales extremes of emotion, then male oriented science fiction and fantasy is akin to a Symphony, where the complex interplay of instruments is designed to produce a mood of general relaxation and contemplation. An imperfect analogy, perhaps, but one that makes the central point: the two genders want and create vastly different things in literature and tales. And too much "Opera" crowds out the "Symphony."

Moreover, there is the question of gender stereotypes and roles in female oriented science fiction and fantasy. Generally (there are exceptions), men are either sniveling beta losers (think Pete Campbell in "Mad Men" or most of the male characters in "Dollhouse") or hunky but violent Alpha males that treat women badly (but the women love them). Women are "beautiful victims" who love the men who abuse them, even if they are capable of kicking their asses. This is of course in direct contrast to the Western literary tradition begun in the Odyssey, where the man is neither a villain nor milquetoast schemer, and the women (Penepole in particular) are strong without being ass-kickers. Indeed, the whole point of the Illiad and the Odyssey is that Penelope is a far better wife and mother than Helen. She is in fact worth fighting for, where Helen is not. From this we get to … hunky undead vampires who are incapable of human life.

How did we get here? Science Fiction and Fantasy were originally very male oriented. Tales of adventure dominated both, from Verne's Victorian heroes with a can-do attitude, to that of the pulp fiction and serials in the 1920's and 1930's. Even the 1950's had very male attitudes, of "Big Picture" issues such as nuclear fears of giant mutated insects, Godzilla, and so on. A few of it good, much of bad, as with anything else.

What changed was the rising affluence of women, willing to pay extra for often porn-light tales of fantasy (Anita Blake's vampire series here stands out) and the domination of women in the reader, Agent, and Publisher roles. In my post The New Mass Media Ebooks and the End of the Brandon Tartikoff Strategy I note one of my reader's comments. His view is that the low pay but high prestige for readers leads to high turnover (but also advancement for the lucky few who stick it out into either Agent or Publishing ranks, eventually) and domination of young women ages 22-24 in the critical gatekeeper role of first reader. Truly, most of the submissions to Agents and Publishers are awful. But they must please the young female readers who are, to put it mildly, far different in preferences to men, young or old. The reader cites Baen Books, which had a submission rejected by a first reader (a young woman) by John Ringo. Fortunately for Ringo, the readers on the Baen Website had read his stuff and pestered Jim Baen to read the submission. Which he did, and loved, even though it had

not pleased the young female reader.

The end result is something like this:

The Twilight Panel at Comic-Con had the traditional male attendees arguing that “Twilight ruined Comic-Con” and they may be right. You may find a full account of this at my site here. It is hard to square a genre that is filled with the people like the following:

Twilight Moms at Comic-Con

… with anything that will appeal to men and boys. Novelist Elizabeth Hand (”Waking the Moon”) wrote in the Washington Post about how science fiction has been feminized.

> Writers like Ellen Kushner turned the sword-and-sorcery genre on its head — her novel Swordspoint has a swashbuckling bisexual hero. (A sequel, penned by Kushner and fantastist Delia Sherman, will be published later this year.) Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, Suzy McKee Charnas, Kate Wilhelm, Lisa Tuttle, Leigh Kennedy are all prolific and established writers who continue to produce invigorating work, along with Pat Murphy, Lynn Flewelling, Pat Cadigan and Robin Hobb.

Men, young and old, find gays and bisexuality (among men at least) about as attractive as a “fabulous” Broadway show followed by a viewing of all three of the “High School the Musical” movies. In fact, the more “gay” Broadway has become, (and the more technically excellent), the more repellent it has become to men and boys. Indeed, metal and rap’s popularity stem from the hostility both have to gays, making male sexuality not “questionable” the way the love for Broadway showtunes would be.Women generally like gays, and find gay sex fascinating the way men do lesbian sex. However, men know well that most young women, if presented a magic button that would make most men (average joes) “gay” they’d break their fingers pushing it. The chief objective of attractive young women being turning off male desire of all but the most Alpha of men.

This feminization of Science Fiction and Fantasy extends to movies and television. As I noted in my column on Disney’s aim to grow with men and boys, the recently appointed Rich Ross, an openly gay man cited by AfterElton.com as one of the most powerful gay men in Hollywood, to run Disney Studios is not likely to work out well. Ross has shown a solid touch in developing princess fantasies aimed at tween girls. He’s quoted as saying the Disney XD channel, explicitly aimed at boys, will be inclusive of girls. However, that’s a proven recipe for failure. the article notes that all the audience growth has come from girls. Boys just are not attracted to “fabulous” bisexual swashbucklers, princess fantasies, or hunky vampires. Disney princess-essing Marvel, with themes of rich, spoiled

princesses choosing hunky guys is basically the full-scale rejection of the deeply assimilated, nerdy Jewish guys who created power fantasies of decent guys who through superheroics finally got the girl. Which of these things is not like the other: Captain America, Spider-Man, the Incredible Hulk, and Edward Cullen?

Commander Data himself, Brent Spiner, denounced the article by PM/AFT. So did Sci-Fi writer John Scalzi. Yet the continual decline of male participation in science fiction and fantasy, crowded out by female themes and characters, threatens their bottom line. The original Star Trek, had a decent dramatic structure of choices offered by the Stoic-philosophy of Spock and the humanist philosophy of Doctor McCoy, which Captain Kirk had to find a solution to. Which was parodied as "Kirk beams down to the planet, blows up the computer, and bangs the green skinned alien babe." Yet the shows, at their best, did posit a choice between freedom and security, liberty and predictability, with Kirk teaching the natives a lesson, not the other way around.

By the time of Star Trek: The Next Generation, all conflict had been drained out of the series conception. Now, the natives gave the explorers one giant PC/Multiculturalist lecture, complete with "feeling" empaths (who seemed to have stomach aches) and a huge dose of feminism. Most of the conflict that existed was the result of the characters of the Borg, who resembled a replicating virus rather than the obvious Cold War proxies the Klingons and Romulans (the Russians and Chinese respectively) in the original series. This trend only worsened in the succeeding shows, with Deep Space Nine, Voyager, and finally Enterprise devolving to opening teasers ending on the dreaded words "Pass the salt." The writers of Enterprise could not even tackle the subject of 9/11 adequately, being afraid of violating feminine driven PC sensibilities.

Nothing points out the failure of feminized science fiction, even with it's many able practitioners and sensitive personal stories, than the inability of Star Trek's last series to actually tackle perhaps **the most important issue** of our time when the original tackled racism, communism, computerized societies, and more head on. A female-driven PC/Multicultural consensus rather than a male risk-taking one was ruling. Once, Captain Kirk told audiences that America and its values mattered. Now, Commander Data and the rest were a mushy mess of value-absent globalism, standing for a meaningless "niceness."

Novelist Scalzi writes "hard" science fiction, aimed at exploring warfare, technology, and anti-aging technology. Yet he cannot exist in a world where science fiction is focused on the adventures of "omni-sexual" character "Captain Jack" from the BBC series "Torchwood," aimed at titillating the desires of a mostly female and gay audience. The personal may not be the political, but it drives out the political discussions that have historically been the province of science fiction. Both Verne and Wells used the genre to criticize colonialism and imperialism, and others have used it to critique the communist and socialist tyrannies they saw in the making: Huxley, Orwell, and (in the fantasy realm) Kafka.

Borders is dumping its DVD and music to focus on tweens, with an emphasis on Stephanie Meyer and Sarah Dessen. Tween appealing literature means "Reading is Gay" ala the infamous South Park episode. The more "gay" and tween female science fiction and fantasy becomes, the less Scalzi will receive in royalties and advances as the readership turns exclusively female and gay.

One need only look at television, which as late the 1970's featured shows like "the Rockford Files" which had a male lead that was to put it mildly, a very different conception of a male lead than today's TV. Older, not very glamorous, living out of a trailer, often beset by money problems, and

involved in cases where the main motives were stupidity and greed, Jim Rockford was a far cry from the hunky male vampires, doctors, and lawyers who are the "Alpha Males" of today. Not the "older guy who looks young and can beat anyone up" the character was instead often the target of beatings. He rarely got the girl, even if he did often get the last laugh. Now, television is a gay-female ghetto. Arguably with **better** writing, acting, directing, and music, but emotionally empty and with stereotypical depictions of men in particular. As either conniving beta schemers or terrible cads women love. The female characters are little better, being mostly "beautiful victims" who suffer at the hands of the bad, mad, cads they love. AMC's "Mad Men" which relies mostly on the outstanding art direction, is a prime example of this. Complete with a female dominated writing staff (seven of the nine writers are female), that includes both Marti Noxon (former show runner and writer for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") and Kater Gordon (since fired/resigned) who was promoted to writer from show creator Matthew Weiner's personal assistant. Don Draper and the rest in "Mad Men" bear not a smidgen of resemblance to the complicated and compelling male and female characters on "the Rockford Files."

Indeed, much of the female-oriented "science fiction" (it isn't science fiction, really) and fantasy is comprised of not much more than "you go girl" kick-ass waifs who are the butt kickers and pitied victims, simultaneously, of "the Man." Men being horrible jerks, which is just the way the women in the shows like them. From "Buffy" to "Xena" to "Tru Calling" to "Firefly" to "Dollhouse" this theme shows up like a bad cough in winter. Indeed, "Buffy" probably hit the nadir, when Marti Noxon had lead character Buffy raped by the hunky vampire Spike. Said rape causing Buffy to only love him more, and have (later) off-screen implied sex. Sadly, only "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" ever dared to even dance around the question of female hypergamy and the dark side of female sexuality. "Buffy" asked the question about what would happen if ordinary girls were given physical superpowers? The answer being, they'd seek out the most physically powerful men around, questions of character, decency, compassion, and everything else being irrelevant to that lust driven feeling that danger and domination creates (and their new-found powers allow them to exploit).

Almost all of culture is female/gay oriented. The the New Girl Order observed by City-Journal.org writer Kay Hymowitz, with enormous amounts of wealth accruing to young women who are single for much (and perhaps most of their lives) and therefore spending far more on consumer goods, has along with contraception, anonymous urban living, and rising female incomes, created a mostly female-driven advertising and retail market. The site claims (though I've not seen underlying research) that women account for 85% of all consumer purchases. While I find this suspect (longer times for single women means longer times for single men, implying male purchases at higher rates), there is no doubt that advertisers and retailers focus on women with men as an afterthought at best.

Television is female/gay dominated. It is estimated that about 80% of sitcom audiences are female, and anyone doubting the gender numbers for network television need only watch the ads. Advertisers don't waste dollars on ads for Pantene shampoo or feminine hygiene on mostly male viewers. Broadway went from being male friendly to a mostly gay ghetto (though a technically excellent one). Movies, outside of action summer blockbusters and comic book movies, are either limited appeal female-gay art movies (Milk, Brokeback Mountain, Margot at the Wedding), chick flicks, or low-grade horror movies.

Fantasy has gone from Edgar Rice Burroughs, JRR Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and Tim Powers, to "Lonely Werewolf Girl," "Twilight," the Anita Blake novels, and "the Vampire Academy." Science Fiction has turned from Isaac Asimov, A. E. Van Voght, Robert Heinlein, and "Blade Runner" to "the Left

Hand of Darkness" and James Cameron's "Avatar."

Now, what is changing things for the better is the rise of the e-book. Already, classics are available for download, for free. As I noted here, people with devices as varied as Palm Pilots and Iphones can download free apps and works (from Project Gutenberg). Jules Verne's work compares favorably to anything smacking of Lonely Werewolf Girls or hunky vampire bad boys and the stereotypical women in thrall to their own hypergamy who love them. Twain's "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" explores the uses and limits of technology compared to a medieval society. As well as the wonders of the modern world. Most importantly, e-books are **cheap**. This means you won't find niche stuff, and the relentless focus on the New Girl Order (helped along by the depression) will end. Men now have for entertainment, absent the gender stereotypes, focus on domesticity, and female themes, professional sports and video games.

By allowing authors to self-promote and by-pass traditional publishing houses, like Taylor Swift using social networking media to bypass Nashville's traditional structure, men-appealing authors have a chance to become the next Jules Verne. Rather than explore issues of personal sexuality or hunky Alpha males, they can address pressing social issues such as nuclear terrorism, selective sex abortion, and more. Fantasy writers can explore the fall of the Roman Empire (still the most historically traumatic event in Western History, and the most grievous loss) within the context of today's decadent society (where leading cultural creators support freeing Roman Polanski). All without the soft tyranny of feminized PC/Multiculturalism, and crowding out of the "Big Ideas" for domestic issues. There will still be a place for women in science fiction and fantasy. But it will no longer be "theirs" — an exclusive clubhouse where expressions of nerdy male ideas are as welcome as a Star Trek Convention at a Sorority House.

In some ways, it is a brave new world.

Videogames: How do they affect males?

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Since in today's world traditional media has made a supreme effort to alienate males (as detailed by plenty of other posts), our money and our recreational time has to go somewhere. For the 35 and under demographic (and a good chunk of the older guys, don't lie) much of that money and free time has gone to videogames.

Leaving aside the female/LGBT ghetto, videogames attract people easily because of the following factors:

- They are interactive — suspension of disbelief is easier to get if you are a part of the story instead of just watching it. Not that you actually believe that you are that guy; you just get more immersed in the story (This can apply to both sexes, I know).
- Gratuitous violence. Although the politically correct corps has tried over and over again to stop it (mainly though lawsuits), the bad guys still can go boom in an explosion of gore.
- Lack of mercy for the bad guys. Unlike female oriented stories, filled with conflicted, overemotional dramatic characters, just like in a real war with real evil guys, things become simpler. Yeah, it's a sad story. Yeah, too bad that it happened to you, but you are still evil and hence, I still get to blow you up so you don't conquer/destroy the world.
- With evolution of technology and story lines, the Byronic hero has found another reincarnation. Note: He appeals to males. The bad boy caricatures and manginas don't.

Of course, there is the fact that you can interact with others, both in an off-line party in multiplayer games (Street Fighter, Tekken, Mario Party) or in online games, the leaders in those being the Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games (MMORPG) like World of Warcraft (didn't think that I wasn't going to say it, right?), Dungeons and Dragons Online, City of Heroes, Champions Online and the upcoming Star Trek Online and Star Wars: The Old Republic, just to mention a few.

However, this is isn't a beacon of light that shines against the darkness; it is an industry that is still ruled by soulless executives that would LOVE to sell more games to girls, but experience has proven that females tend to go to casual videogames like Bejeweled, Peggle and basically everything in Miniclip.com, and you can't justify spending millions on a female oriented game when a)You've got

an audience that isn't very hard to convince to try something (Buying it is a different matter) and b) They. Don't. Know. How. to appeal to females with a multi-million project. The closest thing to that (and still toxic for the industry) is the premise: Hey, let's clone WoW!!

A note about World of Warcraft: Its success is because it was the game that opened MMORPGs to people that don't have too much time, unlike the other games of the time. WoW marked the MMORPG market and you can get in the endgame content of any game with 3 sessions of 2-3 hours each week, given enough dedication. Anyone that tells you otherwise is a liar. Or has too much free time on his/her hands. Or is addicted, just pick one.

Don't let the rabid videogame fan-girls convince you otherwise, most of their kind goes to Bejeweled.

The main problem with videogames comes when people who are depressed and/or have addictive personalities get hooked, spending an unhealthy amount of time (when your head or eyes start hurting, take a break), and then shun everything else, such as a proper job, personal hygiene, keeping in shape and maintaining relationships (both long lasting and one-night stands), which should take more priority than videogames. When that principle is broken, the shit hits the fan.

Another danger is being consumed in a torrid online affair, Second Life, the leader on avatar based chat (and the exception, more females are users, but it's a free-to-play game with premium stuff that cost money), has plenty of sordid stories about that, but any avatar based game can be used for that and it has been happening even since the text-based MUDs, along with the exploration of sexual fetishes. Ew. (Note: Furries are gross).

Then there is the funny stuff, like the things that you hear because of the lack of a push-to-talk button in Xbox Live or when anyone forgets to set one up — both the game and the forums are filled with natural Internet anonymous jerks, the cam whores and their victims/white knights, the drama queens, etc. The PC police usually forget that all that is funny. And a sense of humor is a way of dealing with pressure and stress.

Given that this world tends to make a large amount of males depressed, I know that is tempting to give in, to play games all day, world be damned. Don't. Learn Game, keep in shape and keep a job. Fighting in the real world takes way more courage than killing monsters of polygons. Don't surrender. But don't shun them entirely like an Alcoholics Anonymous pussy and then start ranting about videogames being evil. Enjoy them, don't be ashamed of your hobby; it is, after all, an enjoyable part of your life, just like any other diversion.

I know that this sounds like simple advice, but the best advice usually is.

Where are the World's Most Beautiful Women?

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We all know that there are beautiful women all over the world, but some must be more beautiful than others. I am curious as to where readers think the most beautiful of all can be found, and how they compare to our own home-grown girls, so I've included a few photos depicting women from various places around the world. I've tried to limit the photos to natural shots, taken without the benefit of special lighting or photoshopping, and with normal girls rather than professional models.

The top photo is of a Dutch girl in Amsterdam, where women and men alike ride bicycles to get around town, honing their already impressive, tall physiques. Personally, I think the women of the Netherlands and Denmark are probably the best looking European women of all, but of course they may not be everyone's favorite. And, to be honest, despite the fact that I find them the most *physically* attractive, I also think they are lacking in some other traits, such as feminine allure, which Mediterranean women tend to have in abundance. Below is a picture of a Spanish woman:

Looking far to the east, I've found a photo of a Mongolian girl in traditional dress. One might not think of Mongols as particularly attractive, but some of them most definitely are. Their cat-like eyes and high cheekbones give them an exotic appeal that can draw one's gaze for for a while.

For those who like to vacation on the sunny beaches of SE Asia, the attractive women of Thailand are much more than a side benefit. In fact, they play an integral role in the Thai tourism industry, and the country promotes itself largely on the slim shoulders of its pretty young women.

Of course, no list would be complete without Eastern European women, who have taken the world by storm following the collapse of the Iron Curtain. Here in the Anglosphere, they have become the stuff

of dreams for men chained to a mannish, aggressive and often overweight native wife.

And in Africa, there are beautiful women living in the Northeast, around the area where the Horn of Africa juts up underneath the Arabian Peninsula. Both Ethiopian and Somali women are renowned for their beauty, many having become famous for their stunning figures combined with soft, feminine features.

Naturally, there are beautiful women in pretty much every corner of the earth, so it would be interesting to hear of wondrous undiscovered sources of female beauty. I encourage readers to offer their opinions, and to speculate on why some places seem to have an abundance of beauty while others appear to have less.

I Don’t Always Drink…But When I Do…

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…I drink Whiskey!

Over the last few years, I’ve become somewhat of an amateur Whiskey aficionado. I even took a trip to Scotland in ‘07 to visit several distilleries and to gallivant around the highlands and take a boat ride on Loch Ness….but I really went on a pilgrimage to visit the home of some of my favorite adult beverages.

I learned quite a bit about Whiskey and upon returning to Hawaii I was inspired to delve even further into what exactly is Whiskey, and the differences between American whiskey and the Scotch and Irish whiskys of the UK.

I’ve also discovered that the average layman, and the average bartender doesn’t know a damn thing about Whiskey. The average person’s idea of whiskey is a “Jack and Coke” or Johnny Walker Blended Scotch on the rocks.

Those are just the two most popular representations of whiskey and how it is consumed in typical bars and restaurants.

With this article, I offer you a sort of Whiskey 101…a primer on the key differences in the many different offerings of this spirit, why there are distinctions, and how many different factors go into creating variations of what most people recognize as a single category of Spirit.

What Makes Whiskey Unique From Other Spirits?

First of all, what sets whiskey apart from other spirits like vodka and gin? Vodka, gin, rum and other spirits are all essentially the distilled products of mash.

The reason why whiskey has so many unique characteristics is that regardless of region, style, or flavor, the primary characteristic that all spirits that come under the “whiskey” category is the process of aging the spirits in White Oak wood casks.

A Cask Warehouse of Japanese Yamazaki Whiskey

These casks are typically made from American White Oak, and the inside surface of the barrels are charred with a hot flame after they are constructed, before they are filled up with the freshly distilled whiskey, also called 'white dog.' This white dog, if you were to drink it prior to aging in the barrel, resembles vodka. It's the aging in charred barrels that really imparts the flavors and colors that we recognize as whiskey.

Whiskey can be aged anywhere from two to hundreds of years, but it is this aging process that distinguishes Whiskey from all other spirits. During the aging process, the Whiskey goes through a process of soaking into the wood when the season is warm. The wood in the barrell expands, and the liquid saturates the charred wood on the inside of the barrel. When the weather cools, the wood contracts and the Whiskey draws out many of the characteristics of the wood, imparting that amber color to the liquid as well as imparting many different characteristics like flavor and texture from the compounds found in the wood. This is why whiskey's that came from the same mashbill can taste very differently. A whiskey aged 2 years in a cask, has only gone through two seasons of this process…while a 12 year aged one will have far more characteristics drawn from the charred wood after having 12 seasons of temperature fluctuations.

By manipulating the exposure of the barrels to such variables as temperature, as well as location in the storing house, various "expressions" of whiskey can be created.

After barreling and aging the whiskey to the desired age and conditions, there are three ways producers create differences in their final products: bottling the contents of a single cask, or they combine an arbitrary number of barrels into a large vat, and than bottle the mixture. This is called "vatting." Some distillers will combine a small, select "batch" of barrels to vat, and they market the final product as "small batch" whiskey. But typically, most distillers will combine many many barrels of different ages to create the particular taste and strength profile that can be consistently made to create a consistent product over time.

For instance, Jim Beam could combine 500 barrels of 4 year whiskey with 250 barrels of 6 year whiskey and 100 barrels of 7 year whiskey to arrive at a consistent profile that they than bottle and

sell as their basic “white label” brand of Bourbon. Keep in mind that I this was just a hypothetical example to explain the process, and is not based on any real numbers used by Jim Beam at all. Most whiskey distillers consider the formulas for blending their barrels to be proprietary recipes they carefully guard as trade secrets.

What we do know, is that by law, in both the US and the UK, the age statement on any bottle of whiskey can only be as old as the youngest whiskey involved in the blending. Therefore, in my hypothetical Jim Beam example, they could not put an age statement on the bottle higher than 4 years, since that is the youngest whiskey used in the blend.

Interestingly enough, whiskey has begun to enjoy market popularity in the last decade, and many brands of American whiskey used to contain age statements of the youngest whiskey’s used in their vatting process, they’ve since removed any reference to aging…presumably to match the rise in demand for their product. Evan Williams black label used to carry a 7 year age statement and Wild Turkey 101 used to carry an 8 year age statement. Both have removed any reference to age on their labels because they had to start using younger barrels from their warehouses to meet the rise in demand. They may still use 8 year or 7 year barrels, but they no doubt have started using a blend of younger whiskeys.

So as you can see, there can be a very large differentiation of products created from the initial white dog from any given distillery. In this way, a producer like Jim Beam, will use only three mashbills, but create a wide variety of different final products. For example: Jim Beam White Label, has no age statement, and is the result of a vat blend of various aged casks from their warehouse.

Another offering they make is Jim Beam Black Label, which has an age statement of 8 years…which as I previously explained, means the youngest barrels used in vatting was 8 years minimum. Therefore, the same white dog was used to create JB White Label, but only barrells aged 8 years or more were used to create the Black Label bottling.

Jim Beam also offers several variations of “small batch” bourbon, with their most popular being Knob Creek. Knob Creek carries an age statement of 9 years…but is also a small batch, meaning a select number of barrels were set aside in the Beam warehouse specifically to age 9 years to make Knob Creek. So while the White and Black labels may involve the vatting of hundreds (if not thousands, I’m not really sure,) of various aged casks, the small batch collection will typically use a small number of barrels to create a specialized profile.

Than you have their single cask offerings, such as Bookers. This is bottled at what is referred to as “cask strength.” When standard whiskey products and even small batch whiskey is vatted and bottled, the producers will ad purified water to cut the end product to get it down to the desired proof…typically between 80 and 90 proof. But Cask Strength means your getting the whiskey straight from the barrel without any added water. That means your getting the whiskey at the strength it was at when they first put it into the cask for aging…which is much higher than your standard whiskey offerings. For instance, Booker’s from Jim Beam is bottled straight from the cask at 129.5 proof. (Now you know why early American Indians called whiskey straight from the barrel FIRE WATER!)

What’s the Differences in Whiskey Proof?

Some people are under the mistaken notion that higher proof automatically means harder to drink. This is not necessarily true.

The average drinkers experiences with higher proofed alcohol is usually with 151 Rum or Everclear

190 proof…than used as a mixer and given a healthy dose of respect and caution when consuming, recognizing how intoxicating such high proof spirits can be.

But because of the various means of producing whiskey and aging, there can be substantial differences in drinkability, and the whiskey proof is by no means the sole determinant of how smooth or how harsh a particular whiskey can be. Higher proof bottlings of Whiskey also tend to come from whiskey that is aged longer, so more flavor and characteristics are present, while the charcoal on the insides of each charred barrel also serve as a rudimentary charcoal filtering system that filters out many impurities in the white dog. Thus, the longer a whiskey is aged in it's cask before bottling, the more impurities get filtered out, and the more positive characteristics from the cask's wood are absorbed.

This is why Wild Turkey 101 is actually smoother to drink straight than Jim Beam white label that is bottled at 80 proof. As a whiskey novice, don't be afraid to try the higher proofed offerings. You'd be surprised at how smooth and flavorful the higher proofed offerings can be. Not to mention the real advantage of higher proofed whiskeys…you can always water it down to a level that you can handle. Think Old Grand Dad 114 proof is too strong? Put it in a tumbler with some ice, let the ice melt for a bit, stir and enjoy!

How to Drink Whiskey?

Many whiskey purists claim there is only one correct way to drink whiskey, which is 'neat.' American Whiskey bourbon enthusiasts will often proclaim this is the only way…straight up with no ice, no water and certainly no mixers like coke. The Single Malt Scotch Drinkers on the other hand insist that adding a splash of water "opens" the flavors of the whiskey up.

I say the only way to drink whiskey is whatever way you happen to like it! It's your money, your whiskey, drink it however you like!

That being said, there is a reason why whiskey enthusiasts usually profess neat or with a splash of water as the only way. Once you become accustomed to the burn of the alcohol, you start to discern the many different variations found in the particular whiskey's profile.

By adding cola or other sodas, or too much water, or too much ice, you do alter the chemical composition of your drink, and you may end up never tasting the subtle expressions that each different whiskey has. Because aside from aging and vatting, there are a number of different ways in which whiskey producers can create a wide range of flavors in the final products.

What Are the Differences Between Scotch, Irish, and American Whiskey? Why do they taste so dramatically different, yet all are called Whiskey?

Aside from country of origin, each locale that produces whiskey uses ingredients specific to their region that imparts unique characteristics to their whiskey. The following is a short (but by no means comprehensive) list of differences between the various Whiskeys:

Single Malt Scotch -

As the name implies, the mash bill used to create Scotch uses a single grain, barely. The barley is malted than roasted. The traditional manner of roasting barely malt was to burn dried out peat moss culled from the abundant bogs found in the country. The different variations in flavors can be rendered in controlling the amount of time the roasted malt is exposed to the burning peat moss, which imparts in some Scotch a smoky flavor. Scotch also uses the water from the country's rivers and lochs, which has it's own minerals and compounds present in the water that affect the final outcome.

Scotch Whisky is also defined by the region of the country it comes from, as each region has distinct characteristics in the water and the weather conditions for aging the whisky. These region's malts are classified as lowland, highland, islay and speyside. Each region has unique characteristics that give their whisky's a wide variety of flavors and textures. Here are some of the most popular malts of each region:

Lowland – Glenkinchie, Glenmorangie
Highland – Dalwhinnie, Oban
Islay – Laphroaig, Lagavulin
Speyside – The Glenlivet, The Glenfiddich, The MaCallan

Kentucky Straight Whiskey -

There are two kinds of Kentucky Straight Whiskey's: Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (hereafter referred to as KSBW) and Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey (KSRW). Both distinctions are legislated

by law and are defined by the percentage of grains used in each particular mashbill. Whereas single malt scotch is made from nothing but barley malt in creating the mash, Kentucky Bourbon and Rye Whiskeys are created from a blend of grains. Straight Bourbon is required by law to contain not less than 51% corn in it's mashbill, and Straight Rye must have no less than 51% rye grain in it's mashbill.

The real variations come from the different ratios of various grains in the other 49% used for each particular mash bill.

Most Bourbon's contain a mixture of barley and rye with the corn, but there is a subset in which the distiller uses wheat instead of rye. These are called "wheaters" as wheat and rye produce very different flavor profiles in the final product. The most popular "wheater" is the well known, highly marketed and promoted KSBW, Maker's Mark. Another brand of KSBW, Bulleit, has created a unique flavor profile by using a much higher percentage of rye….reportedly about 35% of the mashbill is rye, while the typical Bourbon is around 15 – 20% rye in their mashbill.

Once a person becomes accustomed to drinking Whiskey, you will begin to notice the wide variety of flavors as expressed by the different mashbills. This is most likely why most KSBW and KSRW enthusiasts insist on neat as the best way to drink it.

In any case, the primary differences between American Whiskey and Whiskeys from Scotland and Ireland is definitely due to the corn content in the mashbill. Corn gives American whiskey a unique, sweeter flavor as opposed to the Barley content of Scotch and Irish Whisky.

Another distinguishing feature of KSW is Kentucky's particular geographical feature of limestone water wells. Kentucky distillers swear that the limestone imparts unique mineral content that gives KSW characteristics that cannot be matched by any other water source in other locales.

Tennesse Whiskey -

Tennessee whiskey is very similar to Kentucky Straight Bourbon…the difference being, of course, that it's made in Tennessee, and also one key difference is that the two most noteworthy Tennessee distillers, George Dickels and Jack Daniels, they charcoal filter their whiskey prior to bottling. Jack Daniels is the undisputed king of Whiskey in terms of marketing and world wide sales. For many people, Jack Daniels is synonymous with the word whiskey. Compared to KSBW, KSRW and Single Malt Scotch, I think it's rather bland and unspectacular…but that's just my opinion.

Other Whiskey's –

Other countries also produce some fine whiskeys, most notably Ireland, Canada and Japan. Typically, they are all modeled after the Scotch styled, barley malt for their mash, although some Canadian distillers do buy some American white dog to make their blends. Differences can be discerned by the water, the mashbill and aging and vatting methods.

What is the proper way to drink Whiskey?

As I said earlier, there really is no "right" way to drink it. But many, many people who are new to the world of whiskey, when handed a dram (the equivalent to a single 8 0z. shot), will "shoot" it like they would a tequila, vodka or rum.

While you can feel free to drink whiskey anyway that suits you, most aficionado's SIP the whiskey. (This is also another way to enjoy those higher proof whiskey's without turning bright red and hacking up a lung.)

Whiskey was meant to be savored…that's why it's spent all that time in the barrels, absorbing all of those flavors in the wood and having all those impurities filtered out! To give you a unique spirit to be enjoyed deliberately and at a leisured pace.

There are many other areas that can be discussed when it comes to whiskey…just as wine is paired with certain foods, so too can whiskey be paired with things like dark chocolate and cigars. These things can compliment certain styles of whiskey, and half the fun is figuring out which pairings go best with your sipping pleasure!

Self-Control: A Masculine Quality

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Not long ago, a feminist I know slightly was venting on her blog about pro-lifers. “What are women who don’t want to have children supposed to do, keep their legs together?” she demanded sarcastically.

Well, yes. That is what has been expected of women throughout history, that they keep their legs together when the results of not doing so would be bad. And this is precisely what was expected of George Sodini, and of men whose dates get undressed and rub their dicks and then say no at the last minute. Why is this considered such an unreasonable demand?

But it is. So is stating that women should not be allowed to abandon their husbands and turn their children over to second husbands or boyfriends who will abuse them. Feminists seem to believe that when a woman gets wet, she has no self-control whatever. Her clothes evaporate and her knees fling themselves apart with no volition on her part. If she is already married to someone else, her legs, without consulting her, march her into the new man’s bed of their own accord, and her hands grip the children she already has and drags them with her, all without her having the slightest control over any of it. When a woman’s gina tingles, she can only follow its commands! Expecting her to act ethically when she’s wet is absurd!

Female criminals also just can’t help themselves. A woman who makes false rape accusations “is a very troubled young woman in need of much help.” If nine out of ten incidents of civilian parents with military spouses abusing their children while the spouse is on deployment, this isn’t because women are less moral, it’s because “men may be more likely to get help from extended family or other resources”. Recently a teenage girl set fire to a church with fifty people in it. But no one should behave as if she were responsible for her actions: “Fire officials said the goal is to make sure that the girl receives counseling, not to necessarily punish her.” If women who do bad things, it’s other people’s fault for not giving her enough “help” and “support”.

This is the feminist theory: women are never responsible for their own actions and thus the men and children around them must endure whatever they dish out – murder by abortion, physical attacks, impoverishment, etc. – and protect them from the consequences.

Feminists also, of course, believe that men have unlimited self-control. Rape laws, for example, say that having sex with a drunk woman is rape, even if she got herself drunk before even meeting the rapist. There is no extenuation if the man is drunk too. So women not only are legally held to lack the self-control to refrain from getting drunk – or maybe the law just figures that women are too stupid to figure out that if they keep knocking back appletinis, it will cloud their judgment – but a man who is similarly blotto is supposed to retain the discernment to tell if the woman rubbing herself all over him is drunk.

When I posted about how free women feel today to provoke men beyond reasonable endurance, at my wordpress backup a passing feminist declared: “There is no time that you can blame someone else for becoming physical in a domestic relationship (outside of self-defense). You cannot ‘make someone angry enough…..’ to hit. Adults are responsible for having control over their reactions and if they choose to become violent, it’s a CHOICE and if they make that choice, they deserve punishment. Period. Basically your post reads as ‘boys will be boys’ which is total horseshit.”

Notice that this commenter made no suggestion that Katharine Hepburn ought to have controlled her own actions and not destroyed Cary Grant's property. Self-control is for men!

Men, it seems, can endure any provocation, betrayal or abuse without ever giving in to the urge to retaliate. Women, on the other hand, are so utterly at the mercy of their impulses that they must be permitted to murder the children they conceive, have other people arrested for not babysitting them after they have gotten themselves drunk, and given counseling rather than punishment if they commit a crime in which other people are injured or killed.

Feminists believe that men have infinitely more self-control than women. Luckily for them, they're right.

Since feminists are so adamant that women never be held responsible for their own actions, let us take them at their word. Let us bar women from entering into contracts, being employed in jobs in which they bear more responsibility than a teenager flipping burgers, or having custody of children.

There is No Honor in Competition with Women

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I understand honor as a system of accounting for men's souls. There are credits and debits, investments, loans, outstanding debts. Honor is gained, wagered, lost and regained. In the best case scenario, a man accumulates enough wealth to withstand inevitable short-term losses and indignities. Substantial achievements offer a cushion, a safety net pop psychologists refer to as "security." Luxury is not having to worry about the little stuff.

Like my pal's dad. He volunteered for a second tour in 'Nam so his brother wouldn't have to go. So what if he reps out his bench presses with ABBA blaring in his headphones. He earned it, and he sure as hell doesn't need my approval. Not too many guys have portfolios that contain *valor* these days.

Honor can be a confusing term because it is often used so casually. At the most mundane level it has come to mean merely "good" or "to hold in high esteem." Honor roll, "honor diversity," "honor the earth," Honor Golden Retrievers. I am speaking of honor in a less pedestrian sense.

James Bowman, in *Honor – A History*, wrote of both *reflexive honor* and *cultural honor.* Bowman's *reflexive honor* could also be described as "face"—the need to respond to an attack or an insult to avoid looking weak or inferior. His *cultural honor* "comprises the traditions, stories and habits of a particular society about (among other things) the proper and improper uses of violence." He also reminds readers in his introduction to the concept that "in spite of the discrediting that honor has undergone, the basic honor of the savage—bravery for men, chastity for women—is still recognizable beneath the surfaces of the popular culture that has done so much to efface it. If you doubt it, try calling a man a wimp or a woman a slut."

Building on Bowman's ideas, a man's honor is his private and public sense of worth as a man. Honor is a reputation for strength and the courage to use it when necessary to defend that sense of masculinity. The female shaming language often discussed here works precisely because it taps into a man's need to defend his honor. If he feels he has been shamed or that he has dishonored himself, he wants to balance his books somehow.

When men compete with each other, provided that it is a fair fight—"apples to apples"—men gain honor for more than just winning. They gain honor from having the courage to fight in the first place, for what dog fighters call *gameness*—perseverance, spunk, determination. Men respect other men who show courage, even if they *almost always* lose. Men in competition with each other are esteemed, win or lose, for good sportsmanship, fairness, heart, even compassion—all aspects of Bowman's *cultural honor.*

One time I ended up in a half-drunken sparring match with a buddy of mine. He loved to fence with *shinai*, and no one else at the party would do it. So I went out and played samurai with him for a few minutes. His bamboo sword left my forehead bleeding. But that didn't matter. I know I gained his respect and we became better friends that night. Poetically, our friendship also ended over a matter of honor, years later.

Competition with women is almost always a net loss of honor for a man. Men don't consider competition between men and women to be "apples to apples." And I don't think women do either.

To clarify, I'm not talking about "play" competition. Playing against your girl on a video game or a board game or miniature golf doesn't count. I'm talking about competition that *matters*.

A woman has much to gain and very little to lose by competing with a man who she thinks she can beat. No one will think her less of a woman for losing, because womanhood has nothing to do with competing with men. But if she beats a man, it will be a triumph of David over Goliath. *Men* will cheer her on, because in squaring off with a man she shows courage, and everyone loves an underdog.

But what does the man have to gain? He shows no courage by entering the ring with a woman. He is *expected* to win. If he does, his victory is shallow and unsavory. He gains no honor in beating a woman—the idea is offensive even to a modern man's vestigial sense of chivalry. Imagine the sportscaster shouting about how he "really slaughtered her." How ignoble!

And if he loses, the loss is so much more humiliating. While her womanhood is never in question, his masculinity *is* on the line. He ends up looking like a poor specimen of manhood. Women won't respect him, and men will be ashamed to be associated with him. He would be better loved by all for cheating and obviously throwing the fight, or for graciously bowing out. To give maximum effort and be bested by a woman is emasculating, no two ways about it. The same rules simply don't apply. "Apples and oranges."

Dude, you got ownd *by a girl!*

This all probably seems pretty obvious to most men. Somewhere deep in your left nut you know that competition with women is a net loss of honor. But I wonder if those honorable instincts are handicaps for men who, in our society, are expected to compete with women *for things that matter.* When you find yourself in direct, serious competition with women, do you pull back? Do you opt out? Do you go in swinging and come out feeling depleted and ambivalent? If you agree that there is no honorable triumph over a woman—save in the bedroom or in matters of romance—how does that affect the decisions you make in life?

And, as it pertains to *The Spearhead*, how do you feel when you tell a female or a feminist "what's what." What have you gained when, in your eyes, you've won an argument with a feminist? Was it worth your time? It's something to think about.

Read Our Interview in Takimag

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Evan McLaren, a writer for Takimag, conducted an online interview with me last week, and has posted the results as an article in Mr. Theodoracopulos's conservative online magazine. I felt honored to participate in the interview, because Takimag features some of America's best conservative writers, including Pat Buchanan, Steve Sailer, and Justin Raimondo.

Here's an excerpt:

> Game is a direct result of the diminishment of civilization. It is a tool men have rediscovered that gives them a chance in the mating game now that the old rules have been done away with. That's really how it relates to civilization: it is there only because it is needed. In the old days, when you went into Indian country, you'd carry a rifle because it was lawless and uncivilized out there. That's how the mating game is today—a wilderness full of howling savages who might scalp you. Game is your trusty rifle.

Read the interview and post your comments here.

The Baby Bomb: How the Boomers were Used to Demolish a Culture

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The baby boom had a long fuse. While the social mass of having such a large number of people suddenly added to a culture would naturally displace the center of social balance toward the values of younger people, the impact of the boomers was disproportionately greater than the percentage of the population they represented. The reason for this unusually large impact came from the convergence of several long-term trends and influences which converged at the time of the boomer generation to produce a sort of "Demographic Perfect Storm" which wrought fundamental changes in the culture.

When I say they were used to "demolish" it, I mean to fundamentally change the values which had defined the culture up until that time. Any culture is defined by its values, and when you change those values you change the culture into something else. Using the social mass of the boomer generation like a wrecking ball, they were slammed into a culture which was already undergoing fundamental changes in social organization and the institutions which perpetuated that organization. The large scale trends that came together as the boomers were being born and raised were -

- Demographic Displacements and Shifts
- The Rise of Mass Media
- Consumer Culture and
- Marxist Thought.

First Demographic Displacements and Shifts

World War I was fundamentally about the end of the old hereditary aristocracies in Europe, but it had a subtle and unforeseen effect on the US as well. The long term trend of movement of the population away from farms, rural settings, and agrarian lifestyles toward urban settings and industrial employment got a huge bump from the servicemen leaving the farms to go off to war and not returning to the farms when they came back. Instead they tended to stay in the cities and feed the work force for the growing industrial output of the US.

About 1920, the first of two huge demographic crossover points was passed – when the majority of the population no longer worked on and drew their livelihood from farms, but instead lived in urban areas and was employed in industrial production or commerce. During the Depression and Dust Bowl eras of the 1930s, this rural to urban movement increased as many landholders lost their land and were forced to move to the cities and find employment where they could.

World War II was a repeat of the pulling of farm boys into the armed forces and then dumping them back in the cities, with the added twist of the GI Bill which allowed many of them to attend college who otherwise would have never had the chance to do so. This sudden increase in the proportion of the population with college degrees raised income expectations and did, in fact, result in increased personal incomes for a while, which in turn drove a growing housing market and the rise of "suburbia" as new living spaces were constructed on the edges of cities already at saturation point in terms of the number of people they could hold.

With the end of the war, the US was left with massive industrial production capacity but no longer had the majority of that output being destroyed by war and thus needing constant replacements. The

suburban population centers with their newfound affluence and disposable income were one obvious outlet, as was post-war Europe and Japan in rebuilding mode. But, even with all those markets the unbelievable production of the US industrial engine would have soon saturated demand. The two concepts of "Planned Obsolescence" and "Conspicuous Consumption" were wedded with the newly emerging mass media of television to produce an advertising-driven culture of perpetual consumption.

No longer were people accustomed to producing most of their own needs like food, fuel, and even furnishings. They were entirely dependent on trading the wages for their labors with other people for all the necessities and luxuries of life. This played very well into Keynesian economics, or the "velocity economy" in which the economy was measured not by total wealth, but by how many times and how often a dollar changed hands.

These were the parents of the boomers, and the environment into which the boomers were born.

Consumer Culture

About 1960, one of the most profound demographic shifts in history occurred virtually unnoticed in the US: the number of people involved in the production of anything – agricultural or manufactured goods – slipped into the minority and there became more people involved in selling, distributing, or managing those goods than were involved in producing them. In other words, the US shifted from being a nation of producers to a nation of handlers. This laid the groundwork for being able to use such phrases as "service economy" or "information economy", which would play a very significant role in how the expectations of affluence created by the circumstances of the boomers' upbringing would be met as they moved into and through adulthood.

The boomers were raised on a steady diet of television, parental competition to "keep up with the Joneses", and the repeated refrain from their depression-era parents that "we don't want our kids to have it as hard as we had it." They were also indoctrinated virtually from birth that they would carry on the tradition of being college educated which may have only started with their parents, but which was definitely seen as the key to "a better life" – which at that time generally meant "having more stuff."

The Rise of Mass Media

After WW I, two new mass communication technologies really began to take off and spread – film (movies) and radio. These two technologies covered two very important aspects of culture – information dissemination and entertainment. Radio had the advantage over print media like newspapers in being immediate and timely, as well as being one step closer to direct human experience – hearing is a direct sensory experience, while reading requires intellectual processing and literacy in addition to sight. Literacy was far from universal at that time, so people could be reached by radio that could not be reached by newspapers, books, or magazines.

Film put the experience of "theatre" within the reach of the common people. While everyone might not be able to afford tickets to a Broadway play, almost everyone could scrape together the 5 cents for which they could purchase an hour or two of complete escapism. This escapism gained even wider appeal during the Great Depression when a great many people had really difficult lives from which they loved having the ability to purchase an hour or two of complete escape.

The film industry spawned an interesting side effect based on the social tendencies of people – the phenomenon of celebrity. Stage actors and other entertainers had always had a degree of fame and celebrity, but the mass market venue of film provided a much broader potential audience and a whole

host of new niches for celebrities to fit into and exploit. It was possible to have only so many great Shakespearean actors or operatic divas, but movies provided the opportunity for many different types – from the buffoons of the 3 Stooges to the cowboy actor – to gain a following.

Radio and film merged their potentials in television. Sight, sound, and immediacy were a very potent combination. The propaganda potential of radio was well recognized and exploited in the years leading up to WW II and during the war, and the advent of television on a mass scale made it a propaganda device on steroids. In addition, it also made a very nice consumer good to occupy those factories, as well as being a self-perpetuating outlet for consumption because it created demand through advertising.

Radio also spawned a related industry which would eventually come to figure very heavily in the "information economy" to come – recorded music. While it was a product with some continuing market from its introduction up through the war years, it really started to become a force in its own right when presented with a market comprised of suburban teenagers with lots of time on their hands due to lack of involvement in any economic activity but still with disposable income.

So, all the fragments were arranged – massive production, massive consumption, high degree of wealth relative to what had gone before, mass media with both propaganda potential and the ability to create demand for consumer goods by emotional manipulation, and a number of products with no direct need or worth as necessities of life which were easy to produce and easy to distribute – when the baby bomb was detonated and sent those fragments tearing through the foundations of cultural values.

Marxist Thought

Now the plot thickens.

All of the above is merely descriptive – laying out the conditions that existed when this huge mass of new future citizens was dumped onto the scene.

Marxist thought goes back, of course, to Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in the mid-19th century. However, the portion I'm going to highlight starts in 1917 with the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. Rob has covered this extensively, so this is going to be an extremely brief synopsis. For a far more complete picture, go to http://menforjustice.net/library or http://no-maam.blogspot.com.

The Russian revolution failed to spark the world-wide uprising of the proletariat to kill the capitalists which the Marxists had expected. In analyzing the reasons why it didn't, Marxist theorists saw the cultural institutions of religion and religious values, family, patriotism/nationalism, and education as being too strong in maintaining and transmitting cultural values for such a major shift to take place. In order for the Communist revolution to come about, those institutions would have to be weakened and undermined and the cultural values they transmitted be destroyed.

One of the best ways to go about this was to deal with people's baser appetites and motivations and weaken their intellectual and moral control of their behavior. A perfect model of how this might be accomplished was provided by Freudian psychoanalytic theory with his "id, ego, and superego" – the id being the reptilian brain and the animal appetites and emotions, the superego being social and moral consciousness, and the ego mediating the conflicts between the two. Appealing to the id, and weakening the superego, puts the ego in service of the id.

The Frankfurt School was a center of Marxist thought established in Germany in the early-mid 1920s. Their goal was to meld psychoanalytic thought with political action as a way of weakening cultural

institutions supporting restraint, by endorsing hedonism and short-term gratification. The prime strategist was a man named Antonio Gramsci, who laid out a plan for a "Long March Through The Culture" which would leave every cultural institution which had defeated the Bolshevik revolution in a pile of rubble in its wake.

So, now the stage is set.

Fearing the rise of National Socialism, the Frankfurt School relocated to New York in the mid 1930s. Most of the members were Jewish, so they had real reasons to fear the anti-Semitic sentiment which was rising in Germany, and they were able to come into the US without attracting much attention because of the large influx of other Jewish intellectuals and professionals fleeing Germany for the same reason. Once here, they set out to infiltrate and become strong influences in the media, education, and psychotherapeutic communities. There was an easy symbiosis between these, particularly due to the chic and trendy nature of psychoanalysis in the post WW II US.

Despite the way that McCarthy has been ridiculed and demonized, there really were communists active in the entertainment industry during the post-war years. They didn't concentrate as much on strictly Marxist themes as they did on indirectly attacking cultural values. Instead of a direct attack on religion, for example, a competing idea of nihilism was introduced and promoted – e.g. "Rebel Without A Cause."

The boomers were sitting ducks for all this because they were children in the stage of life when the purpose and goal is to learn and internalize cultural values. Instead of the parents, churches, and communities which provided most of the input for previous generations, the boomers were raised by television, radio, and film. The monumental sexual drives of adolescence, which every culture has to find a way to grapple with and restrain, coincided with a generalized loosening of sexual mores and restraints. More and more sexual imagery started appearing, and the Pill conveniently arrived – separating sex from reproduction and making "recreational sex" a real possibility – just as the first boomers hit puberty.

During the "turbulent 1960s", there were two major cultural phenomena which strained generational relationships even more than the classic and inevitable tensions between the old and the young – the civil rights movement, and the Vietnam War. The high level of distrust engendered among young people for the older generations, the "establishment", was captured in Abbie Hoffman's famous dictum "Never trust anyone over 30." "Traditional" values were seen as corrupt, exploitive, capricious, and often dishonest. A major youth movement/trend developed whose participants were called "Hippies" with values directly opposed to and reacting against the values of their parents and older generations. It was actually termed the "counter-culture", which was an very accurately descriptive term because the values which defined it ran directly counter to prevailing cultural values of the time. "Sex, drugs, and Rock'n'Roll" was the mantra, "Make Love, Not War" was the passion, and "Free Love" was the ideal goal. Hedonism became the highest good, and even members of their parents' generation wanted to join the party and have some fun. The developmental period of adolescence got greatly extended, with many parents sitting down to smoke dope with their own kids, if not being the ones to introduce their own children to the drug subculture.

The expectations of affluence, plus the expectations of their parents, plus the Vietnam War sent the boomers to college in unprecedented numbers. Here is where the Frankfurt school had really been busy. A huge number of their members had achieved professorships in prestigious institutions, and by the late 1960s they owned the academy. Hardly any discipline outside the hard sciences was

untouched. Their thinking pervaded the social sciences, the arts, philosophy, and even theology. The boomers were at college to LEARN, so that is what they did. Few had the critical facilities to question and analyze what they were being taught. Some of us renegades who did question saw the early beginnings of Political Correctness taking shape as refusing to conform to the ideological indoctrination would be severely punished. If you wanted good grades, and that meant the carrot of a "good job" that they dangled in your face, you toed the party line.

And, into this volatile mess, they injected feminism.

The family, paradoxically, was at the same time both the strongest cultural institution and one of the easiest to attack. The age old tensions between men and women, dubbed "the battle of the sexes" were easily exploited to get women to see themselves as an "oppressed" class. The sexual revolution was in the news, but not in everyone's minds yet. The boomers were raised mostly under the old cultural mores and values regarding sex, and then suddenly turned loose with a new toy they weren't quite sure how to play with. Mis-cues and misunderstandings between the sexes on what sexual "liberation" actually looked like were easy fodder for exploitation in the next phase of the gender war – the escalating issue of "rape."

The establishment of "Women's Studies" departments in the academy metastized the cancer, and gave the hard core haters an entrenched "bully pulpit" from which to spread their Marxist theory and hatred against the "class" of men.

Boomer men were on the horns of two-pronged dilemma They were at the stage of their lives when their primary goal and task was to find a mate and form a family, yet their pool of potential mates was developing values which were fundamentally different than the values that men had been led to expect to find in the women they would choose as wives. Trained in one set of skills and attitudes that had been attractive to women in the past, men were now finding women who were not attracted by those characteristics and were demanding something different. However, the specifics of what was demanded no longer followed any sort of cultural pattern but were mostly based on the preferences of individual women – their much vaunted "choices."

No-fault divorce and the rise of "rape consciousness" fundamentally changed the relationship dynamic within marriage. The idea that a man could be convicted of "raping" his wife totally erased the long held tradition of "marital duties" and turned sex from being part of the foundation of the relationship between man and wife into an instance-by-instance exercise in the gratification of personal whims.

The Marxist concept of "class oppression" combined with the sex-fearing dysfunction of women like Susan Brownmiller severed the most basic marital bond in one blow.

This class warfare was extended by placing all sexual activity on a "continuum of oppression" and set up a situation and consciousness that men could not possibly do anything but lose – the fundamental attraction between the sexes which is essential for the continuation of the human race became proof of "oppression" and a constant and perpetual source of justification for claims of female victimhood. The class consciousness of the "sisterhood" hoodwinked women into believing that they had more in common with women living on the other side of the world, or with women who had lived and died years before they were born, than with the man with whom their shared their bed, their children, and their lives.

This "unity based on type" was exactly what the socialist and union organizer Eugene Debs was saying when he said -

"while there is a lower class, I am in it, and while there is a criminal element I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

"Brotherhood" and "sisterhood" are the same basic concept, and are illustrations of the same type of "ideology over everything else" that sometimes found members of the same families, sometimes even biological brothers, on opposite sides in the US war between the states, or civil war. A woman might have a splendid life – a comfortable home, a loving husband, decent kids – but as long as there was one woman anywhere who was "oppressed", then so was she. "

"The personal is political and the political is personal" destroyed people's ability to have personal relationships and turned all relationships into political relationships. A man and a wife might be having a typical couples argument, and suddenly the man became responsible for the mistreatment of women in the Middle East, the binding of Chinese women's feet, and the lack of women's suffrage a century ago.

In the face of this onslaught, most men felt an unbelievable sense of betrayal, but they were stuck in marriages to these women and their only choices were a lifetime of conflict or to just surrender and give in. Most men chose keeping their family together over falling on their swords of principle, and just caved in. Some even went so far as to exhibit a form of Stockholm Syndrome and became dedicated feminists, denouncing themselves in weird displays of schizophrenia and self-abdication.

Those that didn't soon faced the Soviet-style "re-education camps" created by the DV industry which was based on the Marxist idea that all Domestic Violence was a conspiracy by men to perpetuate their "oppression" of women. There is no more purely Marxist bit of thinking at work in feminist countries today than the Duluth Model of domestic violence.

Demographic and economic shifts, and growth of mass media and consumer culture continue

This gradual infiltration of Marxist thought occurred against the backdrop of continuation of the social, economic, and cultural trends which took off a half century before. During the 1960s mass media exploded. For many years there had been only 3 TV broadcast networks and only people living in or near major cities had access to all three. As the distance increased, reception decreased and people living 60 or more miles from an urban center often could only get all 3 stations reliably if the weather was clear. Throw in a bit of rain or fog and most people got vague ghosts on the TV and slightly warmed rain or fog between them and the broadcast tower.

These remote communities soon saw a business opportunity open up in the form of Community Antennas, or Cable TV. Entrepreneurs built huge towers and installed signal boosters, filters, and amplifiers and delivered the signal to homes via coaxial cable. The low cost of this kind of distribution system led quickly to the development of original content specifically for cable, which eventually became cable networks like HBO, Cinemax, and MTV. The expansion of content drove up demand, and demand drove the expansion of content. An entire new "industry" was born which in turn spawned many new jobs.

The transition from a nation of producers to a nation of handlers in 1960 was the key to an economy which would have to absorb more new workers than ever before in history. A purely production-based economy could not have done so because there were not enough markets to absorb greatly increased output. At the end of the decade of the 1950s, the US, with 2% of the world's population, was absorbing over 50% of the world's industrial output. The rebuilding of Europe and Japan were essentially complete, so any increase in production would require opening new markets. But, opening new overseas markets would require spurring development in those areas so that those countries

would have something of economic value to exchange with the US. Only a strategy of globalization provided enough potential for perpetually expanding markets, and one of the first functions to be "outsourced" to other countries was industrial production.

This fit perfectly with the white-collar expectations of the new generation who never once considered following in their fathers' footsteps and becoming blue collar workers.

The boomers were a double-whammy to the labor market because not only was a larger number of men than ever before looking for places in it, but also a large number of women were following the feminist script to compete with men economically and for the available jobs. The "service economy", and "information economy" ideas led to the rapid development of a generalized "managerial" class, which required skills which transferred seamlessly into a rapidly growing government bureaucracy.

As the boomers seeped into the workforce between 1964 and about 1986, the economy slid into the doldrums. The petroleum crisis in the mid 1970s ended cheap gasoline, dealt a crippling blow to the US auto industry because they were too slow to respond to trends and downsize their offerings, and opened the US market to Japanese autos of much higher quality than the US produced models. Globalization had begun in earnest.

Interest rates spiraled out of control in the early 80s, going over 20%, which depressed the housing market and sent ripples through the rest of the economy. The displacement of farm families of the 1930s was repeated as rising fuel costs and a weak economy forced a large percentage of the remaining family farms out of business.

Through all this, men and women had been stroking away, coping as best they could, trying to work out some sort of new balance and mixture of gender roles, and managing to get along.

And then the feminists unveiled the nuclear device of the gender war – the redefinition of normal sexual relations between men and women as "rayyyype!"

The notion of women as an "oppressed class" had simply failed to gain the traction it had needed to completely split the normal attraction between the sexes, so the obvious strategy was to attack that attraction itself. Susan Brownmiller had laid the conceptual foundations in the mid 1970s with "Against Our Wills", and Catherine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin had carried the water of the concept forward with sexual harassment law and Dowkin's sex-hating, man-hating, prose. All it took was for Mary Koss to fabricate her bogus bit of research in which she mysteriously "found" that "1 in 4″ women were being "rayyyyped" and the wedge to sever the trust and attraction between the sexes was set.

The feminist movement had pretty much stalled because most women still didn't see their husbands, brothers, fathers, and male friends as the enemy. People were slowly working out new roles and people were adjusting to dual income families. The Equal Rights Amendment had failed back in the 1970s, but the real barriers to the kind of equality it envisioned were more in the slowly changing social attitudes. Things had changed blindingly fast as social change normally goes, but still not fast enough for the feminists.

And then, along came Susan Faludi, with her ***Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women.***

If there ever is a trial for war crimes of the gender war, I hope Faludi hangs. Despite what were actually huge strides toward a new more equal social system, including the fact that women had been getting the majority of college degrees for a full decade, she dismissed all that and re-kindled the

sense of victimhood among women of a certain age group. There wasn't a war before her book, but things certainly became one as a result of it.

In the brief cultural span of less than 50 years, every social value which was in place half a century ago has been swept aside. The idealistic boomers, fresh out of college with their Marxist ideas went into every aspect of government, and rode Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" into a welfare-therapeutic state where they controlled education, social services, and most branches of government as a result of having become entrenched in the multitude of bureaucracies spawned by the notion that every human problem could be solved if you just threw enough money at it.

The right to kill one's own children and call them "choices" was enough of a blow to the culture, but when people started seriously using "same sex" and "marriage" together, the Long March Through the Culture was complete – absolutely nothing meant the same thing it had 50 years before.

The Cave

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If women were truly sincere about A) wanting to understand men, and B) wanting to have better relationships with them based on something other than the man doing everything women tell them to and being everything women want, nothing would be of more use to them than understanding "The Cave."

The Cave is where men go to sort things out in their minds. Men tend to want to lead intentional lives and not be popping off emotionally over any issue, whether major or minute. This is a female characteritic that we are often uncomfortable with, and certainly goes against most culturally accepted notions of "the superior man."

The contemporary mythological hero, Superman, has the ultimate cave – the "Fortress of Solitude." That name captures so much – the two absolutely essential characteristics of "The Cave."

First, it must provide "solitude." The entire purpose is minimize outside inputs so the man can go inside and find his answers there. Yammering noise must be eliminated. And, it must be a true "fortress" against the intrusion of such things – it must shut them out, keep them at bay, and allow the man the space and peace he needs to feel and think his way through a situation that he does not immediately know how to deal with.

The process is neither conscious nor verbal for men. Demanding a verbal explanation of anything from a man while he is in the Cave, particularly an explanation of **why** he is in the cave, will get your head bitten off. A huge problem with verbal explanations is that often people won't accept them — particularly women who won't accept the validity of their man being in his cave in the first place and regard an explanation as nothing more than an invitation to argue with him about being there.

Basically what happens in the Cave is that the man shuts off all external inputs and either enters a sort of purely meditative state or engages in some activity that focuses his hands and the conscious part of his brain, keeping them busy, while the unconscious does its work.

First he reaches down into his gut and asks himself "How do I really **feel** about this?" He may be feeling 100 different things at once, but if he sits quietly with himself, and only himself, sooner or later a couple of reactions and feelings will bubble up to the surface as being more important than all the rest.

Then, he goes up into his head an asks himself "What do I really **think** about this?" Again, he may be thinking 100 different things, which he shuffles around, and sorts, and discards until he has narrowed it down to the most important couple.

The next step is an internal negotiation/mediation process in which he weighs each side against the other and asks himself questions "Is this issue which has me so bothered really significant, or is it trivial? Am I angry over something petty, or does this really violate a deeply held principle? Do I need to fight for this, or do I need to blow it off?"

Eventually he will work through all the internal conflicts and confusion and decide on a course of action which is right for him – both for what he feels, and what he believes. He will then emerge from the Cave in a much better mood.

Anyone who follows an animal into its cave is taking a grave risk. We tend to protect our caves, to

regard them as our very own"Fortresses of Solitude" and to defend them against invasion.

This is all purely instinctive, not planned. Most men don't realize when they are doing it because they are not thinking themselves into it, but rather responding to an awareness of internal states they do not understand but want and need to.

Women can improve their relationships with men by understanding the Cave, and realizing that they don't have to like it, or even understand it, but merely accept it. Nothing you can do will stop men from heading for the Cave when they need to go. It is one way we are different from you.

Guys can improve their relationships with women in their lives who are willing to accept the Cave by at least giving the women warning that they are going there. If the relationship is good, all that should need to be said is "Cave. I'll be back."

Cornered!

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There comes a time in a man's life (or a few hundred times) when the sum total of his gathered experiences with women and the wisdom he gained from them is called upon to help him out of a pinch. The pinch I refer to is when a woman accuses your cad ass of sneaking around on the side. There are only three things that drain the blood faster from a man's face than the thought of erectile dysfunction:

1. When your wife serves you divorce papers.
2. When you catch your woman fooling around with another man.
3. When your woman busts you for cheating.

The first two, luckily, haven't happened to me, but the last one has… multiple times. And from those trials by ovarian fire I have learned a few valuable lessons. I'm here to tell you what to do — or, more precisely, what *not* to do — when your girl jabs the infidelity finger of accusation in your face.

I'll illustrate how NOT to handle a suspicious girlfriend with a fairly recent example from my own life (about two years ago). I was three months into a torrid fling with a pretty cable TV channel producer whose sexual appetite rivaled the libidos of the horniest girls in the world — the Russians. She was the one who left streaks of black fingernail polish on my shower tiles, which I did not clean off for months as a tribute to her voracious vagina.

As with most sexual dynamos, she was a Class A attention whore. There are pics of her scattered throughout the web of her literally dancing on bars and hipster doofuses licking her stockinged calves. She is now an NYU business school student. One Friday evening, we were having ice cream and she asked me to join her later at a DC indie club for a fashion show her friends were putting on. I said maybe and made an excuse that I might have to visit my sister, because little did TV producer girl know I hadn't broken up with the serious girlfriend I had been dating for a year (the GF didn't know about the fling) and I had made tentative plans to see my girlfriend that night. The option to

blow off my girlfriend was not available, as her and I were at a critical juncture where any more asshole behavior on my part (such as not seeing her on a Friday night) would've caused her to dump me to avoid further pain. I wished not for that gravy train to end.

Later that night, as I post-coitally lounged in my girlfriend's bed, the TV producer texted me asking if I was coming to meet her. I didn't respond. I wanted to see her, but the logistics were horrible. I was stuck.

She texted me the next day asking to meet her at a local bar later that night. Hoping for another brain frying bang, I happily met up with her. The power of Admiral Akhbar was not with me. It was a trap. As soon as I sat down on the stool beside her, the conversation assumed a dark ominous tone:

HER: So why didn't you come join me last night?

ME: Oh, I had some things come up. A buddy is leaving town and I wanted to see him before he left.

HER: What's his name?

ME: [I hestitated for that critical split second when a girl can figure something is up] Um… Jerry.

HER: Where did you meet him?

ME: U street.

HER: I thought you told me you were seeing your sister?

ME: Um, oh yeah, well I did see her, then I went to catch up with my buddy.

HER: [long pause, staring intensely into my eyes] Your story's not consistent. What girl were you with last night?

ME: [thinking: "she'd make a great lawyer"] What?

HER: Why don't you tell me who you were really with last night.

As suddenly as a tropical squall, her face hardened into a sheet of ice. The love had vanished.

ME: Look, I don't like talking about this shit in my life, but my ex-girlfriend is going through a tough time and she needed me. [I was hoping to gain points for being compassionate. What a fool I was.] If I didn't go see her, she might've freaked out.

HER: I don't date cheaters. Or liars. I'm leaving town soon. It was nice knowing you.

Although I tried to smooth the waters, I did not get a bon voyage bang.

Some of you will be able to figure out where I went wrong. Pretty much everywhere. The above vignette is a textbook example of how to bungle the handling of a girl accusing you of cheating. I had violated my own rules for dealing with women.

- I prevaricated, weakly.
- I attempted a salvage operation.
- I played right into her frame.
- I confessed.

These four bullet points are everything you need to know about what NOT to do when accused by a girlfriend/wife/fling of spreading your man manna. You will want to do the exact opposite of what I did. Namely:

- Don't prevaricate.

- Don’t backpedal or appease.
- Reframe.
- Deny deny deny!

Let’s illustrate how to properly handle the above scenario by changing the words I say.

HER: So why didn’t you come join me last night?

ME: I had some personal issues to take care of.

HER: What issues?

ME: It’s personal and nothing to do with you.

HER: Did you meet a girl?

ME: Would you like my bank account number while you’re at it, Inspector Clouseau?

HER: If you’re fucking around with someone else I want to know.

ME: No.

HER: Why don’t you tell me who you were really with last night.

ME: Heidi Klum and Scarlett Johansson. We fucked like rabbits. I had to kick them out. Those girls get clingy.

HER: I don’t date cheaters. Or liars.

ME: I don’t date distrustful girls.

Now there’s no way to know if this would’ve resulted in the bang bus rolling on, but I believe the readers will agree that the odds of retaining the services of the TV producer would have been much higher had I handled it like in the second imagined scenario.

So, to recap:

When accused of cheating:

1. Pause before answering.
2. Speak directly. Don’t hem and haw.
3. Look her in the eyes. Remember, every moment with a girl is a staring contest which you must win.
4. Don’t appease. Appeasement is the great pussy desiccator.
5. Don’t fall into her frame. Reframing is king!
6. And, finally, deny like the sociopath you are. No matter how damning the evidence (she could walk in on you with your cock up to the hilt in strange pussy) if you keep a straight face and firmly deny everything she will rationalize a way to believe you. Yes, even the smart ones who got into NYU business school.

Don’t Give them a Free Pass

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Feminists in high places have inflicted untold damage to families across the Anglosphere. Millions of children have been rendered fatherless, men have been thrown into ruin and women into a disreputable state because of a witch’s brew of evil laws and policies cooked up in the basement offices of gender studies departments. Yet still the priestesses of feminism escape scrutiny on a large scale and continue to this day to receive funding from the very taxpayers whose lives they are wrecking. Their goal is nothing less than sheer power over the lives of the little people, whom they apparently despise with all the hatred of elites in precarious positions.

At the root of this power is money and tenure, which gives them the freedom to wreak havoc unimpeded – indeed, abetted – by those who fund and accommodate them — namely all of us! In this time of fiscal constraints and economic uncertainty, we have an opportunity to reevaluate expenditures at our increasingly expensive, cash-hungry universities. To be sure, there are plenty of professors doing good, vital work, but certain departments are like a hungry tumor that feeds at the expense of others and metastisizes, sending mutant cells off into other departments in a quest for absolute control over administration, faculty and the student body.

They will not stop at outright lies and fraud to achieve their goals, as is demonstrated by the following article (courtesy of Glenn Sacks) about Jennifer Beeman, director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program at the University of California at Davis. Below is a linked excerpt:

> So you’re an official at a major state university. You want that university to be the best it can be, right? And that includes attracting the best possible students, right? And that means, if you happen to be the director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program, you want to let everyone know that the campus is a safe place to live, work and study, right? After all, you don’t want to scare off good students.
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> Well, all of those things would be right if you were anyone other than Jennifer Beeman who was in fact the director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program at the University of California at Davis. But if you were Jennifer Beeman, you’d do the opposite; you’d massively inflate sexual assault figures for three years running, 2005-2007. In fact, for each of those years, you’d more than double them.

How does one halt this progression of disease? The best policy is to starve the beast. Taxpayers must demand that these superfluous and harmful appendages be removed from state schools first, and then denied state funds at private institutions. Rather than working to end tenure, it is the positions themselves that must be done away with. No more comfy chairs and personal offices — let them make money from their drek in the private sector and see how far they can take it.

It is certainly the right of feminists to voice their opinions and write their articles in the turgid, Marxist-derived prose that characterizes their work, but it is also our right to demand that we not be taxed to support it. I can imagine some ballot measures in states with the initiative process that could make this possible. A majority of Americans, I strongly surmise, would be all in favor of eliminating government waste by doing away with anachronistic gender studies departments, especially in this age of female supremacy at universities, where they are clearly no longer needed.

This is the way forward: remove the feminist sinecures!

Snacks Make Healthy, Happy Mates

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A few commenters have mentioned the issue of health and food in relationships. If people are involved in a long-term relationship, how they eat can have a big influence on the happiness and, ultimately, the success of the relationship. It used to be said that the fastest way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and that still holds true to an extent, but it can also be quite literally true, in that some forms of consumption will eventually clog up and lead to failure of said heart.

It is not only what we eat that affects our health, but *how* we eat as well. Men and women who starve themselves for long periods throughout the day and then eat huge meals for lunch and dinner are suppressing their metabolism through forcing peaks and valleys of blood sugar. They are also keeping their energy level down throughout the day — we all know that both being hungry and feeling stuffed lead to tiredness. Far better is to snack throughout the day and eat light meals. By snacks I don't mean donuts fried in lard accompanied by a mocha latte, but rather something simple and healthy, such as a handful of nuts and some fruit, a little bread and cheese, a slice or two of sausage on bread, or a bagel with cream cheese and smoked salmon.

Snacks, like meals, should be balanced. They should contain relatively balanced proportions of fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Nuts provide protein and fats, fruits and bread carbohydrates, and cheeses and meats fats and proteins again. One shouldn't strive for no fat any more than for no protein — a little bit of fat tends to lengthen the period of satiety following a good snack. If there is anything that should be avoided, it is simple sugars, such as those added to soda pop and fruit drinks. These, if consumed alone, cause a quick spike in blood sugar, which is then followed by a crash. Fruits are better because the fiber slows digestion, drawing out the period one is deriving calories from them. Potato chips should definitely be avoided, because they are simply oil in carbohydrates, contain almost no nutritional value, and lend themselves to overconsumption and excessive drinking of sugary liquids due to saltiness.

People who snack more throughout the day have been found to burn more calories than similar people who only eat at mealtime. Going to dinner starving is not a good way to limit food intake, so someone who has had a snack a couple of hours prior to dinner will eat smaller portions and eat more slowly, which is obviously healthier than shoveling food down one's gullet like a ravenous wolf.

Because I have a couple of small children, I have learned the value of snacking for keeping them healthy and calm. Throughout the day, my kids get snacks of fruit, crackers with peanut butter, and cheese. I dole out the juice in very small amounts, as it can cause hyperactivity, which at times results in things getting smashed up around the house. As for me, sometimes snacks are the only way I can get through the day with my kids, being too busy to prepare myself full meals.

So women who want energetic, healthy husbands and men who want slimmer, happier wives should abandon the American practice of binging and starving throughout the day and learn the healthy and enjoyable art of snacking.

The Feminist's Guide To Debate Tactics

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Observing comments made by feminists on MRA blogs – or on any blog or forum post which is even slightly critical of any aspect of feminism – for the last few years has made something very clear: feminists have no idea how to debate.

This is probably due to the overwhelming feminist hegemony in educational institutions. Women dominate the teaching profession, particularly in grade school, and all of these women are feminists. Girls have a powerful innate need to please the authority figures in their lives, and all they have to do to please their teachers is parrot feminist propaganda on cue. This leaves them completely unprepared for the outside world, where reciting this bunk results in demands that they produce facts and logic, things they have never been asked for before. The poor feminists are startled that their dutiful recitations do not result in a pat on the head, but instead in challenges they do not know how to meet.

So as a public service, I am providing this handy guide for feminists on common debate mistakes. This way, the next time you encounter one of those nasty old misogynists, your attempts at argument will not simply confirm his existing low opinion of women!

Mistake #1: "You're only saying that because you never get laid!"

There are two problems with this argument. One is that in many cases, it isn't true. Most of us misogynists started out believing all the bullshit about female equality we heard in school and on TV. It took a great deal of experience with women, in the workplace as well as in dating, to make us realize that in fact, women are very different from men, and in most respects inferior. Most feminists are straight women, so you'll just have to take my word for this: having sex with women does not in any way enhance respect for women. Quite the contrary.

The second problem is, even if the man you are addressing *is* celibate, this proves nothing. It has no bearing whatsoever on sex discrimination laws, child custody agreements, polemics about the "male gaze", women in combat, or anything else you might be debating. A very smart man in ancient Greece called this the "*ad hominem*" argument. You have probably seen this phrase in internet fora, but it is usually used incorrectly, by people who apparently have no idea what it means but know that it is a bad thing. An "*ad hominem*" argument is an attack on the person making the argument in lieu of a reasoned rebuttal of the argument itself.

Mistake #2: "You must have a small dick!"

This is another *ad hominem* argument. Once again, men with small dicks are still capable of stating facts which are correct. Unless you have some scientific studies that show that men with small dicks are always wrong, it's best not to use this one. Besides which, MRA's have all heard it so many times that it makes them conclude, probably correctly, that you don't have any actual information that might back up your contentions. "You must have a small dick!" is basically feminist code for "I have no clue what I'm talking about!"

Mistake #3: (used against female antifeminists) "If it weren't for feminism, you wouldn't have the right to keep a blog!"

I have seen this charge levelled against women whose antifeminist opinions are far more moderate than mine. Feminists seem to believe that women used to be barred from the First Amendment until some heroic feminists got us in on it. The fact is, women and men have always had the same degree

of freedom of speech. In the days when the Inquisition could burn people at the stake for heresy, men did not get away with any more heresy than women did. In Europe today, men and women, at least white ones, are equally subject to spurious hate speech laws. That women pre-Women's Lib did not have freedom of speech would have come as a great surprise to Sojourner Truth, Carry Nation, Mary Wollstonecraft, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abby Kelley Foster, Madame de Stael, Renee Vivien, Radclyffe Hall, Rebecca Protten, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Baker Eddy, Mary Hunt, Elizabeth D. Golek, etc. etc.

If you want to use this argument, if you want it to be taken seriously you must offer the names of these mysterious feminists who gave women the right to blog. Dates and how they went about doing so, as well as some sort of evidence that women used to be kept silent, would also be useful.

Mistake #4: "Okay, so it's true that women aren't as good at science and stuff, but that's because girls are raised differently from boys! If we were raised the same we'd be just as good at it!"

First, we don't know that. The only reason to think that it is the case is that feminists want to believe it. There is no evidence. Your wishes are not a valid argument.

Second, there is considerable evidence that sex differences are innate. Feminists who try to teach their boys not to be violent are invariably dismayed when their toddling sons use the dolls they're given as weapons. A boy who was raised as a girl after a botched circumcision knew even before he was eventually told the truth that he wasn't actually a girl, and the attempt to turn him into one resulted in severe psychological problems; he ended by committing suicide at 38. For more on this, go to my blog and see the sidebar sections on "What Schools Are Doing to Boys" and "Biology Is Destiny".

Mistake #5: "Women were too busy taking care of children and doing housework to invent things or discover things!"

And just what do you imagine men were doing while your ancestresses were cooking dinner or sewing clothes? The vast majority of them weren't lounging happily in a library devising the principles of geometry or gazing through a telescope. They were mostly breaking their backs on farmland or in mines or smithies, enduring months of malnutrition and brutality aboard trading ships, getting shot at in armies, and other such fulfilling career paths. Yet somehow, men managed to build civilization in between.

For thousands of years, babies were delivered by midwives. Women had complete control of this profession. It never even occurred to the men who ruled the societies to interfere with midwifery. None of these women with the freedom and opportunity for hands-on experience invented the forceps. Instead, a man named Peter Chamberlen invented them around 1600, when the idea of male doctors delivering babies was still a controversial idea, and one chiefly engaged in by the decadent rich. In other words, men had scarcely arrived on the scene before they were inventing things that women had not imagined in thousands of years.

Commenter Paul came up with another excellent example: for the last few centuries, upper- and middle-class women were encouraged to learn to play musical instruments. A lot of these women had the leisure to spend a great deal of time on their music. Yet there have been very few female composers of any note, and black American men – not a privileged group by any means – invented both blues and jazz.

Finally, in the last few decades a great deal of effort has been expended on "encouraging" women and girls to achieve in traditionally male fields, and the lower and higher education systems are

feminist-dominated. Where is the Renaissance of female creativity? Where are the female Leonardos, Isaac Newtons, and Mozarts? Women have made achievements – before and after feminism – but they are not equal to those of men.

Mistake #6: "Men have higher IQs, but that's because the IQ test doesn't measure female aptitudes!"

First, demanding that the rules be changed because you are losing impresses no one.

Second, the historical fact is that the IQ test *is rigged in favor of women.*

> "The one exception to the general rule that different groups or populations usually differ in average IQ is that both sexes have approximately the same average IQ on most tests. This is not, however, a true empirical finding but a consequence of the manner in which the tests were first constructed…the two sexes were defined to have equal intelligence rather than discovered to have equal intelligence." (Evans and Waites, 1981, 168).
> (Evans, B.. & Waites, B. (1981). IQ and mental testing: An unnatural science and its social history. London, UK: Macmillan.)

More discussion of the slanting of the IQ test to minimize differences between men and women can be read here, here, here, and here. And despite the slanting in women's favor, men still score consistently higher on them.

Mistake #7: "I guess Thomas Jefferson's slave mistress wasn't oppressed then, huh!"

Hijacking the misfortunes of other groups – slavery, the Holocaust, indentured servitude, dhimmitude, the potato famine, etc. – is tacky and does not prove that women are equal to men.

Mistake #8: "I cannot believe how ignorant you are!"

I think that feminists don't know what the word "ignorant" means. It means that the person *doesn't know* something. For example, I am ignorant of the Mandarin word for "insect", because I have never studied Mandarin.

The only way this charge would make sense would be if you thought that the person you were talking to had never heard the glad tidings that women are equal to men. Unless you can come up with convincing evidence that someone on this planet hasn't heard this nonsense, calling an MRA "ignorant" makes no sense whatever. We have all *heard* the feminist gospel. We aren't ignorant of it. We simply don't believe it. Indeed, given that feminists apparently believe that it was a heroic feminist campaign that won women the right to keep blogs and clearly don't know that IQ tests are slanted against men, you are clearly the ignorant ones.

Of course, as a male blogger pointed out and I discussed, what women actually mean when they say this is that it's stupid to believe unfashionable things because unconventional opinions make it harder to be socially accepted. For women, who are by nature dependent creatures, this is of paramount importance; the abstract value of truth has little appeal for most women.

Mistake #9: "I think this site must be a joke! You're a troll!"

The world is full of people who disagree with you. Facing this fact is part of growing up.

Mistake #10: "You're just too immature to handle a relationship with an independent woman!"

First, see #1. "*Ad hominem*", remember that?

Roger Devlin handled this one quite ably:

> A highly successful women's magazine editor has written a book of advice for young wives

> stating: “Giving, devoting, sacrificing … these are the actions of a good wife, no? No. These are the actions of a drudge, a sucker, a sap.” Instead, women are urged to emulate a wife who threw her husband’s clothes into the garden to teach him not to leave socks on the floor: “He understood I meant it.” Or another who wanted her husband to help with the laundry, and hollered at him: “Are you a f***ing retard that you don’t see me running up and down stairs? Listen to me and stop your bulls**t.” Or another who discovered this interpersonal skill: “Just stand there and start screaming. If you stand there and scream long enough, someone is going to realize that you’re standing in the middle of the room screaming [and ask] ‘Why are you screaming?’” (pp. 245-47)
>
> What could be wrong with men these days that they refuse to commit?

Mistake #11: “I am *so very upset* by what you’ve said! I nearly fainted! I almost threw up! I am trembling in horror!”

Evolution has designed women to use their emotions to manipulate their mates into providing for them and tending to them. We know you can’t really help it, but in a debate, particularly one about the alleged equality of women, it isn’t appropriate.

We know that a lot of what you’re doing here is putting on a display for other feminists. “See how terribly upset I am by this heresy! I am one of you! I am, like, totally sincere!”

But when debating with us, all that such “arguments” do is convince us that we’re right, that women should, for the most part, be kept out of masculine realms such as industry and science, because they are too weak to endure hearing facts they don’t like.

When Nancy Hopkins responded to Larry Summers mentioning the possibility that men might be somewhat naturally better suited to science – he even added, “I hope it isn’t true” – by fleeing from the room in a nauseated swoon, all she actually accomplished was to demonstrate to the world that women are too delicate and fragile for serious business like science. Do male scientists flee from the room when they hear hypotheses they hope aren’t true? Even black men respond more constructively to discussion of the black-white IQ gap.

If this is how women react to disagreement, it is a matter of public safety to keep them legally unequal:

> Somebody in the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles needs to look into suspending Dr Hopkins driver’s license. She obviously doesn’t need to be driving.
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> Now, I’m not saying that women can’t drive, nor am I implying that Ms Hopkins’ remarks are evidence in that direction. Republican women mostly seem to do ok at it, anyway.
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> However, given her self-reported reactions to Summers remarks, what would happen if she were driving down the street and accidentally punched up Rush Limbaugh on the radio, for example? Rush makes one of his “feminazi” jokes, and she throws up and blacks out.
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> When she then plows into a busload of innocent children, the blood will be on Rush’s hands, obviously. Still, that doesn’t help The Children.

Source: Should Nancy Hopkins be driving?

Also? Just because you don’t like something doesn’t mean it isn’t true.

Mistake #12: “What are you smoking and where can I get some?”

This was funny the first 5,000 times we heard it, but it's getting old. More importantly, it's irrelevant. I don't use illegal substances, but even if my bloodstream were a cocktail of half the things Americans can be arrested for using, I might still be right.

Mistake #13: "Just because I'm wrong about the trivial details doesn't mean that there were no Battles To Be Fought for women's rights."

Vague, sweeping assertions are not a viable argument. Those "trivial details" you can't be bothered with are. If you don't have any concrete facts, your rhetoric is just that.

So what kind of arguments will MRAs listen to?

We like facts. Go looking for dates, names, legislation, documentation, and statistics. Find a scientific study, if you can, that indicates that women might in some field have the potential to be equal to men. Find statistics showing that society has become better in some way since women's privilege, er I mean feminism, took root. Of course, you're at a disadvantage here, since all of the facts show that women are innately inferior, that women of superior achievement will always be in the minority, and that women's liberation leads to all sorts of social pathologies – rampant divorce, child abuse, inflation, eating disorders, and a general lowering of standards so that women can keep up. But if you hope to change our minds, you'll have to try to find some facts that support your case instead of ours. Good luck!

Read more of the Female Masculinist at her blog.

Country Women – The Manly Woman of Honor, Part I

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On the heels of Welmer's post about women in combat, I'd like to add a few thoughts I've had about women, "female masculinity" and honor over the past several years. To begin, I'm going to talk about some different types of women I've observed.

I deliver exercise equipment to people's homes for a living, and as an amateur sociologist—aren't we all really amateur sociologists?—that gives me an opportunity to see people in their natural environments. The clients I deal with, or at least the ones who are home to take the deliveries, are predominantly women. I make deliveries all over the state, and I spend a good deal of time in each house. An average day might have me delivering an elliptical trainer to a new mom in suburbia, then a treadmill to marathon-running professional woman in town, then a home gym way out in the country. I've built several home gyms in barns. Occasionally, I'll even install something in the lavish gym of a mansion, where I deal with that increasingly rare creature known as a "lady"—a refined, polite woman of authority for whom running an estate is at least as demanding as your average middle management job.

I've definitely noticed a difference in the way these women from very different walks of life assert themselves around working men. Upwardly mobile professional women tend to impatient and dismissive of the physical aspects of the job; they're pushy and treat men like underlings. The "lady" has what I'd call the female equivalent of Game. She makes you *want* to do things for her. When I meet a lady I find myself waiting on her hand and foot, going above and beyond simply because she makes it seem like the thing to do. Most of the suburban stay-at-home moms are relaxed and easy to work with, even when they're particular.

There are many variations on these types and exceptions to every rule. My favorite women to deal with, though, are the country women.

Here's the thing—most of these babes can drive tractors and know more about engines than I ever will. I've had them offer to help load something up onto their all-terrain vehicles for me and drive it out through the mud to the barn, like it was no big deal. Country women are not afraid to get dirty. Most can probably handle a weapon—or judging from the gun safes, are at least used to having them around. They pull their own weight. They are not spoiled.

What I've noticed is that even though they do all of these manly things most of them seem more comfortable with traditional gender roles and with men in general than many of their urban and suburban counterparts. They seem to be at once less threatened by men, and more respectful of them. They seem to be aware of sex differences, perhaps because they've worked side by side with men. They don't have a chip on their shoulders. They are feminine in a natural way, but they are strong when they have to be. They know how to act around the boys. They know how to be strong *women* without asking men to change to accommodate them. They *want* their men to act like *men*.

It's easy for spoiled urban and suburban women to live in a fantasy world where men and women are essentially the same, because so little is demanded of either men or women. Men and women are (almost) equally protected from bad guys and nature by the police, firefighters, ambulances, the military, and The Law. Men and women probably *are* equally good at pushing paper around and sitting through conference calls. In fact, women might even be a bit better at necessarily passive-

aggressive, bureaucratic office politics and middle management. I've seen a lot of young men, myself included, go cubicle-crazy, like boys in school waiting for recess.

These are just my observations. Our society, which produces far less than it consumes, is doing away with the kinds of jobs that men prefer and do best. Very few jobs put men or women under the kind of stress that widens the gender gap. They have become so exotic that we follow shows like Dirty Jobs, Ax Men, Deadliest Catch and Ice Road Truckers on the same channels we learn about foreign cultures, ancient history and cavemen. But our pleasant, protected society is also likely, in fashionable parlance, *unsustainable*.

If Americans ever decide to stop farming out all of the hard work to other countries, one has to wonder how long feminism in its current form will last. Will women really want to do those jobs—so far away from Starbucks and office potlucks? If our society becomes more balanced and begins producing its own goods again, if that is suddenly where the jobs are, women will *want* to stay home with the kids. If that happens, I bet country girls will have a lot to teach spoiled modern women both about how to be strong women, and how to let men be men.

The Push for Women in Combat

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Years of movies and other forms of entertainment depicting women as sexy fighting machines who can kung-fu kick their way through gangs of burly men have begun to have the inevitable effect on impressionable young women, who are now apparently demanding to be sent to the front lines of Afghanistan. In addition to these girls, feminist academics – surely great authorities on warfare – are challenging the notion that combat is a strictly male realm.

This is not without precedent. The Soviet Union fielded women in combat, and made plenty of propaganda encouraging the same. The reality, of course, was that women were overwhelmingly placed in support roles, including such glamorous jobs as digging anti-tank ditches around Moscow, while the men were thrown into the inferno. If the Russians had opposed Nazi Germany with gender-equal armies in 1942-43, all of Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals would likely have ended up under the Swastika banner.

Now, in the American armed forces, women are complaining that their support roles are not enough, and that they, too, should be able to experience the joys of gun and rocket fire along with the boys. Far be it from me discourage these tough girls; if they want to go through what men have been shoved into since the dawn of humanity, they are free to drink from that cup. However, if I were a male marine, I wouldn't relish the thought all that much. Who wants to go into combat with slow, weak soldiers who can't pull their weight? Sounds kind of dangerous to me. Add to that the monthly emotional volatility and the potential for sexual drama in close quarters with young men, and it seems like a rather dubious proposition.

Perhaps an all-female combat corps is the way to go. This way, women could do battle with the evil, sexist Taliban without causing trouble for our male troops. In fact, I would support a feminist recruiting drive, giving women from gender studies departments across the country the chance to really stick it to the Muslim male chauvinists of south central Asia. This would be sure to increase America's prestige around the world: give us trouble, and we'll send a bunch of girls after you!

To the academic types, the entire argument is not about winning wars in the field or limiting casualties or anything so trivial as that; no, it is about deconstructing "hegemonic masculinity," which is based on "the construction of a martial masculine identity."

One feminist activist in Australia – supposedly a man of some sort – feels that the entire "masculine identity" is an illusion upheld only by the idea that combat is a man's job. Keep in mind while reading the excerpt below that this man was so upset by *The Spearhead* that he didn't feel that he could write coherently about our publication:

> In regard to the role of women in combat, and whether or not this is something male military resent, I would argue that it isn't a resentment of women not being more involved. Rather I'd argue that the masculine identity constructed relies on what is essentially the myth of a homosocially exclusive experience of combat [...] the experience of combat is seen as something so quintessentially male, that great social and cultural lengths are gone maintain the strict gender division.

This kind of garbage is what emerges when you give fantasy and wishes free reign in universities:

truth and reality take a back seat to petty discussions of the way things “ought to be.”

Ultimately, this argument over women in combat will not lead to gender equality in the army, even if the Obama administration pushes for it with all its might. I can write this with assurance, because the nature of women themselves will prevent it from happening. As soon as the first female soldier comes home with a horribly disfigured face from a battlefield wound or burn and shows up on a reality plastic surgery show or Oprah, any potential for widespread female support for women in combat will quietly expire, and just as it’s always been, women will do their best to avoid the front lines.

This is as certain as the sunrise.

Chivalry Gets You Beat Up — By Women

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Arrests of women for violent crime have shot up 80% over the last ten years in the UK, and their targets are, quite often, innocent men.

Matthew Campbell, a 38-year-old driver from Grimsby, was out for a night on the town when he was set upon by a mixed gang of men and women who were looking for no more than a thrill. First, he was blindsided by a man who then stood back while a gang of women took over, kicking and stomping the stunned man as he tried to recover from the sudden attack.

Fortunately, the attack was captured on CCTV, and the women were brought to justice, receiving six month jail sentences. As men know, without video evidence of female misbehavior, they are often laughed out of the courtroom, or, even worse, charged with a crime themselves.

Mr. Campbell explained that he was initially hesitant to fight back, saying:

> It was a real shock. I remember trying to create some space between me and the women and trying to work out what was going on.
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> 'You have to defend yourself to some extent. But I've never been violent against any woman. I was thinking I'd better not hit back.
>
> 'I had to restrain myself. At one point there were eight or nine sets of hands on me trying to do some damage. Women like this are no strangers to mindless violence.

Fortunately, he woke up at some point during the eight minute assault and managed to break the nose of one of his attackers. However, by that time he had been badly beaten, and was left with a number of wounds, including a shoe print on his face.

From the photos on the article, Mr. Campbell appears to be a fairly burly guy. If he had actually fought back with some strength rather than pulling his punches, it is likely that he could have incapacitated at least a couple of his attackers and chased them off, but he chose not to, because of vestigial chivalry.

Today, in an era of government enforced equality, this is what chivalry is rewarded with: a beating at the hands of drunk, savage women. Giving women a superior legal and social position does not result in better behavior, but rather more crime — apparently from both sexes. Rather than being grateful and responsible, women are using their increased power to misbehave in all areas of life. They are having more affairs, drinking more and killing and maiming people at an unprecedented rate.

The only way to put a halt to this is to give them a taste of true equality. If a woman assaults a man, he should respond exactly as he would if another man did so. If she hits you, hit her back harder. If she pulls a deadly weapon, respond with lethal force if possible. True equality has consequences, and it's about time that both men and women accepted that and acted accordingly.

Gavin Mcinnes on Female Bullshit

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Aye, lads. There is some reason (and humor) yet in the blogosphere.

Gavin McInnes has a fantastically funny yet serious post at Taki's here (link available post jump).

This is just a hilarious and fantastic read for men, I think.

A relevant and hilarious excerpt:

> Anyway, during our "debate" the Middle East kept getting high fives and I was starting to hear talk of the burqa being empowering. "So why is it made out of black polyester," I asked. Why not some flowing white cotton? "It's not made out of polyester" she retorted before adding, "Polyester is an oil based product. They export oil." Huh? Is that why toothpicks are verboten at the lumber yard? "Get that out of your mouth Harv! We need to export that! We only use plastic toothpicks here!" Megan realized she wasn't making sense so she pulled out the Jezebel race card: "What about rape?" she asked. As Heart's "What About Love" played in my head with new lyrics, I smiled and said, "Honey, America ain't got nuthin' on the Middle East when it comes to rape." She then said, "Did you just call me honey?" and stormed out of the bar. Thank God.

LMAO. I was in laughing fits reading that. Just. Brill.

Worth much more than the price of admission I must say. Kudos to you, Mr McInnes.

This, men, is a tone we need to strike more often and better than we do now. All of us — straight, gay, married, single, old, young. Gavin does us up here and we do well to learn from him.

Ladder Theory

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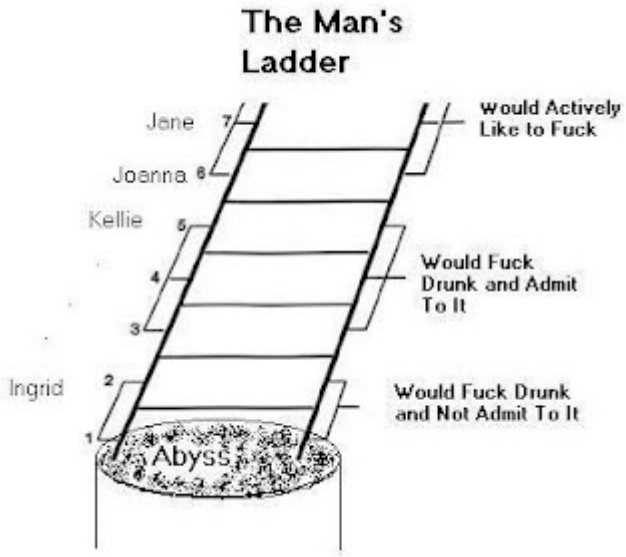
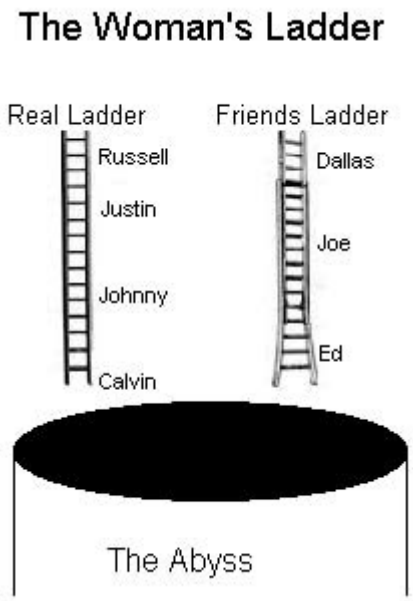
Gentlemen and ladies, I'd like to (re)introduce Ladder Theory*. The idea isn't mine, rather it was developed in 1994 by a guy named Dallas Lynn. While the concept behind Ladder Theory is nothing new, the metaphor provides a new mental model with which to observe male/female dynamics.

Men have one ladder on which they vertically rank women according to their ability to induce erections. On John's ladder, Julie may be ranked at the top meaning that he would die to have sex with her. Gertrude, a warpig, is at the very bottom of the ladder. John would only have sex with her for three reasons: inebriation, bribery, and species propagation. The essence of the monolithic male ladder is that female companionship is merely a function of how much the guy wants to put his penis inside her. "Friendship" is a foreign term for a man's ladder**, and "interested" has only one definition with varying degrees of magnitude.



In contrast, women have two ladders on which they allocate the men in their lives. "Friendship" isn't foreign and "interested" can have many meanings. Like concealed ovulation, fake orgasm, and descended breasts, the erection of two ladders serves to hide womens' true nature. Frank may occupy the highest rungs of Jasmine's "Real Ladder" – the one where sex happens – while Timmy may occupy the highest rungs of her "Friends" ladder – the one where masturbation takes place (look out below!).



The essence of a woman's ladders is that they aren't related. The men on the "Real" ladder are sexual possibilities depending on certain circumstances while the men on the "Friendship" ladder are not. A woman can have a guy friend that she values more than the possible sexual relationships with men on the "Real" ladder even though there's no chance of her hooking up with the friend. The female ranking system isn't as straight-forward as mens' (go figure). We have one variable from which everything else follows; they have two from which chaos and mayhem ensues.

According to Ladder Theory, a sea of abyss – described as a witches brew of self-loathing, embarrassment, and awkwardness – lies at the bottom of these ladders. A man attempting to hop across from the "Friend" ladder to the "Real" ladder may fall into the sludge. The authors point out that – unlike Nietzsche's tightrope walker – there is no rope to guide a man from the "Friendship" side to the other. I'll add to Ladder Theory by asserting that – if he wants to make the transition – a man has to make a running leap with a full head of steam, hoping to get across. While the chances of this actually succeeding are as good as a lion escaping from his cage at the zoo; anythings possible. Be aware that most lions that try to escape their cages are euthanized. If the friend does happen to make it across the abyss, he'll only be able to grab on at the bottom of the "Real" ladder due to gravity's pull. If he jumps but fails to grasp hold of one of the rungs, he'll land face first in shame stew.

One might ask why it is necessary to have the 2-1 ladder structure. Why can't men be ranked on one ladder according to overall attraction? The answer is simple, and it has to do with the variables by which each sex is attracted to the other. Men are most interested in physical beauty. Their single ladder ranks women – for the most part – on that one variable. Some women may leapfrog others based on willingness to hook up, but its all still a function of attraction. The single ladder implies that *all* women could theoretically move up or down the scale. This doesn't hold when women rank men. Once a man has been relegated to the "Schmuck scaffold", he has little chance of moving to the next ladder.

I'll leave you gentlemen with the cogent advice of the Theory's author:

> "You can see that a lot of problems can be avoided by declaring as soon as possible to a girl that you will not be friends under any circumstances. You can explain that she is too attractive or you can be blunt and say you don't want to bend your "friends" over a table

> and fuck them, but would rather play poker and go to the races with them, thus disqualifying her from friendship. As long as you are clear. This may scare a girl away. But if it does what would you want with such a skittish little twit anyway?”

*After I wrote this piece, I found that Dave in Hawaii had written on it a couple years back.

**Gay men have a ladder dichotomy similar to women’s.

Megablogger Steve Pavlina Facing Divorce Annihilation

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Steve Pavlina, who has made a name for himself as a skillful and successful blogger, drawing huge amounts of traffic through his fascinating "Personal Development for Smart People" articles, has separated from his wife and is facing divorce ruin. Steve has always been good at putting a positive spin on things, and is a major proponent of "Inner Game," but it looks like his adventures finally led to the likely conclusion.

Steve began experimenting with "polyamory" recently, probably because, well… here he is with his wife:

Look at the painful grimace on Steve's face. Poor fella!

Here is another photo that provides an amusing contrast (note lack of ring on left hand):

Looks a bit more enthusiastic there, doesn't he? Same expression, but yet something is clearly different… Funny how easy it is to see, isn't it?

Seems his separation took him by surprise. According to Steve, he didn't know until this month what was coming down the pipe:

> Here are some answers to a few questions that I figure some people will ask us.
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> Did you know about this before or during the October workshop?
>
> No, this decision was made afterwards. It was partly the awareness-raising effect of the workshop itself that encouraged us to take a deeper look at our relationship. If you had told me at the start of the workshop that this is where we'd be today, I wouldn't have believed you.

"Awareness-raising effect" sounds like code for "my wife caught me sneaking into some girl's hotel room after meeting her at the workshop."

Nevertheless, Steve doesn't fail to put a positive spin on things, even alimony if you can believe it:

> I don't mind taking on more of a financial burden in this case, not just with the bigger mortgage but with alimony and childcare payments too.

My bet is that "I don't mind" actually means "given California divorce law, I have no choice."

To his credit, Steve is fairly honest about what led to his divorce. His experiments with "polyamory," which likely favored him over his wife (just look at the photo), were apparently the precipitating factor:

> Did polyamory play a role in this?
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> To a certain extent, yes. It helped us discover new truths about ourselves.
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> This year we both opened ourselves up to having deeper intimate connections with other

> people. This was a bit of an exploration process. It gave both of us more clarity to see that our marriage wasn't the best vehicle for our long-term happiness. We were happy in some areas but not in others. We had reached a dead-end and needed to let go of the marriage to get around it. Otherwise we'd end up working harder and harder trying to make each other happy, with worsening results.

Steve, we're all sorry it came to this. A gamesman and entrepreneur who has served as a role model to thousands of people is facing the financial dry-cleaning of his life, and all because your wife caught you with your polyamorous pants down.

But Steve, we've got your back. Put up a fight (we know you will), and stick to your guns. You'll come out of this OK, and far, far wiser than before.

I look forward to more news from Steve Pavlina, who is obviously a brilliant guy and has been an inspiration to many a blogger — he was one of the blogosphere's first and best success stories. If he can handle his divorce as well as he's handled some of his other foibles (read the part about his arrest for grand theft), we should all pay close attention to the lessons he imparts.

Perks for Professors

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In case anyone might wonder why male professors at universities support feminist (i.e. sexist) policies that favor women, Terence Kealey, a professor at the University of Buckingham, provides a good part of the answer.

Tenured professors don't have to worry about losing their jobs, so they naturally gravitate toward more "comfortable" accommodations, and for most of the men, this means being surrounded by "curvy" young women. According to a BBC article, Mr. Kealey compared the lecture hall to a strip club, and said that the hordes of attractive, buxom students could improve a man's sex life:

> Dr Kealey, a clinical bio-chemist and vice-chancellor of Buckingham University, likened the classroom to a lap dancing club and said admiring the curves of attractive students could help "spice up" marital sex.

Kealey further expolores the benefits of winsome young women in the classroom:

> "Most male lecturers know that, most years, there will be a girl in class who flashes her admiration and who asks for advice on her essays.
>
> "What to do? Enjoy her! She's a perk."

Not that this should come as any surprise. We are all sexual creatures, and placing men in positions of authority over young women is sure to excite passions on both sides of the lectern. However, this does raise the question over what role young men play in universities. If classes are like strip clubs for the enjoyment of the professors and the showy young women alike, then what is there to offer the boys? If the professor can't take his eyes off of a good rack, then he's not going to notice whether he's actually doing his job in regards to instructing everyone in the class.

Of course, the feminists expressed outrage over the article, and came up with some of their typical nonsense to denounce the honest, if reprehensible, professor:

> Any scholar, who assumes that female students who show interest in the subject and ask for help because they have a crush on you or hope to manipulate you with their sexual charms, is a reality-challenged idiot.

This is a straight-up lie. Anyone with any sense knows that women naturally use sex to manipulate men, and they very frequently develop crushes on male authority figures. Of course, feminists rely on lies to maintain the illusion of "equality," so they never let inconvenient facts get in their way.

The real tragedy of all this is that Professor Kealey made a very astute observation:

Universities are, indeed, turning into big strip clubs. Kealey may celebrate this development, but for the millions of boys who have been left out, the perks enjoyed by professors are no consolation.

It's a Conspiracy!

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One of the reasons why a publication like the Spearhead even exists, has to do with the growing number of men who through some means or another, start to experience an uneasy feeling of cognitive dissonance with the sense of just what is REALITY…what I refer to as our BraveNewWorldOrder.

Either from experiencing it themselves, or seeing it occur to friends and families, it's really only a matter of time before any man that takes the time to ruminate on things comes to the conclusion that the reality of life in the 21st century is different from what is taught to us in schools and through the mass media.

For myself, it was seeing my Uncle go through divorce court family hell, losing everything he'd worked to build up in his life…all taken away by my ex-Aunt who left him and their three children for a bad boy motorcycle thug. How is this sort of thing supposed to be not only possible…but backed up by law enforcement and the legal system? What was fair and just about the way his case ended up with him forced to lose everything to a woman that ended up breaking her marital vows?

Seeing that personal tragedy play out caused me to start looking up on the internet about divorce court family issues. This invariably lead me to the MRA/MRM/MGTOW blogosphere…and boy was that an eye opening experience for me, as I read thousands and thousands of words written by people that were noticing all of those things that they too realized certainly did not jibe with the perceptions of reality that are conveyed by our mass media and cultural institutions. (One particular blog, No Ma'am, written by occasional Spearhead commenter fedrz, was so compelling, that I decided to start my own blog.)

Anyone that digs far enough in cyberspace to research the various MRA/MRM/MGTOW movement

is eventually going to come across “CONSPIRACY THEORY.”

It is unavoidable.

There is a reason for this…and that is because I believe that certain aspects of what passes for conspiracy theory out there are certainly true. They would not have the traction and staying power that they do have if it were all based on nothing more than fantastic stories.

But what you have to consider when contemplating the veracity of ANY conspiracy theory, are two very real, observable phenomena in today’s world:

First, the very same mass media and cultural institutions of indoctrination that have promoted feminism by inculcating misandry as a cultural value, by repeatedly brainwashing the masses with fictional depictions of masculinized females and emasculated and incompetent males as misrepresentations of normalized gender roles , is also the very same media and institutions that have promoted a pavlovian response to the mere mention of the words CONSPIRACY THEORY.

Through the continual repetitions of cultural cues that all reinforce the notion that only crazy, insane people would even contemplate the veracity of any given conspiracy theory. We are conditioned to reflexively dismiss any and all arguments out of hand, that can be labeled and identified as “CONSPIRACY THEORY.”

The fact that there are many, many details about the 9/11 attacks on the world trade center that don’t match up with the official storyline touted by the media and our Government is patently obvious to anyone that endeavors to research into the topic.

But thanks to the mainstream media’s ability to control We the Sheeple’s mass consciousness, they’ve merely indoctrinated the masses to simply shut down their minds and cease to try and reason with any sort of objectivity when the word “TRUTHER” is used in reference to anyone that dares question the original storyline. In this way, the power elite that have socially engineered our current dystopia have managed to keep the majority of people from discovering the truth of their machinations.

One of the most effective means of inducing this Pavlovian state in the minds of the masses, is the second consideration one must always take into account when contemplating the veracity of any given conspiracy theory – the role of misinformation.

As I found out pretty quickly in my early days of researching MRA/MGTOW online, the Illuminati conspiracy theory is the most common entity referred to as the cabal responsible for all of the social engineering that has resulted in our gender war, our rapid decline of civilization and many other interconnected issues that somehow can be all be traced back to a grand plan being implemented by multiple generations to this nefarious organization’s members to implement a grand plan to become a one world Global Governing power with absolute control of the human race and the planet and all of it’s natural resources.

When people like Henry Makow makes his case on how the Rockefeller Foundation funded the feminist movement, and notes it’s effects on society and how men and women relate to each other, I can read what he writes and intuitively ascribe veracity to his observations, as I’ve seen the truth of his observations manifest in my own experiences. You can also do as he suggests, and google “Women’s Studies” and “Rockefeller” and see the enormous amount of links that certainly demonstrate that the Rockefeller foundation is indeed funding the promotion of feminist ideas throughout society. It’s not that hard to grasp his explanation of at least this much.

Makow and others can discuss the "Illuminati" and call the Rockefeller's members of the Illuminati's New World Order conspiracy to rule the world…while there's no way to prove the more fantastic aspects of the Conspiracy, there's certainly more than enough content there to indicate that the Rockefeller Foundation is most certainly a part of funding the social engineering of society through Women's Studies programs in every college across the nation. There's definitely SOMETHING truthful in there.

So if at least that much of the conspiracy theory is easily observable and verifiable, how would the power brokers manage to keep the majority of the people ignorant of what they are truly doing?

By promulgating misinformation.

While I have no means of proving whether or not the Illuminati even exists, what I do know for sure is this: if there was a group like the Illuminate doing what many conspiracy theory proponents say they are doing…it would certainly be a strategic necessity to disseminate copious amounts of disinformation and propaganda to distort the very observable issues relating to conspiracy theory.

Make enough hare-brained and fantastic claims associating the Illuminati with topics like UFO sightings, calling the Illuminati an extra-terrestrial race of Reptilians, or even putting out movies like The Da Vinci Code out there to make the average sheeple automatically connect any mention of the Illuminati with Dan Brown's fiction are all what looks like examples of misinformation designed to instill the Pavlovian reaction to automatically reject any mention of Conspiracy Theory.

So, understanding the role of misinformation in conditioning the masses to reject ANY aspect of conspiracy theory out of hand, it behooves those of that understand how social engineering has played a role in causing our gender war and subverting the constitution of the U.S. with the extra-legal family court system, to never dismiss plausible sounding conspiracy theories simply because "conspiracy" is crazy. That's the reaction THEY want you to have.

In summation, I offer you a list of hyperlinks and factors that lead me to believe that there most certainly are manifestations of evidence that the conspiracy theory is at least partially true:

The Frankfurt School's planning of the long march through western society.

The deliberate dumbing down of the American Populace through the mandatory public education system.

The role of the Hegelian Dialectic as the primary tool of social engineering.

Understanding how the Republican/Democrat partisan political system is a grand charade and was deliberately implemented to divide and conquer the masses, and that both sides are actually working on the same goals of a one world, global government. Hint: The US never was founded as a "Democracy."

One need only look at the long list of politicians who are members of the supra-national organizations, and note that a number of prominent politicians from BOTH parties are all part of the same organizations that are openly working towards this New World Order: The Council of Foreign Relations, The Tri-Lateral Commission and The Bilderberg Group.

How the central banking system was set up deliberately so that the banksters have essentially seized control of the Governments of the world by controlling the money markets of the world.

Finally, whether the Illuminati is a very real cabal or not, there is most certainly a group of people who espouse an ideology that is in perfect accordance to the goals of global governance under a New World Order – Communitarian-ism.

Here are a three Women authors who have gone into great details in researching the very real and verifiable aspects of the "conspiracy theory" in terms of the movement to empower a one world, global government. You will not find references to UFOs, Reptilian Aliens or other references to the more fantastic stories associated with conspiracy theory.

Niki Raapana – Founder of the Anti-Communitarian League. She's done the in depth research into the organizations and political figures that are absolutely involved in socially engineering communitarian ideals into the masses, and the ways in which they are working to subvert the U.S. constitution to bring about the New World Order.

Joan Veon – A financial reporter that began attending many of those meetings of the aforementioned groups and interviewing and researching the various entities such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bilderberg Group and the Tri-Lateral Commission.

Nancy Levant – Author of The Cultural Devastation of American Women, she too has done plenty of research into the New World Order conspiracy theory.

Read all of these ladies well researched columns. I have…some of them more than once.

I guarantee you that you will never again scoff at the idea that a conspiracy of sorts to bring about a Global Government certainly does exist.

Jezebel Blog Caught Infecting Viewers with Digital Version of Herpes

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The feminist blog Jezebel, hosted by Gawker, has been reported to be crashing computers with malware, apparently an Adobe exploit, in its ads. Silicon Valley Insider has an in depth report on the incident that led to infection. Evidently, an online scam-artist fooled the Gawker sales team into hosting the ads.

While we at The Spearhead applaud Nick Denton for his success with Gawker, we feel we should counsel our viewers to avoid any intimate contact with Jezebel – one of his assets at Gawker's online ranch – until the viral flare-up has subsided. Even then, we advise exercising great caution and using browser prophylactics such as Firefox Adblock and Flashblock add-ons.

T.J. Rodgers and the Nun Episode

October 28, 2009 | by Pro-male/Anti-feminist Tech | Link | Original Link

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As we fight feminists and other female supremacists, it's important to remember those who have taken them on and their fellow travelers before us successfully, even if it was only over a small specific issue. T.J. Rodgers is one such man.

Who is T.J. Rodgers? Rodgers is the founder, CEO, President, and a director of Cypress Semiconductor, a company in Silicon Valley. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and Stanford. Rodgers is also known in the political arena for being libertarian minded, to the point of being an advocate for killing all subsidies for business including those that would benefit him, and an ardent defender of capitalism. You can find a biography here, and his essays on various issues here. Rodgers has taken on people such as Jesse Jackson.

One of the things that T.J. Rodgers is known for is what has been called the "nun episode". Back in 1996, Rodgers received a letter from Sister Doris Gormley, the Director of Corporate Social Responsibility of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, an order of approximatively 1000 nuns. The order had investments of stock in various companies which included Cypress Semiconductor. As a shareholder Sister Gormley sent all of these companies a form letter demanding that women and minorities be included in the respective companies' boards of directors. Rodgers responded by writing a letter to Sister Gormley pointing out why her demands (according to Rodgers) were immoral. Pointing out that the board of directors of Cypress Semiconductor was a **not a ceremonial watchdog, but a critical management function**, Rodgers explained that the requirements for being on the board of directors involved experience as a CEO of an important technology company, direct expertise in the semiconductor business based on education and management experience, and/or direct experience in the management of a company that buys from the semiconductor industry. He also said that this usually meant a man with graduate level education who is around 50 years old. As of 1996 this meant that their current set of candidates for the board of directors were in graduate school in the 70's, during which engineering was an almost exclusively male discipline. Because of this, Rodgers said, "a 'woman's view' on how to run our semiconductor company does not help us, unless that woman has an advanced technical degree and experience as a CEO."

Rodgers continued the letter with a philosophical and pragmatic defense of his position explaining why he believed the Sister Gormley's position was immoral. Rodgers also pointed out that there is no requirement in Christianity for "diverse" corporate boards, and that Sister Gormley's position was based on political correctness rather than the Christian religion (be sure to read Rodgers' excellent letter).

Rodgers sent a copy of his letter to all Cypress Semiconductor shareholders. This led to a full page article in the Wall Street Journal, and a debate between Rodgers and Sister Gormley at Stanford. The response to Rodgers was overwhelmingly positive. Ninety percent of the letters

he received supported him. The only unified group that disapproved were other nuns.

When the Cypress Semiconductor stock that the order owned was sold, the nun episode quietly blew over, and T. J. Rodgers' successful career continued unharmed.

Obama: Beta-in-Chief in 23,096 Words

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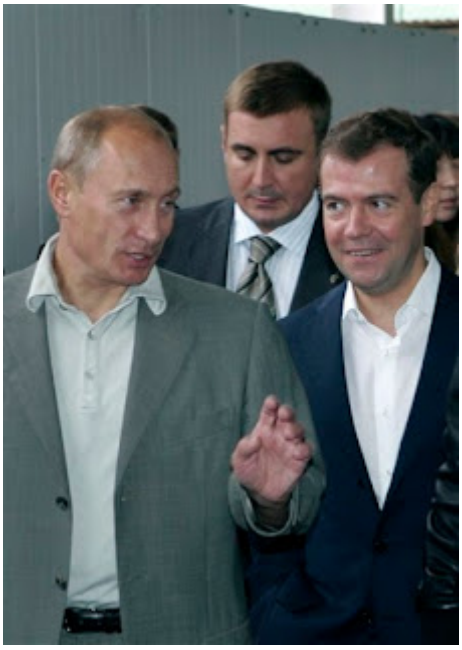
Wow. I just noticed something. Our commander-in-chief is the least alpha of any of the leaders of our former enemies from World War II and the Cold War: Germany, Italy, and Russia. While I knew Obama exhibited beta behavior, I had no idea it was this bad. Give me a minute and I'll lay out pictorial proof.

We all know that Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi holds the title of "Intergalactic Alpha". The 73 year-old silverback is banging 18 year-olds, has amassed a fortune, laid the smack down on his wife, and avoided indictment and/or lynching for his shenanigans. Silvio has so firmly cemented his grip on the throne that his estate will receive royalties for use of the term *alpha* for 50 years after his death. The man is so alpha they're thinking of changing the first letter of the Greek alphabet to *Silvio*.

In the realm of politics, ol' Vlad Putin is Berlusconi's rear admiral. The steely-eyed de facto Russian leader exhibits alpha body language and has his own sexcapades with a hot former gymnast 31 years his junior. He also owns Dmitri Medvedev, the current head of Russia. One only needs to observe the body language of each to realize it. Medvedev looks at his mentor with admiration, deference, and desire to please in his eyes. I will heretofore refer to him as "Fredo".



Medvedev isn't owned solely by Putin; Berlusconi has property rights as well. Check out this picture in which Alpha 1 controls Medvedev's frame, grasps his forearm, and teaches him the ways of the world: "…So you want to *swirl*; you can also end with a pinch."

Here he is literally controlling Medvedev.

And this.

While this picture doesn't capture Berlusconi's dominance of Medvedev – they seem to be having a serious discussion – pointing is an aggressive act that lesser men wouldn't do to more dominant men. Medvedev feels the need to literally block Berlusconi's aggression. Careful Fredo.

So Medvedev is pwned by both Berlusconi and Putin who happen to be on almost equal footing. They respect each other and seem to have a sort of father-son relationship. Berlusconi has developed close ties to Russia during his tenure. The incorrigible alphas behavior towards each other is the least superficial of any of the leaders I analyze here. Neither feels submissive towards the other – and neither dominant.

This shows Berlusconi's comfort with Putin; it also shows that Berlusconi isn't afraid to break normal social rules. We can say, at the least, that Berlusconi doesn't feel threatened by Putin.

Would any other man in the world wipe the nose of Vladimir Putin? Where do you think Gorbachev got that mark on his forehead? The mark of an alpha is the ability to understand your surroundings and act properly. Only a man with a deep reservoir of the stuff can act the way Silvio does and get away with it.

The wild card in my analysis is German Chancellor Angela Merkel. How does she respond to other world leaders? How does she react in the presence of Berlusconi, Putin, Medvedev, and Obama? She seems to have different relationships with our two established alphas.

Putin and Merkel:

We see that Merkel is comfortable around Putin. His alpha demeanor doesn't seem to intimidate her or get her out of her frame. The two look as if they are co-conspirators.

Merkel's comfort is well-displayed by this next picture.

Look! She's negging Vlad! "Is that *caviar* on your lapel?" A person – female or not – wouldn't feel comfortable making a direct gesture to another they felt intimidated by.

Merkel and Putin seem to have a good relationship on equal footing. She doesn't seem intimidated by him and doesn't exhibit submissive body language in his presence. Putin doesn't dominate Merkel in the same way he does Medvedev and Obama – as I'll show later. Of course, Putin exhibits the stoicism of a corpse – something he likely learned in the KGB – so it can be difficult to glean his dominance from pictures.

On the other hand, Merkel seems to submissively defer to Berlusconi. She shows a coyishness around Alpha 1 that she doesn't exhibit around other leaders. Last year, Berlusconi played a practical joke on Merkel by jumping out from behind a lamppost as she left her caravan. The Master shouted "Cuckoo!" to which Merkel responded "Silvio!" and emphatically embraced him. Check out the video through the link. Betas don't play practical jokes on those higher up than them; this applies to the theory that alphas can afford to act outside the confines of normal social behavior.

In this picture, Merkel exhibits all of the submissiveness of Edith Bunker when Archie addresses her. Her slightly upturned lips and downward-tilted head indicates a large amount of panty moisture.

Berlusconi is also a master at displaying higher value – a trait inextricable from dominance. In the clip below, Berlusconi continues a phone call with NATO officials while Merkel is shown waiting to greet him. She looks on – perplexed – as Berlusconi continues chatting near the river. In international politics, this gesture is taken as a direct affront to the other leader; it is the international political version of a man showing up 10 minutes late for a date with a hot chick. Casting aside the consequences of such behavior, this is further evidence that Berlusconi exhibits the most alpha behavior of any world leader. The body of evidence is irrefutable.

Now that we've analyzed Merkel's relationship with the Don (Vito or Michael), let's discuss that with Fredo. Fredo was the ne'er-do-well brother of Michael and Sonny. As such, he was sent on missions to shore up secondary concerns for "The Family Business". He went out to Vegas to explore the casino business and down to Florida and Cuba to do business with Hymen Roth. He was given official status by the Corleone family, and if anyone fucked with him they fucked with the Don, but he was a minor player in family operations. Such is Medvedev.

There aren't many pictures of Merkel and Fredo together. We can assume that Merkel's relationship with him is pointless to analyze for alpha cred purposes because her relationship with Putin seems to be on equal footing, and he's the guy calling the shots. It's pointless. But just for kicks, here's one picture.

Medvedev's toothy grin indicates either deference to Merkel or that she is funny. We all know the latter isn't true.

One more.

Beta!

I've shown, through pictorial evidence and video footage, that Berlusconi is top alpha. Putin comes in a close second. Merkel defers to Berlusconi and would probably let him enter her from behind; she has a good relationship with Putin, and is indifferent to Medvedev – after all, he bought her flowers. Both Berlusconi and Putin treat Medvedev like Fredo Corleone. If he turns up dead in a lake, we'll know what happened.

Now it's time to turn to our own beta-in-chief. How does he stack up to the other world leaders? As a disclaimer, I voted for Obama. I have hopes that perhaps he's merely ingratiating himself to his opponents, a la Trojan Horse, in order to make himself seem more submissive and weak than he actually is. The first year of photographic evidence would support that theory; it would also support the theory that he's a pansy.

Let me begin by providing some perspective. Being his first year in office, this is Obama's introductory period to the stage of international affairs. To compare past behavior, let's look at a proven alpha president, Ronald Reagan.

In his first meeting with Gorbachev, we see command of respect. Reagan offers his hand to Gorbachev as if it should be kissed as if to say "Mr. Gorbachev, suck…on…these…balls."

Reagan wasn't afraid to use strong body language with his opponents. His years as an actor trained him well. We see here a knife-shaped hand aimed directly at Gorbachev. Rather than exhibiting some of the submissive body language that I will show of Obama, Reagan didn't wasn't afraid of appearing aggressive.

Diplomacy doesn't have to be weak-natured. One can be diplomatic and push through a political agenda with strong body language and posturing. Obama's BBL (beta body language) isn't a political contrivance; it's in his nature.

Let's start with analysis of Obama and Medvedev's handshake.

Palm-up beta handshake? Really? Maybe Obama was trying to give Medvedev some dap; I doubt it though. The palm-up handshake is classic submission. Obama is telegraphing "I bear no arms; I can't hurt you; see, my hands are empty."

This picture of Obama and Medvedev bring back memories of the Cold War. The air is thick with

drama. Neither seem to like each other all that much. Medvedev seems to handle this a little better than Obama. Medvedev is stoic and upright. He seems at the ready. As Greg Lewis mentioned in his article above, Obama has a swiveling head and seems to shy away from Medvedev's presence. This is a submissive move.

Obama seems concerned about the handshake, being too aware of it rather than letting it happen naturally. He's making sure his positioning is correct. He is unsure of himself. A dominant person thrusts his hand out there and lets the other guy worry about the logistics. If Obama preferred to have Medvedev "give him some skin"; he should have asked for it. Fredo, possibly due to some KGB handshake tactics gleaned from Papa Putin, doesn't seem so concerned. The dominance of Medvedev's shake stands in stark contrast to Obama's wavering one.

This is the kicker; it shows Medvedev's utter disrespect for Obama. What's worse, Obama further tries to ingratiate himself to Medvedev by patting him on the shoulder. He even seems to be uttering something to Medvedev, which the puny leader doesn't seem to be acknowledging. "Bitch look at me when I'm talking to you" should have been Obama's reply.

Wait. No, no – *this* is the kicker. Bowing to Medvedev – with the elbow bent as if the arm is giving way – Obama might as well kiss his ring.

Let's turn to Obama *vis a vis* Putin.

At first I wondered how precise this picture analysis would be. How can we glean proper insight into dominance and submission displays by looking at a picture? One picture won't do the trick, but the same pattern exhibited in picture after picture will. Obama is overly concerned with grooming himself. He is shown nervously fidgeting with his pant leg. Putin probably doesn't even notice he has pants on. He probably thinks he's sitting in an Afghani dungeon wearing soiled camo. Obama gets mired in details; details are for betas (spot the evil egg in that statement).
Ohhh-Oh Silvio!

Alpha 1 – with utter disregard for the contemptuous Obama – outwardly lusts after Michelle Obama. He tramples on every decent social grace that international politicians abide by. He is a loathesome brute, but yet we can't look away.

Again, Obama displays the submissive head-tilt as Berlusconi leans into his space. If you look closely, you'll also notice Obama's hands are tightly intertwined, like two mangled twigs. Alpha 1 has a confident, direct smirk on his face; he finds Obama amusing.

So here's the alphaness inequality with respect to dominance displays: Berlusconi > Putin. Putin and Merkel are ambiguous with hints of equal footing. Berlusconi > Merkel. Putin >> Medvedev. Thus Berlusconi >> Medvedev. Medvedev > Obama. Therefore, Berlusconi-Putin-Merkel-Medvedev > Obama. QED or something. If we were to take the references to *The Godfather* further, Silvio = Don (Vito or Michael); Putin = Sonny; Merkel = Tessio or Clemenza (depending on her loyalty); Medvedev = Fredo. What's worse than Fredo? Rocco Lampone. Obama is Connie's husband that Sonny beats the shit out of with a trashcan.

I'm not happy to expound on Obama's betaness. I voted for the guy after all, and I'd rather have a strong leader rather than a weak one. His submission may not be as serious as it would outwardly seem. Less dominant primates often achieve alpha status by grooming and sucking up to other members of their troupe; this is politics in a nutshell. Whether that is Obama's strategy remains to be seen. But we know each person's history. Berlusconi and Putin came from alpha-building backgrounds: business and the KGB respectively. Medvedev was a corporate lawyer and a director on Gazprom's board. Obama – famously – was a community organizer. Community organizer comes in slightly above librarian and accountant on the list of most beta professions. Obama is submissive by nature.

The real issue for me is that our leader comes off looking like a wimp. Unfortunately, a picture speaks a thousand words; I just produced 21,000 that show Obama's true nature.

Advice from Niccolò Machiavelli

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I read *The Prince*, Niccolò Machiavelli's most famous work, last night, and found it far from as wicked and malicious as is commonly believed. Machiavelli was writing honestly about the human condition and means by which people gain power, and he was beseeching Italian rulers of the time to take these into account for the good of the people and Italy. Machiavelli, who writes with an unvarnished candor, had clearly studied a great deal of history and come to the conclusion that human nature, if ignored, will lead to the failure of a state. His primary concern is the use of warfare, as Italy during the early 16th century was a collection of independent, ambitious principalities that were often at odds with each other. In his final chapter, he beseeches Italian rulers to unite the country and drive out the barbarians, by whom he means the various powers, such as Spain, Austria and the Ottomans, that were constantly invading and taking chunks of italy as prizes for themselves. It is as though he is calling for another Caesar to restore sovereignty and security to the people of Italy.

What interested me most was that despite Machiavelli's anarchic interpretation of the nature of power, he suggests that there are a few cardinal rules for princes who want to maintain power. Perhaps the foremost among these is avoiding the hatred of the people, which he suggests can be done by holding to a few cardinal principles. The first one is quite obvious, yet appears to be lost on American politicians:

> It makes him [the prince] hated above all things, as I have said, to be rapacious, and to be a violator of the property and women of his subjects, from both of which he must abstain. And when neither their property nor honour is touched, the majority of men live content, and he has only to contend with the ambition of a few, whom he can curb with ease in many ways.

Our current system of family law is *primarily* about rapacious violations of men's marriages and property. The American government does not even consider abstaining from meddling in these affairs, and it has already started to earn the hatred of the people. This is a trend that will not let up until most men detest the government, and there is an atmosphere of mutual hatred between men and the state. Because laws, once enacted, do not tend to go away except by revolution, one might predict an inexorable march toward civil war.

Machiavelli also advises strongly against the use of mercenaries, which have become increasingly important to US military efforts abroad:

> I say, therefore, that the arms with which a prince defends his state are either his own, or they are mercenaries, auxiliaries, or mixed. Mercenaries and auxiliaries are useless and dangerous; and if one holds his state based on these arms, he will stand neither firm nor safe; for they are disunited, ambitious and without discipline, unfaithful, valiant before friends, cowardly before enemies; they have neither the fear of God nor fidelity to men, and destruction is deferred only so long as the attack is; for in peace one is robbed by them, and in war by the enemy. The fact is, they have no other attraction or reason for keeping the field than a trifle of stipend, which is not sufficient to make them willing to die for you.

The above passage seems to indicate that reliance on mercenaries in our foreign edventures will fail

us in the face of real resistance, such as we are currently encountering in Afghanistan. Certainly, if Obama cannot find enough brave, resolute soldiers who believe in the cause, the war is already lost.

Furthermore, the issue of generosity vs. stinginess is broached in *The Prince*. This is very important and relevant to America in a time of economic crisis. If Machiavelli is correct in his conclusions, our government is making foolish choices:

> COMMENCING then with the first of the above-named characteristics, I say that it would be well to be reputed liberal. Nevertheless, liberality exercised in a way that does not bring you the reputation for it, injures you; for if one exercises it honestly and as it should be exercised, it may not become known, and you will not avoid the reproach of its opposite. Therefore, any one wishing to maintain among men the name of liberal is obliged to avoid no attribute of magnificence; so that a prince thus inclined will consume in such acts all his property, and will be compelled in the end, if he wish to maintain the name of liberal, to unduly weigh down his people, and tax them, and do everything he can to get money. This will soon make him odious to his subjects, and becoming poor he will be little valued by any one; thus, with his liberality, having offended many and rewarded few, he is affected by the very first trouble and imperilled by whatever may be the first danger; recognizing this himself, and wishing to draw back from it, he runs at once into the reproach of being miserly.

Our stimulus bill, cash for clunkers and first-time homeowners programs are "attributes of magnifence," which will undoubtedly consume much our nations wealth and, in time, necessitate burdensome taxes, which will do nothing but stir up anger and resentment at what is seen as an avaricious government.

The final words on the subject of spending are instructive:

> And there is nothing wastes so rapidly as liberality, for even whilst you exercise it you lose the power to do so, and so become either poor or despised, or else, in avoiding poverty, rapacious and hated. And a prince should guard himself, above all things, against being despised and hated; and liberality leads you to both. Therefore it is wiser to have a reputation for meanness which brings reproach without hatred, than to be compelled through seeking a reputation for liberality to incur a name for rapacity which begets reproach with hatred.

The Prince contains a number of practical lessons for rulers and advisors that Machiavelli learned from years of study and service. Times have changed, but many of the principles remain the same, and from a reading of the treatise it appears that the leaders of the United States – from mayors all the way up to the President – are violating them consistently.

Perhaps it is inevitable that great power corrupts thought to the point where realism and practicality no longer mean anything to hubris-infected masters of the universe, and this is probably one of the reasons for the decline of great states. Decline may indeed be inevitable, but there will always be ambitious young men, rising in the ranks, who are determined to seize the reins of power and make a difference in one way or the other. Those young men would do well to pay attention to such timeless advice as is found in *The Prince* and other works written by the great thinkers of the past.

In conclusion, Machiavelli offers some advice concerning fortune and the vagaries of fate:

> I conclude therefore that, fortune being changeful and mankind steadfast in their ways, so long as the two are in agreement men are successful, but unsuccessful when they fall out. For my part I consider that it is better to be adventurous than cautious, because fortune is a woman, and if you wish to keep her under it is necessary to beat and ill-use her; and it is seen that she allows herself to be mastered by the adventurous rather than by those who go to work more coldly. She is, therefore, always, woman-like, a lover of young men, because they are less cautious, more violent, and with more audacity command her.
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> *–Niccolo Machiavelli*

Second Life: The Post

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So, a proper analysis of videogames and online communities in general can't pass without touching of the media's pretty toy since 2006: Second Life. I first tried to check the Wikipedia article, but since Wikipedia in general it prides itself on being "a neutral encyclopedia" (aka it has Political Correctness up to the ass), I decided to see what I can scrap of the Internet to form an image of it.

First, the basics:

- Was created in 2003, by Linden Lab and it's based on Neal Stephenson Snow Crash, particulary the idea of a virtual Metaverse separated from reality.
- It's creators have always written pompous bullshit about how isn't just a game, is a "virtual world", an "universe brimming with people and posibilities" (taken from their website). Ok, that was probably written for a marketing team, but they just don't get tired of saying it.
- Is a free-to-play game, but there's is an economy of third-party providers that can use their scripting language to create both 3d terrain and the avatar's appereances. The third-party providers are motivated because, unlike open source providers, they can trade the linden dollar L$ (the game's currency) for **cold, hard, real life cash** ($). Keep an eye on this, is a point for later.
- As a consequence of being a social online game (that meaning a place without nothing to do) and user-generated content it naturally became a 3D based adult chat room.

Ok, given the introduction, let's lay out the goodies:

First, we've got the lawsuits against Linden Lab for the users that get the most benefits for it: The third-party providers. There is the Bragg vs. Linden case, a lawyer that found a bug that allowed him to get virtual land, that being overpriced server space, for a price below Linden's one at buying it before it got published. Typical out-of-court-settlement case.

Also, there is the Eros LLC/Nomine vs Linden one, a case when the merchants aren't protected from Linden of other's copying their product. I wonder if the irony of most of their product being a copyright violation of, mostly, porn will dawn upon them. Nah. Natural blindness to reality and, according to them, a market of over 1$ million dollars are strong motivators. When you play MMOs for a while you see enough ~~cries for attention~~ lawsuits that it isn't a big surprise. There's also the Taser vs Linden for having Taser fetish suits, but that one is Taser pointing to something else besides their product killing people when it shouldn't.

Girls (and a few guys) go wild in here, as it's seen by their online prostitutes (The perfect scenery, access to free gina tingles, money and sex without STDs or the signals of used merchandise, although it's exchanged for becoming fat skanks), polygamy and affairs (the difference is that in the first case the guy is alpha AND unrepentant AND the wife is ugly; in the second the guy hides like a puss of his wife and is caught) and stalking cases (that woman have both the lack of sexual appeal and crazy eyes, just look at them).

We got the banning of gambling and child pornography — both mostly a result of pressure of the

media and the law.

And, as icing in the cake and deserving of her own piece on this article is the (in)famous Second Life resident Prokofy Neva. Real name Catherine Fitzpatrick (it's all over the Internet, I'm just the messenger), she first got banned from the Second Life forums for being an enthusiastic critic of Linden Lab (more like a result of her status as mistress of the text wall). Owner of three blogs, none of them very interesting for her habit of denigrating and calling unimportant things outside her world (and on occasion, the Marxist rage attacks). Typical female shaming language, as shown previously.

The issue with all these people is that they are heavily emotionally and economically invested in a virtual game. For them the Internet is Serious Business. They are just ripe for trolling, and trolling happened.

Enter the Patriotic Nigras. Born of previous attacks on Habbo Hotel (the same as Second Life, just with 2D isometrics and no third-party providers), when they used their traditional Men In Black with Afro suits for blocking the pools "for AIDS" (Pool's Closed), and at have been told that it wasn't possible an attack on Second Life in a thread of eBaumsworld.com, they decided to do a series of attacks to all the sectors of the SL community, specifically because it had become the refuge of their favorite targets the Furries (a bunch of fetishists of animal and anthropomorfic character sex; a sad result of watching too much Disney movies).

Of course, being an Internet Celebrity, Prokofy was interviewed by the mass media.

> Fuck, this is a denial-of-service attack … it's anti-civilization … it's wrong … **it costs me hundreds of US dollars.**(Emphasis mine).

On other point, the female domination of Second Life is due to, unlike, lets say World of Warcraft, when males can get status as providers of rare and powerful items, the fact that males without personality are quickly weeded out. Although to be fair, without corporal language it is easier to look alpha on the Internet. And, as a sell-fulfilling prophecy, the amount of female avatar customization is bigger. But most males aren't interested on glorified chat rooms anyway, so who cares.

And here we have it: a 3D based adult chat-room, a path for uglier women and men to find someone for having an affair, a major business territory (this one kills my faith in humanity), and everything nicely-wrapped for egomaniac designers that believe themselves and their product superior to all other online communities. The facts speak for themselves.

The Biological Context of Sexuality and Mating

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This essay was written about 12-15 years ago, when Evolutionary Psychology was just beginning to emerge as a credible discipline, and before Game really appeared on anyone's radar. Back in the mid-1990s, the culture was still lurching along in fits and starts trying to work out new roles and new expectations for the sexes which fit the changed social conditions from 3-4 decades before. The Hookup Culture had not yet really arrived, divorce was ripping through marriage like a virulent pandemic, the marriage rate was falling, and men and women in general were having a hell of a time figuring out what was going on with each other. Hundreds of "self-help" books came out claiming to address the problem, but mostly all they did was dispense bad advice from people who didn't have a clue what they were talking about, confuse people and the issues even further, and enrich people like John Gray who were dispensing "marital and relationship advice" despite his own multiple failed marriages.

It's not completely fair to put people's gullibility entirely down to there being a sucker born every minute. People's relationships were failing, their families were falling apart, and they did not understand why and were looking for answers. It is a huge shame that they did not get better ones.

The foundation of the problem is that sexuality and mating cannot be understood starting from a social perspective, and almost everything up to that time dealt almost entirely with the social values governing mating. However, these social values were not a consistent and comprehensive set based on generations of tradition, but were instead a useless mish-mash of old values, new values, and mostly wishful thinking.

Here is a brief overview of the biological context of sex and mating. Some of the source material and perspectives may be a bit dated, but in general it falls mostly in line with the Evolutionary Psychology perspectives which form the foundation of Game.

We'll get the exposition out of the way in a hurry.

1) Nothing exists in the animal world without a purpose. All behavior is purposeful.

2) This purpose is to survive. Life LIVES. Survival of the species is an imperative that drives all living things.

3) The biological purpose of sex is survival of the species. Reproduce (be fruitful and multiply) to assure that there is another generation of little whatevers to continue the species.

4) The mechanisms which control this are buried deep in the brain, in the section that is called the "old" or reptile brain. Lizards understand all they need to know about sex in order to make a new generation of lizards. This is the same part of the brain that governs hunger. …Survival stuff.

5) Humans are among the distinct minority among animal species in several respects including:
a) They can be sexually active whether or not there is a possibility of conception. Most animals will not copulate unless the female is in her fertile phase.
b) When we assumed the upright bipedal posture, from the four-legged stance used by most of our animal brethren, the entrance to the vagina was pulled up and forward. The only other animals which have sex face to face are the Bonobo chimpanzees. All others use the rear entry position. That is why it is called "doggy-style." Face to face sex is more "social." This is where most of our relationship problems come from.

6) There is a secondary purpose to coitus among mammals. It seems to be very bonding. Animals with a very low fertility, such as lions, tend to have a high frequency of coitus which serves the social purpose of strengthening the emotional ties within the social unit.

7) Behavioral or personality traits can be inherited in the same way as physical ones. The emerging field of evolutionary psychology shows how certain behavioral traits enhance the survival potential of the individual and the process of natural selection makes it more likely that the genetics which contribute to that behavioral trait will be transmitted to future generations. Sexual behavior is more prone to this effect than any other because it directly affects the fertility rate. Selection has favored the most aggressive males because they are the ones who have dispersed the most genetic material, just as it has favored the least sexually active females because had they been out seeking new males to mate with they might not have invested sufficient time to make sure that the offspring survived.

8) Sexual interest is only useful to nature when sexual activity coincides with fertility in the female. Thus a very complex "notification" system has developed to notify the males that the female is fertile. In most animals this also means receptive, but human females have learned to fake the signs of receptivity in order to capture the attentions of males, and to capture the males themselves into a committed relationship.

9) Gee, what if someone gave a horny and no one showed up? The cues of the notification system begin a complex set of reactions in the reptile brain of the male which excites him to seek gratification of his sexual hunger. There ain't no thinking involved. It's pure Stimulus -> Response of the type studied by Pavlov.

10) Next begins the "mating dance". This serves several purposes. First, it raises the overall level of arousal, which in turn stimulates the production of sperm and increases the chances that copulation will result in fertilization. Second, the female, having signaled her receptivity through a variety of cues: scent, sound, visual, and behavioral, lets her potential mates pursue her until the biggest, strongest, smartest (i.e. most survival potential) prevails. A bunch of new little whatevers get started and the whole cycle begins again.

11) Generally males "signal" by pursuing. Sure they want to attract the female's attention as a potential mate, but they don't want to waste their biological resources pursuing a non-receptive mate.

12) We humans should take a clue.

13) As sex has moved away from its biological purpose and assumed more of a social significance, those receptivity cues have been co-opted. They are now practiced intentionally to gain attention and favors from men and no longer have anything to do with receptivity. This is where so much of the crap in gender relations comes from. Women signal receptivity when it doesn't exist, men respond at an instinctual level from the lizard brain without even knowing that they are responding or why, and everybody wonders "what the hell happened?"

14) Regardless of all this, there still ain't nothin' happening unless the female is receptive (except maybe a rape charge when the male reacts in the way nature intended to the cues which are being sent dishonestly).

15) All this adds up to the fact that the female controls the sexual interaction. Research done in singles bars and other meat markets has shown that "high" signaling females get approached 4 times as often as "low" signaling females even when they are significantly less "beautiful" than the low signaling females.

The often mouthed male bash cliché, "Men think with their penises, not with their heads" is closer to the truth than men wish it was. In reality they are "thinking" with their brainstem, spinal cord, and limbic system (hormones, neural transmitters, and enzymes). They unfortunately have no conscious control over these responses, just as they have no conscious control over hunger, the fight/flight response, or muscular reflexes.

There are a large number of stimuli which function as "releasers" and pump into the male bloodstream all the neurochemicals which create sexual arousal. Female chimpanzees' genital areas will swell and become bright pink when in estrus (heat). Jane Goodall, the renowned anthropologist who made a life work of studying chimps, described this phenomenon as being like *"... a bright pink flower which could be seen by males all over the valley, who immediately set off in search of the female..."* The human female rump has a similar effect on human males. Some of the lower animals who have little more than a brain stem, such as certain fishes, can befooled into a mating frenzy by a block of wood painted the same color as a female full of unfertilized eggs.

Despite the many and huge variations between cultures in almost every aspect imaginable, there is a remarkable agreement on what constitutes female beauty, which has become a polite euphemism for sexual attractiveness. In a study of 1159 cultures, **the physical characteristics deemed beautiful were more consistent than any other characteristic.** And in all cultures these characteristics corresponded to the physical attributes of a woman in her peak child bearing years, 15 – 25. These are the women that men will respond to from a purely biological perspective.

This is not to say that men do not, will not, or cannot find an older woman attractive, they certainly do, but the attraction is based on other characteristics than pure sexual attraction, a point which very few women understand. Most women become addicted to the sexual power that adolescent women have over adolescent men and, like the dinosaurs, do not realize that environmental conditions are changing and adapt to them before it's too late. The power of a woman to provoke a purely instinctive sexual response in men diminishes rapidly after the late 20s, both because women are no longer as effective a vehicle for transporting a man's genes to the future, and because males of that age have generally already done their reproductive duty and turned their attention to other matters, such as supporting and providing for the progeny they have already sired. Women who are arrested adolescents expect men to continue to respond in the same way that 15 – 25 year old males respond to 15 – 25 year old females. The frequency and intensity of this type of reaction progressively diminishes as a man matures and, when it is present, guess what? It tends to be toward a woman between the age of consent and the late 20s.

In addition, men are fully aware that women typically use sex as a means to jump-start a romantic fantasy which will be entirely to her benefit and at his expense. In addition, women have learned that men are perfectly capable of controlling their sexual impulses when they realize that the woman is looking for something totally different than they are and that to proceed is going to get somebody hurt. If a man is not ready to dive headfirst into trying to build a long-term relationship with a particular woman, he is not likely to dive into bed with her either. Women's strategy to deal with this for the past several years has been to lie about their expectations and indicate that they are only interested in immediate sexual gratification and that the man need feel no obligation to pay for it with a committed relationship. "Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me." It generally only takes one occurrence of finding out that he has been lied to, and has just incurred an emotional debt he could spend the rest of his life paying off, for a man to learn that he cannot believe a woman who says this.

The normal reaction by these women is to escalate their cues and begin to beat on the neural responses of men to try to get a rise (literally) out of them. In other words, they DO sometimes ask for it. Some women are unaware that they are doing this, seeking only the attention of males and having successfully deluded themselves into thinking that the attention is based on something other than a purely instinctive response to sexual cues of receptivity. They are terribly surprised when they get an unexpected response out of a man. On the other hand, many are fully aware and are pissed as hell when they DON'T get the desired response out of a man and can get really ugly about it. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

Either way the man is the loser. If he responds and the woman decides he is not what she is looking for in a mate and shuts him down, he is confused, hurt and more than a little bit angry. Camile Paglia makes some very interesting statements about this aspect of male/female interactions. She says first that —"Rape is male power fighting female power." Women, on the one hand, love the power they can exert over men to make them perform for love and affection; while on the other hand they fear, detest, and criminalize it getting beyond their control. She also said that what used to be called "unbridled passion" is now called "date rape."

Men have come to bitterly resent being manipulated by using their sexual needs against them, a process that many women regard as pathetically easy. I know that many women will want to crucify me for this next statement. Many rapes are the result of a man experiencing just one too many times the anger and humiliation of being led on, used, manipulated, and exploited based on the promise of having his sexual needs met, only to have the woman change her mind or raise the price at the last minute. In two celebrated rape trials of a few years ago, those of Mike Tyson and William Kennedy Smith, both instances were rich and powerful men who invited beautiful young women to their quarters and provided them with expensive entertainment with the predictable expectation that they would be rewarded with sex. When they called the debt, the women cried "foul."

On the other hand, if the man does NOT respond, women often respond in an escalating pattern that begins with trying to argue the man into bed and often ends with vicious verbal abuse and sometimes even physical violence. Often men will avoid the issue by giving the expected responses to avoid the emotional violence, or will end up avoiding that woman.

A particularly distressing aspect of this occurs due to the mistaken notion that love and sex is the same thing. Many men have had the experience of having a friendship with a woman destroyed when she would not take no for an answer and persisted in trying to coerce him into a sexual/romantic relationship he did not want, based on the mistaken belief that if he cared for her he would express that sexually.

The futility of trying to argue a man into bed is driven home to them if they succeed in wearing down the man's resistance and he gives in. It is pretty much guaranteed that the experience will be miserably unsatisfying and humiliating to them both. Men may sometimes think with their dicks, but they sure as hell cannot dick with their think. If men could will their erections to come and go on command, both men and women would be a lot happier, but then they would cease to be men and become flesh and blood vibrators. Sadly it seems that is what women want men to be these days.

Men, for their part, do not think that much differently although they respond and act very differently. Men are often bewildered and upset by their own reactions and cannot understand why they are so at odds with the values they believe to hold. They buy into the romantic nonsense much as women do and are often angry at themselves for not reacting the way they "should" according to society's script.

Men are just as culturally indoctrinated as women and often just as unaware of the foundation mechanisms of their responses. They try to do what they "should" but, like the dinner guests served a dish they detest but gag down out of politeness and a desire to not offend the hostess, if their own needs are not being met the best they can do is to mechanically go through the motions.

Like driving, passion is a privilege, NOT a right. Men respond passionately to women who are willing to understand, honor, and help them meet their real needs. Men respond mechanically, if at all, to women who demand that the man meet her needs while denying his and attempting to shame him into changing them to fit her bullshit notions of what he "should" be.

Both men and women need to understand that the sexual force of a mature man comes not from having a penis, but rather from an "adventurous juncture of ego and courage" as Norman Mailer puts it. To this I would add optimism. Deep within the heart of every man I know resides the persistent belief that sexual joy IS a great gift, that shared sexuality represents the union of the highest aspects of men and women, their finest moral products, the God and the Goddess, and the fervent hope than he will one day meet a woman who will regard it that way also. All the men I know are still waiting. Most of them are not very optimistic.

Women who have a sincere desire for a sexual relationship with a mature man had better start waking the fuck up and realizing that building his ego is going to get them somewhere, while continuing to indulge themselves in their infantile man bashing tantrums and doing everything they can to destroy it is going to get them a lot of lonely nights. Feminism is murdering men's desire for women, and women are its willing, nay enthusiastic, accomplices. Contempt for men, denial and negation of their needs and abdication of responsibility for their own actions is, for some unknown reason, very satisfying to women, but the only men who fall for it are the ones who are arrested in their own adolescence. I hope you bitches are having fun playing with these emotionally deformed children.

Sex is the most bonding activity between 2 human beings that there is. Certainly it is fraught with anxieties, confusion, and risk, but only the most pathological males can have even marginally satisfying sex with a woman and not experience deep warm and tender feelings toward her which will persist for the remainder of his life, unless the woman does something to destroy them, which all too many women do. Alex Comfort, M.B., PhD, in a book written 25 years ago put it this way regarding men's turn-ons: "he will love you more the more skillfully you sense and use it." A woman who understands a man's releasers and incorporates them into lovemaking with anything resembling subtlety will have the man eating out of her hand for life.

This relationship between sexual satisfaction and emotional bonding holds equally true in reverse. Unsatisfying sex will breed deep and subtle resentment. The worse the sex, the greater the resentment. There is only one thing more bewildering and upsetting to a man than a woman who thinks her part of sex is done when she shows up, and that he both owes her satisfaction from the experience and after the fact owes her for the opportunity to provide her satisfaction. This one thing is the woman who shows remarkable skill and subtlety in finding and using a man's turn-OFFS, offending and disgusting his every sensibility, then blames his lack of response on some defect within him. There is a special kind of hatred that men reserve for such women.

It is evidence of the power and persistence of the male sex drive that men will return to such women just to get their rocks off, and in fact this is less due to sexual desire than to an inability to believe that anyone could possibly be THAT stupid and insensitive. Many men are also so confused and conflicted about their own sexuality, and have so much shame tied up with it, that they do not realize

how pathological the experience was. Men who are clearer about it simply never call back. Only now, since the 1990s, this has become a criminal act.

Male sexuality is extremely undervalued, just as female sexuality is extremely overvalued. In this culture men are conditioned to believe that their only source of intimacy and love is the woman who is their mate and the only means they have to get female sexuality, intimacy, and love is to purchase it with their performance and their economic assets. This impoverishes both men and woman because it destroys the trust and faith in each other that is essential to intimacy. Men need to reclaim the value of their sexuality, if necessary by refusing to have sex with any woman who does not value his as highly as he values hers and by making it an absolute condition that she respects and honors his needs, rather that telling him what they “should” be.

Oprah's Nation

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On Oprah's Feel-Good Epilogue to *The Shriver Report*

It was an obvious choice to wrap up *The Shriver Report* with a feel-good sermon by Oprah Winfrey. If, as the report suggests, "A Woman's Nation Changes Everything," who better to give us a glimpse into the heart and soul of this new matriarchy than its most influential matriarch?

Oprah—whose show is created by women, for women, and has been unwaveringly beloved by millions of women each week for over twenty years—clearly has her finger on the pulse of American women. She knows who they are, and what they want. She knows what moves them. Oprah was selling American women "hope" while Barack Obama was still in college. Hope for youth, for weight loss, for health, for money, for beauty, for happiness, hope for the "Best Life."

A good friend who works in the education industry, long dominated by women, once told me that working with women was like being part of a circle. He said that, "The female ideal is for every woman, young and old, short and tall, fat and thin, beautiful and ugly, smart and dumb, to be able to gather round in a circle, hold hands, be equal, be at peace, and feel the same. It is very important for women, when they meet to discuss something of significance, to feel as though they have reached an emotional consensus. It often seems as though whether the solution is workable or logical is less important than the sense that everyone in the room feels good about it."

And that's exactly how *Oprah* works; the show is not so much about sharing information as it is about sharing an emotional experience. The shared emotional experience is the real product. You could say the same thing about Monday Night Football. But you can learn just about everything you need to know about the differences between men and women by contrasting Oprah's show with talk shows on ESPN.

Men want to spar with each other and they want to see a good sparring match. They want facts and numbers and statistics and odds. They don't want to feel the same. They want to win. They want someone else to lose. They don't want circles, they want winners and losers and players and fans. They want hierarchy, even if it means they're not always—or ever—going to be on top.

Oprah hosts her show, but she hosts it like a woman hosting dessert night for her girlfriends. She may be a celebrity billionaire in real life, but on *Oprah* she's just one of the girls. She's no Jim Rome, aggressively telling his audience what's what. She's a guide, a storyteller, an adept conductor of emotions who is loved and believed by women because she seems to get caught up in the moment along with them. She laughs and cries and *feels* with them. The content doesn't matter, so long as everyone *feels the same* about it.

Indeed, Oprah has come under fire recently because the stories she gets caught up in often end up being complete bullshit. While she famously confronted author James Frey for fabricating incidents in his Oprah Book Club recommended memoir, a May 2009 Newsweek article noted many other instances in which Oprah's feelings led her—and her audience—astray.

Like many of her celebrity girlfriends, Oprah will jump on just about any alternative or exotic medicine bandwagon that passes by. The obviously crazy Suzanne Somers encouraged estrogen pill popping as a cure-all to the cooing approval of Oprah and her audience, even though medical experts strongly advise against taking hormones unnecessarily due to dangerous potential side effects. Jenny

McCarthy convinced many of Oprah's viewers that *her science* was her unfounded theory that her son became autistic after getting his measles, mumps and rubella vaccination. Despite a statement from the CDC saying McCarthy had no idea what she was talking about, many of Oprah's viewers are now concerned about vaccinating their children. She's also promoted miracle face-lifts and cosmetic procedures that have ended up being extremely painful, harmful or a complete waste of time.

Oprah, her guests and her audience too often end up trusting what earlier female chauvinists would have called "a woman's intuition." She routinely relies on the new-agey advice of Dr. Christiane Northrup, who sells "women's wisdom" healing tarot cards and tells Oprah that many of women's health problems are manifestations of problems with their souls. Along the same lines, Oprah also famously and wholeheartedly endorsed *The Secret*, Rhonda Byrne's book which advocated thinking positive thoughts with the belief that positive vibrations will somehow attract positive outcomes. She was forced to backpedal a bit, though, when one of her viewers wrote to say she was refusing chemotherapy and was planning to cure her breast cancer using the power of The Secret.

When asked to ponder the significance of "A Woman's Nation," Oprah's offering conjured up more nonsense and glowing, soft-focus spirituality. In her signature style, she opened with a quote from her guiding magic negress, Sojourner Truth, an illiterate former slave and suffragette who believed that Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden proved women were "strong enough to turn the world upside down." That's one way to look at it. Oprah then revealed to us that there is "no real power without spiritual power," a power which is "connected to the source of things." Oprah is magic, because says she can see this supernatural power "shining through" people. She wraps up with a quote from self-help guru Gary Zukav, who tells us that authentic empowerment comes only when personality serves the energy of its soul. Whatever that means.

Oprah represents and holds great sway with American women. Her book recommendations go straight to number one. She has her own channel, her own magazine, her own radio station. Virtually any product she touches turns to gold and flies off the shelves. It's entirely possible that her endorsement delivered the Democratic Party's presidential nomination to Barak Obama.

American women still can't get enough of Oprah, after all of these years. In her Epilogue to *The Shriver Report*, she asked women to let the conversation begin about what it means to live in a woman's nation.

If *The Shriver Report* truly offers us a glimpse of what's to come, of what Oprah's nation might look like, then instead of dispelling concerns and discrediting stereotypes, it seems to validate the very fears men have always had about putting women in power.

Oprah's nation is a nation where emotion wins over reason, where intuition rules over science and where new age spiritualist mumbo jumbo reigns supreme. Oprah's nation is unconcerned with the harsh realities of the world. Oprah's nation is a nation of talkers and feelers who are worried most about finding love, finding happiness, feeling pretty and keeping off those pounds. It's a nation led by women desperately trying to live their "best life."

Oprah's nation, a woman's nation, is a nation of passive, emotional consumers who have absolutely no common sense.

The whole world must be laughing.

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Women's Rape Fantasies: The Deepest Taboo

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Readers of my Welmer blog may be familiar with this piece, but considering the the recent debate over zed's latest post and the fact that The Spearhead draws a wider audience, I'd like to bring it to the attention of our new readers. The issues it raises certainly deserve discussion.

Perhaps nothing illustrates our society's blindness concerning the true nature of female sexuality as clearly as the widely held belief that rape is anathema to female desire. If my suspicions are correct, this fiction is likely tied to the same paternalist sub-theology that is responsible for feminism, the family law industrial complex, and widespread, legalized discrimination against men. However, before I get into any speculation here, let's take a look at the evidence.

Matthew Hutson, writing for *Psychology Today*, raises the question "Why Do Women Have Erotic Rape Fantasies?" To prove that they do in fact have these fantasies, he points to studies and statistics, including the following:

> A recent analysis of 20 studies over the last 30 years indicates that between 31% and 57% of women have rape fantasies, and these fantasies are frequent or preferred in 9% to 17% of women. Considering that many people are ashamed to report rape fantasies, these stats are most likely lowball figures.

If Hutson's inference is correct, more than half of women likely have fantasies of being raped, and in perhaps up to one in four women these are their preferred and most common fantasies. Other studies are referenced in the article as well, if you care to research them yourself.

Although not a scientific study, I also found the following quote particularly revealing:

> In one survey of romance novels (which tend to be written by and for women), the lead female character was raped in 54%.

If anything caters to tawdry female fantasies, it is romance novels (as well as soaps and dramas). 54% is no coincidence here. Furthermore, Whiskey remarked in one of the comments on my "Mad Men = Female Porn" post that "Mad Men had a couple of rape scenes where the bad boyfriends rape the women the they love."

So, it being established that rape fantasies are a core component of female sexuality, Hutson goes on to explore why this might be the case. He offers up a number of potential explanations, including, among others, sexual blame avoidance, "male rape culture", and biological predisposition to surrender. While I reject outright the "male rape culture" explanation (I will explain why shortly), sexual blame avoidance makes some sense, and probably is more relevant to American culture in particular, but I think the biological predisposition to surrender is the most likely explanation.

Suggesting that some "male rape culture" that makes rape normative exists in America is ridiculous on its face. For one thing, rape was originally treated as a crime against *men* first, and society second. In Deuteronomy, for example, the rapist is punished mainly for his transgression against the husband if the woman is married, and against the father if she is not. This concept continued to be reflected in criminal law until quite recently, when the state took on the role of the father, and then finally the husband as well. In fact, the spate of Mexican rapes of young women and girls that accompanied mass immigration over the last fifteen years or so was in part the result of a cultural

misunderstanding. In the old Catholic tradition, which still has considerable influence in Mexico, rape was not considered much worse than fornication (which was a big no-no), and could in many cases be expiated by marrying the victim — this is why the victims of these rapes were almost exclusively unmarried young women; raping a married woman is seen as a far more heinous crime in that particular culture. Rather than a cultivating a "rape culture," what we see men doing in societies around the world is criminalizing and discouraging rape *because it is contrary to their interests*.

As the authority of the state has increased over all Americans, we still see the same principle of rape being a crime against more than simply the female victim, but the offense against the husband or father is no longer relevant — instead it is the jealous state (paternal authority) that is now the aggrieved party. So morally speaking (from the feminist point of view), there is little difference between now and then, but practically speaking the scope of prosecution has widened considerably. Given these circumstances, any suggestion that there is a "culture of rape" in America is absolutely ridiculous.

Because rape is a very primal threat to men, acting on a deep-seated insecurity about his relationship to the women in his life, it is likely that the taboo against acknowledging this aspect of female sexuality is rooted in men's desire to have a more comfortable and less stressful view of the women upon which they have invested so much of their emotional well-being. It is little different from the husband who sees his wife as a "good girl," only to find out the truth the hard way when she commits some sexual indiscretion.

Despite the comfort that this taboo may bring to some, I would argue that it is a dangerous thing to deny the truth of human nature — even sexuality. Not only does this blind men and keep them from gaining a deeper understanding of the women around them, it also leads women to feel confused and ashamed about feelings and desires that they apparently have little control over. It is possible that the high rate of false rape accusations and obsession over the subject in America is in fact a result of confused, repressed feelings, which lead some mentally disordered women to project their fantasies onto innocent men.

We have to accept that there are dark, uncomfortable aspects to both male and female sexuality, and that neither gender in particular is any more guilty than the other. In fact, neither is guilty at all; we are sexual beings equipped with emotions and desires that, although often mysterious, serve a greater purpose than our rational minds can comprehend.

The Art of Loving

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The Art of Loving
Erich Fromm, 1956

In the 1950s, there was a significant amount of social criticism of the "American way" of life. Eisenhower warned of the dangers of the "Military-Industrial Complex," books like "The Organization Man" and "Man in the Grey Flannel Suit" questioned life in corporate America, and thousands of books both fiction and non-fiction questioned the ways that Americans pursued personal relationships, marriage, and love. Erich Fromm, in particular, questioned whether love was something to be acquired, as most Americans seemed to think, or something to be practiced – an art, a skill – and whether the experience of love was gained by loving or by being loved.

I agree with Fromm's formulation that love is a verb, not a noun. Here is the first chapter of his 1956 work on the subject. Since this is a non-commercial venture, I think reproduction of this comes under fair usage and does not violate copyright laws, particularly since I encourage everyone who wants more love in their lives to buy this book.

Chapter 1 – "Is love an Art?"

IS LOVE an art? Then it requires knowledge and effort. Or is love a pleasant sensation, which to experience is a matter of chance, something one "falls into" if one is lucky? This little book is based on the former premise, while undoubtedly the majority of people today believe in the latter.

Not that people think that love is not important. They are starved for it; they watch endless numbers of films about happy and unhappy love stories, they listen to hundreds of trashy songs about love–yet hardly anyone thinks that there is anything that needs to be learned about love.

This peculiar attitude is based on several premises which either singly or combined tend to uphold it. **Most people see the problem of love primarily as that of being loved, rather than that of loving, of one's capacity to love. Hence the problem to them is how to be loved, how to be lovable.** In pursuit of this aim they follow several paths. One, which is especially used by men, is to be successful, to be as powerful and rich as the social margin of one's position permits.

Another, used especially by women, is to make oneself attractive, by cultivating one's body, dress, etc. Other ways of making oneself attractive, used both by men and women, are to develop pleasant manners, interesting conversation, to be helpful, modest, and inoffensive. Many of the ways to make oneself lovable are the same as those used to make one-self successful, "to win friends and influence people." As a matter of fact, **what most people in our culture mean by being lovable is essentially a mixture between being popular and having sex appeal.**

A second premise behind the attitude that there is nothing to be learned about love is the assumption that **the problem of love is the problem of an object, not the problem of a faculty**. **People think that to love is simple, but that to find the right object to love–or to be loved by-is difficult**. This attitude has several reasons rooted in the development of modern society. One reason is the great change which occurred in the twentieth century with respect to the choice of a "love object." In the Victorian age, as in many traditional cultures, love was mostly not a spontaneous personal experience which then might lead to marriage. On the contrary, marriage was contracted by convention–either by the respective families, or by a marriage broker, or without the help of such intermediaries; it was

concluded on the basis of social considerations, and love was supposed to develop once the marriage had been concluded. In the last few generations the concept of romantic love has become almost universal in the Western world. In the United States, while considerations of a conventional nature are not entirely absent, to a vast extent people are in search of "romantic love," of the personal experience of love which then should lead to marriage. This new concept of freedom in love must have greatly enhanced the importance of the object as against the importance of the function.

Closely related to this factor is another feature characteristic of contemporary culture. **Our whole culture is based on the appetite for buying**, on the idea of a mutually favor-able exchange. Modern man's happiness consists in the thrill of looking at the shop windows, and in buying all that he can afford to buy, either for cash or on installments. He (or she) looks at people in a similar way. For the man an attractive girl –and for the woman an attractive man– are the prizes they are after. "Attractive" usually means a nice pack age of qualities which are popular and sought after on the personality market. What specifically makes a person attractive depends on the fashion of the time, physically as well as mentally. During the twenties, a drinking and smoking girl, tough and sexy, was attractive; today the fashion demands more domesticity and coyness. At the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of this century, a man had to be aggressive and ambitious–today he has to be social and tolerant– in order to be an attractive "package." At any rate, **the sense of falling in love develops usually only with regard to such human commodities as are within reach of one's own possibilities for exchange.** I am out for a bargain; the object should be desirable from the standpoint of its social value, and at the same time should want me, considering my overt and hidden assets and potentialities. Two persons thus fall in love when they feel they have found the best object available on the market, considering the limitations of their own exchange values. Often, as in buying real estate, the hidden potentialities which can be developed play a considerable role in this bargain. In a culture in which the marketing orientation prevails, and in which material success is the outstanding value, there is little reason to be surprised that human love relations follow the same pattern of exchange which governs the commodity and the labor market.

The third error leading to the assumption that there is nothing to be learned about love lies in the confusion between the initial experience of "falling" in love, and the permanent state of being in love or as we might better say, of "standing" in love. If two people who have been strangers, as all of us are, suddenly let the wall between them break down, and feel close, feel one, this moment of oneness is one of the most exhilarating, most exciting experiences in life. It is all the more wonderful and miraculous for persons who have been shut off, isolated, without love. This miracle of sudden intimacy is often facilitated if it is combined with, or initiated by, sexual attraction and consummation. However, this type of love is by its very nature not lasting. The two persons become well acquainted, their intimacy loses more and more its miraculous character, until their antagonism, their disappointments, and their mutual boredom kill whatever is left of the initial excitement. Yet, in the beginning they do not know all this: in fact, they take the intensity of the infatuation, this being "crazy" about each other, for proof of the intensity of their love, while it may only prove the degree of their preceding loneliness.

This attitude–that nothing is easier than to love–has continued to be the prevalent idea about love in spite of the overwhelming evidence to the contrary. There is hardly any activity, any enterprise, which is started with such tremendous hopes and expectations, and yet, which fails so regularly, as love. If this were the case with any other activity, people would be eager to know the reasons for the failure and to learn how one could do better–or they would give up the activity. Since the latter is

impossible in the case of love, there seems to be only one adequate way to overcome the failure of love–to examine the reasons for this failure and to proceed to study the meaning of love.

The first step to take is to become aware that love is an art, just as living is an art; if we want to learn how to love we must proceed in the same way we have to proceed if we want to learn any other art, say music, painting, carpentry, or the art of medicine or engineering.

What are the necessary steps in learning any art?

The process of learning an art can be divided conveniently into two parts: one, the mastery of the theory; the other, the mastery of the practice. If I want to learn the art of medicine, I must first know the facts about the human body, and about various diseases. When I have all this theoretical knowledge, I am by no means competent in the art of medicine. I shall become a master in this art only after a great deal of practice, until eventually the results of my theoretical knowledge and the results of my practice are blended into one–my intuition, the essence of the mastery of any art. But, aside from learning the theory and practice, there is a third factor necessary to becoming a master in any art–the mastery of the art must be a matter of ultimate concern; there must be nothing else in the world more important than the art. This holds true for music, for medicine, for carpentry— and for love. And, maybe, here lies the answer to the question of why people in our culture try so rarely to learn this art, in spite of their obvious failures: in spite of the deep-seated craving for love, almost everything else is considered to be more important than love: success, prestige, money, power-almost all our energy is used for the learning of how to achieve these aims, and almost none to learn the art of loving.

Could it be that only those things are considered worthy of being learned are those with which one can earn money or prestige, and that love, which “only” profits the soul, but is profitless in the modern sense, is a luxury we have no right to spend much energy on?

Women Can't Handle Competition or Debate

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In the past month, the national spotlight has been shined on the special election occurring in New York's 23rd congressional district. For those who haven't been paying attention, the special election was triggered when the 23rd's longtime Republican congressman John McHugh was selected by President Obama to become Secretary of the Army. The Republican county chairs of the district selected Dede Scozzafava (pictured above, far right), state Assemblywoman from the 122nd district, as their candidate to replace McHugh. Scozzafava is a notorious RINO, being in favor of abortion, gay marriage, and card check, and her congressional campaign was supported by a bevy of left-wing groups including the AFL-CIO, the New York State United Teachers, and the United Auto Workers. She was even cross-endorsed by the Working Families Party, the political wing of ACORN, who normally backs Democrats in Empire State elections. Naturally, the conservatives that form the GOP's base were unhappy with the leftist Dede's selection, so most have switched to backing the Conservative Party candidate, Lake Placid businessman Doug Hoffman (pictured above, far left). Recent polls have shown Hoffman in a dead heat with the Democratic candidate, Plattsburgh lawyer Bill Owens (pictured above, center), and Scozzafava in a distant third.

Last Saturday, a scant three days before the election, Scozzafava announced that she was dropping out of the race. She explains why in the video to the right (hat tip: Irene Jay Liu). Take note of her appearance. Her eyes are watery and bloodshot, her cheeks are flushed, and her voice is broken. It's blatantly obvious that she was crying before coming on camera. If this sounds familiar, here's a more famous video to jog your memory.

Conservative blogger Fishersville Mike has compared the NY-23 special election to last year's Democratic primary for president:

> Look at the opponents. Hillary/Dede Scozzafava were both the establishment candidates. Obama/Hoffman were the insurgents.

Image courtesy of The BEAST

The parallels run deeper then that. Both Clinton and Scozzafava were basically anointed by their respective parties and were expected to win election easily. Hillary as President was a running joke on talk radio shows going back to the early months of the Bush administration. Neither Clinton nor Scozzafava had faced a serious electoral challenge in their careers – Scozzafava has held onto her Assembly seat for a decade and Clinton was elected to the Senate in a heavily Democratic state, based solely on her surname, and facing token Republican opposition. But then, male challengers arose out of nowhere to give them a run for their money. Neither expected a fight and were solidly clobbered once the people had their say. And both of them started crying like spoiled children when they didn't get their way. "This is my nomination, MY time to shine! How dare this MAN try to take away what is rightfully MINE!"

Last week, Female Masculinist posted a satirical guide dissecting feminist debate tactics. She attributes the feminist inability to debate in good faith to the fact that modern educational institutions are so overwhelmingly feminist that those who adhere to that viewpoint can coast on through without having their ideas challenged once. However, I'm becoming convinced that women in general can not only not handle debate, but competition in general. Why is this? The majority of women in the West live their lives with little challenge or struggle, as Chuck Ross stated in his piece "Women Aren't Funny – Sorry":

> Your average, run-of-the-mill woman doesn't have to overcome anything. As Hitchens points out, women find nothing ironic about their station in life. Being the object of male attention isn't a bad gig. Being considered "sugar, spice, and everything nice" won't create the slanted worldview that is usually considered funny. Raising children and being all motherly begets a certain sense of responsibility which is antithetical to ironic notions about the world.

As I wrote nearly a month ago, the solipsism of the modern woman is partially the result of their insulation from the consequences from their mistakes, putting them intellectually at the level of spoiled brats. And like spoiled brats, women start crying and throwing tantrums when someone shows them up in a fair and honest competition. They throw out baseless accusations and make personal attacks because it's all they know how to do. Scozzafava has even gone one step further, endorsing the Democrat Owens in a last-ditch effort to deny Hoffman what she couldn't win fair and square, the equivalent of an angry child pissing in the sandbox he was kicked out of to ruin everyone

else's fun. "If I can't have it, YOU can't either!"

I was confronted with this unfortunate flaw of the female species on my own blog recently. A little over two weeks ago, I wrote a response to relationship advice writer Susan Walsh, who attacked me in a post on her blog. My post was relatively respectful, focused on dissecting and deconstructing her flawed worldview and the ill-informed advice that sprang from it. Mrs. Walsh responded several days later, and I wrote another post focused on logically dissembling the points she made. Her final response on that post (my comments are bolded and in brackets) mostly consisted of hysterical screeching, personal insults, and complete falsehoods (such as her baseless attack on the ladies of *Girl Game*). When challenged on her beliefs, she folded like a slice of Swiss cheese.

With the occasional exception, females are ill-suited for careers like politics due to their inability to compete in a fair and honest way. If it weren't for the fact that our egalitarian world is focused on getting us to deny reality, there wouldn't BE many women in competitive fields. If women are playing checkers, men are playing chess.

And here's to seeing Mr. Hoffman go to Washington.

(Image at top courtesy of Political Rapids & Current Events.)

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A Woman Worthy of Recognition

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This is a tribute to the original anti-feminist.

A one-woman wrecking machine that took the feminist movement head on and won a significant battle in the midst of the vast social changes that were effected by the so-called sexual revolution.

She made a stand, defeated the feminist propaganda machine and has relentlessly opposed the feminists ever since. She is still actively writing and lecturing to this very day, and the woman deserves her props.

Phyllis took up the banner of sanity in opposing the feminists attempts to achieve their radical, social engineering agenda in one fell swoop by amending the U.S. Constitution with their deceptively named "Equal Rights Amendment."

In the words of another anti-feminist female that has been villified, demonized, caricaturized and castigated for opposing the feminist movement, Ann Coulter:

> *Even taking into account the extraordinary capacity of the left for hallucinatory self-aggrandizement, the insipid blather about the feminists and the total radio silence on Phyllis Schlafly is astonishing.*
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> *The elite media cast about for women to praise, hailing any female who has achieved the amazing feat of having passed the bar exam, but treat the stunning accomplishments of Phyllis Schlafly like the publisher of The New York Times treats his SAT scores. (It is a dark secret that must not be revealed.) Schlafly simply cannot be mentioned — except for the occasional demeaning caricature.*
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> *When Schlafly took up her battle against the ERA, the Senate had passed it by 84 to 8. The House had passed it by 354 to 23. The ERA was written in to both the Republican and Democratic Party platforms. Thirty states had approved it in the first year after it was sent to the states for ratification. Only eight more states were needed.*
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> *But the ERA had not yet faced Phyllis Schlafly. Over the next eight years, thanks to Schlafly and her Eagle Forum, only five states ratified it — but five other states rescinded their earlier ratifications.*

The fact that she is a major player in defeating the radical feminists should make her an eternal hero to the MRA movement. Schlafly made a huge impact in decades ago, but she is by no means finished in her work in exposing the lies, deceit and family-destroying legislation and propaganda the feminists constantly attempt to foist upon society.

The following are some excerpts from a few of her columns…points that make so much common sense, it's easy to see why this woman has been such an effective Counter-Feminist throughout her career as a Pro-Family advocate.

Schlafly on:

Children's Rights in Divorce:

> *It would seem that maintaining the father's love and authority would be crucial when a child's life is turned upside down by divorce. Yet, family courts routinely deprive children of one parent,*

usually the father, restricting his time with his child to about six days a month. The courts pompously assert they are invoking "the best interest of the child," ***but how can it be in the best interest of children to make them forfeit one parent?***

U.S. women doing fine without International Violence Against Women Act:

The International Violence Against Women Act is based on the lie that violence against women is the same problem in all countries. Many non-Western countries have social norms that justify abuse (such as genital mutilation, forced marriage, and polygamy), and "international standards" would vastly diminish the rights and benefits U.S. women now enjoy. ***U.S. women are the most privileged class of people on the face of the earth. That's because we are the beneficiaries of the Judeo-Christian civilization, including the requirement in the Ten Commandments to honor mothers and the Christian religion that honors the Virgin Mary and respects women.***

Exposing Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign's "Mom Strategy"

Clinton invites us to "imagine a country in which nearly all children between the ages of 3 and 5 attend preschool in sparkling classrooms." That children's paradise is France, which "makes caring for children a top priority," and where "more than 90 percent of French children between ages 3and 5 attend free or inexpensive preschools." ***The assumption of "It Takes a Village" is that daycare, run by tax-salaried and licensed "professionals" in centers regulated by the government, is preferable to mother care.*** *Clinton even praises the fact that many French children are in full-day programs "even before they reach the age of 3."*

The re-issue of Hillary's old book dispels the notion that she is re-inventing herself as a moderate. Her mom strategy is badly out of sync with her book praising a country that starts government daycare for children at age 2.

United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

The notion is downright ridiculous that American women (the most fortunate class of people who ever lived) should submit to a treaty that dictates uniform rules for 185 other nations, all of which treat women worse than the United States.

It's good to see Mrs. Schlafly is still going strong. The fact that she is largely unrecognized for her efforts speaks volumes to how much popular culture and the mainstream media will only idolize women who toe the politically correct, left wing, feminist line.

As Ann Coulter concluded her tribute:

That Phyllis Schlafly is the mortal enemy of a movement that claims to promote women tells you all you need to know about the feminists.

All Hail the Joan of Arc of the pro-Family side in this socially engineered gender war, Phyllis Schlafly.

The Art of Loving – 2: Why Western Women Are So Empty & Unhappy

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In Part I, I dealt with the fundamental issue that most people consider the "problem" of love to be the problem of an object – of finding the right object to love, or to be loved by. Thus do people, Western women in particular, draw up long lists of the attributes that their preferred love object must have in order to qualify for them. Sadly for them, even if they get every last attribute on their list, there is still going to be a sense of something missing. And that "something" is the fact that they, themselves, can never feel love until they learn the action of loving.

Here is how a Western man perceives Western women -

> *"Question is, are modern Western women truly capable of heterosexual love? I get the distinct impression that most want to *be* loved, but are not so good at loving back."*

No, in fact they are not capable of love, and that fact by itself provides the answer to a whole host of questions.

Suppose I were to claim that I'm about to share old Uncle zed's version of "The Secret"? And, unlike the O-cow, I'm not going to charge for it, I'm going to give it away for free. (yeah, Nada, I know. Well, if you can find a way to sell it and make money on it, then send me some royalties.;))

The only thing it will cost you is your own illusions and bullshit. A dear price to pay, I know. But, I will offer the following guarantee – try it for one year, and if it does not work, then everything you didn't pay for it and all your current misery will be cheerfully refunded. How's that for a guarantee?

Western women are **incapable** of feeling love (or loved) because they are incapable of **loving**. They are still trapped in the problem of the object. By looking for love in an object, or in objects coming from an object (shoes, jewelry, cars, etc.) Western women cut themselves off and numb themselves to love. They experience love when they they experience **loving feelings**. Because they are unwilling to learn and master the Art of Loving, they choose to spend their entire lives devoid of love.

I learned the hard way that you can take a 5 gallon bucket of love and pour it over a woman's head, and she still feels nothing inside but emptiness. And the biggest mistake men make is taking on the responsibility for her emptiness. They can work themselves to death (literally) trying to fill up the black hole, the bottomless pit, which exists inside her, and experience only frustration for all their efforts.

All this can be solved if men will do 2 things -
1) transcend the problem of the object and stop treating their own love like an object to be bartered with their love object for love in return, and
2) stop making their own happiness contingent on the happiness of another.

"Don't worry, be happy" actually turns out to be pretty good advice and not the pop drivel that a lot of people think it is.

By perfecting the Art of Loving, a man can learn that happiness is a choice and if the woman in his life chooses not to be happy, that he can still go on being happy and let her poisonous mood poison only her and not him.

Feminism teaches women the Art of Unhappiness. No matter how much a woman has, "**women** still have a long way to go." As long as the glass is even 1% empty, happiness will remain forever beyond their reach.

If you want a good look at the absolute void which is modern womanhood, check out these two sites. You will have to copy and paste, because I won't give them the trackback of a direct link. No point in broadcasting troll-bait. A short stay on either of these sites will leave most men with absolutely no question why these women are divorced, and if anything will fill him with gratitude that he is not one of the ex-husbands who they so skillfully flay in the public eye.

firstwivesworld.com
divorcedwomenonline.com

This is the face of the modern woman after her feminist illusions have failed her and before she has formulated a "Plan B." There are 3 essays in particular which illustrate the emptiness and shallowness of modern womanhood -

firstwivesworld.com/community/house-bloggers/do-i-really-have-it-bad/
firstwivesworld.com/community/house-bloggers/good-enough-not-ideal/
divorcedwomenonline.com/2009/08/my-regret-about-marrying-the-wrong-man/

The first two are the morose black hole into which everything falls and nothing comes back out. In the midst of luxury, one woman wonders "Do I really have it that bad?" It boggles the mind to think what a resident of a Calcutta slum, a refugee of the Dharfur, or one of the victims of a Middle Eastern suicide bombing would say in answer to that question. But, the real kicker is the 2nd bit – "Good enough is not ideal." Nothing less than perfection will ever do.

The third post is the perfect illustration of the problem of "the object" in the consideration of love – "I married the wrong man", "I have a broken picker. If I had just picked the right object to love and be loved by, life would be groovy." In the never-ending search for "Mr. Right" (or Miss Right), the problem is always boiled down to finding exactly the right **object**, and never on one's own **conduct in the relationship** once that object is secured.

Kis has a "broken picker", she picked the wrong "object." Both her parents have Game – her father had "husband Game" and her mother had "wife Game", and they are still married and loving each other after more than 50 years. They realized that there was more to a marriage than how well their "picker" worked – that a marriage, a relationship, must be nourished, fed, cared for, and tended.

If you want a quick guide to how a woman will be in a relationship, look at the condition of her houseplants – if she has them. Never even date a woman whose plants always die. Anyone who cannot nurture a plant can most likely not nurture any other living thing – such as a relationship.

It is interesting that almost all the responses to the original post on this topic immediately interpreted the word "love" purely to mean "romantic love" between a man and a woman (in most cases). Yet, the concept of actual "love" is much broader. In addtion to "eros", romantic/sexual love, there is also "agape" – "divine, unconditional, self-sacrificing, active, volitional, and thoughtful love." There is also "philia" – "dispassionate virtuous love. It includes loyalty to friends, family, and community, and requires virtue, equality and familiarity." And then, there is always, and often under-rated, "gusto" – love of life itself.

When one is fully engaged in the Art of Loving, there is no time nor space for morosely reflecting on what one's life does not have in it, because one's attention is fully engaged with what **is** in it.

Obsidian has in several comments mentioned a very powerful and universal truth – you can only change yourself. You cannot change the rest of the world. Demanding that the rest of the world change to meet your specifications is the ultimate prescription for unhappiness.

And that leads us back to why men are happier today than men were 40 years ago, and why women, despite 40 years of feminism, are less happy. Fedrz said it perfectly – "Women wanted men's curse along with their own." Whoever in the world came up with the idea to sell them men's curse and call it "empowerment" was an advertising genius.

A common synonym for "love" is "passion." Once again, people usually always leap to thinking only of sexual passion. But people can have passion about many things – a passion for learning, a passion for social justice, even a passion for inventing things. I seriously doubt that anyone could accuse Nikola Tesla of not being a "passionate" man.

The bottom line is this – I believe that happiness lies within the reach of most western men if they are willing and able to reframe the situation within their own minds and become more focussed on mastery and practice of the Arts of Life than on acquiring and being objects. The fact that post-feminist Western women cannot reciprocate our love because they see love as an object to be acquired, and a man simply as an object to serve as the source of other objects, need not be our problem as much as it is theirs.

Let them try to fill their own emptiness through the perpetual quest for more objects (shopping) and the endless consumption of emotional roadkill in the form of television drama and the O-cow. They will fail, and they will always remain empty, because they are constantly looking outside themselves for answers. We may not be able to talk them out of or save them from their folly, but we need not allow ourselves to be dragged down into it along with them.

A Woman's Nation Changes Everything

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Welcome to our Brave New World Order folks, because it's certainly a very different world for everyone than it was just one generation ago. James Brown once soulfully wailed "This is a MAAAAN'S WORLD….but it wouldn't be nuthin' without a woman to care!"

My how the times have changed.

We now have Maria Shriver exultantly declaring "It's a Woman's Nation!"

Isn't that special, dear.

The Center for American Progress (Put a CAP in the country, she's done for!) just released The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything.

Jack Donovan has already taken an in depth look at Oprah Winfrey's epilogue to this piece of femi-nazi propaganda, I'm going to focus on the forward by John Podesta and the first Chapter by Maria Shriver.

Now, the first thing one must notice, is that the tone of this report is one for which many people have been trying to point out for years now – that this is in fact a nation that has certainly become a society that promotes Matriarchal values and denigrates Patriarchal ones.

That masculinity in men has been castigated and demonized for decades now, while masculinity in women has been relentlessly promoted and inculcated into the mainstream, cultural consciousness. And one of the memes that has been relentlessly promoted is this idea that women are oppressed, inequal and downtrodden, which is what necessitates all of the laws, tax-funded programs, divorce court industries and welfare programs…to "fix" all of the problems of a "Male" nation.

On the face of it, it sure seems like they're declaring victory now, doesn't it?

But of course not. This is in fact a literal cultural revolution, and this is merely a momentary pause for the social engineers to reflect on their past successes in overthrowing the old world order of Patriarchy, on their ever increasing march towards "equality"

Let's have a look at what this report is citing as turning points in their campaign to win this gender war…

First, from the Preface, mangina feminist lackey and former Clinton White House member, John Podesta, writes:

> *Earlier this year, the Center for American Progress decided to closely examine the consequences of what we thought was a major tipping point in our nation's social and economic history: the emergence of working women as primary breadwinners for millions of families at the same time that their presence on America's payrolls grew to comprise fully half the nation's workforce. In addition, we were watching the Great Recession amplify and accelerate these trends. We are in the midst of a fundamental transformation of the way America works and lives.*

Indeed, change is what this is all about. From a Patriarchal focused society in which men worked and women raised the next generation, we now live in a nation for which men and women work…and the afterschool program , the minimum wage day care worker, the retired grandparent, or as in many cases, the television and the computer are raising the next generation.

Is this really a change for the better?

> *When we look back over the 20th century and try to understand what's happened to workers and their families and the challenges they now face, the movement of women out of the home and into paid employment stands out as a unique and powerful transformation.*

Unique? Hardly. Matriarchal cultures are as old as humanity itself. What we really seeing is a decline in civilization, since Patriarchal culture is what built civilization in the first place.

> *Women becoming primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners changed everything. But, even though we were all witness to this phenomenon's slow emergence over many years, these changes seem somehow to have snuck up on us. As a result, our policy landscape remains stuck in an idealized past, where the typical family was composed of a married-for-life couple with a full-time breadwinner and full-time homemaker who raised the children herself.*

Well that seems to be certainly true. Even though this report celebrates women now comprising 50% of the workforce, 60% of college attendees, and a huge increase in the number of women now serving as the primary breadwinners of their family…divorce laws, child custody and alimony awards are still based on the assumptions that women are economically disadvantaged by their full time homemaker roles…even when they are not full time homemakers!

Of course, I hardly think Podesta is arguing for true "equality" when it comes to Family law…

No, what his argument consists of is to basically make a case for more Government programs to support the continued dismantling of Patriarchal family structures to promote the new ideal "Woman's Nation."

> - *Updating our basic labor standards to include family-friendly employee benefits*
> - *Reforming our anti-discrimination laws so that employers cannot discriminate against or disproportionately exclude women when offering workplace benefits*
> - *Updating our social insurance system to the reality of varied families and new family responsibilities, including the need for paid family leave and social security retirement benefits that take into account time spent out of the workforce caring for children and other relatives*
> - *Increasing support to families for child care, early education, and elder care to help working parents cope with their dual responsibilities*

> *Updating these government policies so that they account for the reality of the overwhelming majority of today's workers and families is the challenge we address in the pages that follow.*

See, what women are really finding out is that entering the world of work did not make life better or easier. Instead, it gave them a whole new means of stress and responsibilities in their lives, so now we must use the government to ease the burdens of responsibilities that pursuing "empowerment" through careers has given them.

As one goes beyond Podesta's preface and into the first chapter of the report, penned by Shriver herself, that it becomes glaringly obvious that while Shriver and many other women are celebrating the so-called advancement of women's "equality," they are also documenting the ways in which the new reality is negatively impacting both men and women.

Not once does she or any of the other progressives (who are really nothing more than cultural revolutionaries and social engineers) ever stop to consider that the problems they are highlighting are

caused directly by the cultural expectations that gear women towards careers rather than homemaking?

No, we must implement MORE government programs to make it easier on women to "Have it all."

Here's what Shriver writes:

> *Together, the results of these efforts provide a fascinating window into the changing American landscape. What we heard loud and clear is that the Battle Between the Sexes is over. It was a draw. Now we're engaged in Negotiation Between the Sexes.*

It was a draw? But you're declaring victory by calling it a "Woman's Nation!" If it were a draw, wouldn't it simply be "A Nation?"

Doesn't sound like a draw to me. Oh, and what is this "negotiating between the sexes?" You mean where career mom tells her husband if he doesn't toe the line, she'll take him to divorce court, enslave him into peonage and take him away from his children? That kind of reality certainly doesn't look like a "draw" to me.

> *Virtually all married couples told the pollsters they're negotiating the rules of their relationships, work, and family. An overwhelming majority of both men and women said they're sitting down at their kitchen tables to coordinate their family's schedules, duties, and responsibilities, including child care and elder care, at least two to three times a week. Men said it was more like every day!*
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> *Indeed, during my conversation with powerful businesswomen on the West Coast, one told me she and her husband "are constantly renegotiating our agreement about what gets done, who does it—or do we hire somebody as opposed to doing it ourselves." And a man in Seattle told me he and his wife have to work out "who's gonna take care of the light bill? Who's gonna pay for the mortgage? It doesn't matter who's bringing the money in. The money is coming in, but decisions have to be made about how the money is going out."*

Isn't wonderful to see all of this "PROGRESS?" See how a "Woman's Nation" promotes marital harmony? What a wonderful, Brave New World!

> *In the Rockefeller/Time poll, more than three-quarters of both men and women agreed that the increased participation of women in the workforce is a positive change for society.*

Pay attention folks! The very foundation that is the largest funder of Women's studies programs and population control policies, the very foundation that is the primary mover in socially engineering this "woman's nation" has conducted a poll that supports their goals? You don't say?

> *Both sexes also agreed that men are becoming more financially dependent on women. And both women and men said they're still adjusting their lives, their expectations, and their assumptions to the change.*
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> *The findings matched what I heard in the street. Everywhere I went, people talked to me about how overstressed and in crisis they feel, especially when it comes to financial security. Women said that never before has so much been asked of them, and never have they delivered so much. Divorced mothers talked to me about trying to make do without child support. One single mother who had just lost her job told me she was utterly dependent on her family and friends just to stay afloat.*

This folks is what this report refers to as PROGRESS…but it's not done yet, we need more of it!

Now, note that one of the themes Shriver and the author's of this report repeatedly make is the need

for the Government to ensure that women get "equal pay for equal work." Yet the entire premise of that argument rests on the unfounded assumption that the reason for unequal pay is based on "inequality."

Yet…Shriver reports the following:

> *And women often define that power differently from men. One woman who had made it to CEO chose to give up the corner office and downgrade to a lower-rung position. She told me, "I will admit, it was fun, it was power, and I was dealing with a bunch of top dogs. But now I get to hang out with my kids when they come home from school. For me the definition of success is not being a CEO and not being the biggest dog and frankly not making the most money. It's living a balanced life."*

This is the very reason WHY we have the so-called "gender wage gap." But this is not acknowledged at all. In fact, while the authors of the report are calling for "equal pay for equal work" what they are actually arguing for is MORE pay for women for doing LESS work!

> *One female corporate executive told me, "Women don't need equal pay. They actually need to be paid more, because the fact of the matter is that we typically are responsible for more within our families, and we have to pay to outsource more. Most of the men I have competed with for positions have had a stay-home wife at some point and many have had a wife throughout their entire marriage."*

Here we have a female corporate executive, whining about having to compete with a man who has a stay-at-home wife, making it unfair for her to compete with him for positions?

Sorry lady, nothing is stopping you from finding a kitchen bitch husband who would give you the same advantages a full time man has with a stay at home wife!

Nothing that is, except for your own hypergamous instincts which cause you to shudder with revulsion at the thought of being married to a househusband who you'd have to support financially!

Yes Maria…all that you and the elite activists and social engineers that have promoted this cultural revolution, you can see all of the changes that have wrought havoc and confusion amongst so many people…yet you think that all that is being done is a good thing? That we need more of the same?

This report is full of inconsistencies. Women are now more equal than ever…but so much more work needs to be done…sexism is still rampant…but women have succeeded and we are a Women's Nation now…the cognitive dissonance is readily apparent to the objective reader that understands the full ramifications of the cultural and social upheaval we have all experienced in transforming our society into a "Woman's Nation." Just look at Shriver's conclusion:

> *As we move into this phase we're calling a woman's nation, women can turn their pivotal role as wage-earners, as consumers, as bosses, as opinion-shapers, as co-equal partners in whatever we do into a potent force for change. Emergent economic power gives women a new seat at the table—at the head of the table.*

Wait…in the name of "equality," women now have a seat at the head of the table? This is a case in point for what Orwell pointed out in Animal Farm: "Some animals are more equal than other animals." Look at the logical inconsistency of this argument! This is proof positive that the idea of "equality" is nothing but a lie! In the name of pursuing "equality" a Woman's Nation is about woman becoming MORE EQUAL than men.

> *Back in 1960, President Kennedy talked about the torch being passed to "a new generation."*

> *Well, five decades later, the torch is being passed . . . to a new gender. There's no doubt in my mind that we women will lift that torch. We will carry it. And we will light a new way forward.*

A NEW Gender?

President Kennedy talked about the torch passed to a new generation…a term which includes both men and women.

But now, Shriver and the elite social engineers that have created this "woman's nation" have disenfranchised men and they call it progress!

Note the celebrations that women now comprise almost 50% of the breadwinner role…through Men losing their jobs in record numbers thanks to the current recession!

This is progress?

Translation: Woman are "advancing" because men are suffering!

It is indeed a Woman's Nation…and we are worse off for it – both women, men and especially children.

Gameness – On Sam Sheridan's "A Fighter's Heart."

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The first hundred pages of Sam Sheridan's *A Fighter's Heart* made me want to pack it in and take up needlepoint. After graduating from high school, Sheridan joined the Merchant Marines, went to Harvard to study art, sailed around the world as a crew member on a yacht, studied Muay Thai in Thailand, won a fight in Thailand, got his EMT certification, fought fires in Washington and Arizona, worked in Antarctica, studied MMA with Pat Miletich and received a good clobbering in an amateur MMA match. In short, he's done everything awesome.

Sheridan describes the adventures he has during his quest to understand fighting and the men who choose to fight with a balanced mix of articulate insight and thoroughly readable "guy-speak." He's genuine and likable. In fact, he's so likeable that when he writes at length about other fighters the chapters start to drag—especially the informative but 20 pages too long chapter on boxing. Sam is the main character of *A Fighter's Heart.* And when Sam starts training for a fight, his dedication were so inspiring it made this writer want to put down the book and hit the gym. His efforts were heroic, even when they didn't translate into wins.

Because he was a man immersed in male-dominated circles, *A Fighter's Heart* is often as much about men as it is about fighting. When he followed Brazilian Rodrigo Nogueira to a PRIDE match with Fedor Emelienko, the chapter wound up being about the intensity of the experience, about camaraderie and in Sheridan's own words, about "love" between men who fight. In contrast, his exploration of the world of boxing with Andre Ward and Virgil Hunter revealed a look into the tight, symbiotic "two against the world" relationship shared between coach and the athlete.

Sheridan's brief examination of the idea of "gameness," a concept that comes from the world of dog fighting, and its application to men was itself worth the price of the book. He describes *gameness* as "the eagerness to get into the fight, the berserker rage, and then the absolute commitment to the fight in the face of pain, and disfigurement, until death."

The final chapter of *A Fighter's Heart* wasn't as conciliatory as I feared it might be. He did his homework and tried to see fighting from all sides—even from the perspective of Michael Kimmel, feminism's foremost expert in the pathology of masculinity. He searched his soul and even had himself professionally evaluated for signs of psychopathology and comes up empty handed. In the end, he remains true to the spirit of the book. Even though Sheridan struggles with some of the moral issues surrounding fighting, he admits that he still loves fighting and admires the men who fight, especially the men who have made fighting their craft. His moral conflict about fighting is a healthy one that you can find in the literature about fighting men throughout the ages.

Good men have misgivings about fighting. They're conflicted about it. And because they're conflicted about it, they create rules and codes of honor to govern it. But, like Sheridan, they still do it. Because they *want* to. Fighting still attracts them, makes them feel alive, drives them.

Maybe that is a takeaway here. Men aren't all stupid thugs who fight because they've never thought about it, because they don't know any better. They fight because they *want* to. Because feminized, civilized society can't offer them something that fighting can—what Yukio Mishima called "poetry with a splash of blood." Because without conflict, life has no compelling narrative, no passion, no peaks and valleys, no grand motifs. Without conflict, we're just like the monks who taught Sheridan

dynamic *vipassana* at Wat Thaton. Walking around in a circle, hamsters on a wheel, meditating on the movements of our own bodies while the thriving, bustling, struggling, *fighting* din of life calls to us from just over the hills. Without conflict, without fighting, life is an episode of Sienfeld—a show about nothing.

Everything fights.

The final chapter of *A Fighter's Heart* wasn't as conciliatory as I feared it might be. He did his homework and tried to see fighting from all sides—even from the perspective of Michael Kimmel, feminism's foremost expert in the pathology of masculinity. He searched his soul and even had himself professionally evaluated for signs of psychopathology and comes up empty handed. In the end, he remains true to the spirit of the book. Even though Sheridan struggles with some of the moral issues surrounding fighting, he admits that he still loves fighting and admires the men who fight, especially the men who have made fighting their craft. His moral conflict about fighting is a healthy one that you can find in the literature about fighting men throughout the ages.

Good men have misgivings about fighting. They're conflicted about it. And because they're conflicted about it, they create rules and codes of honor to govern it. But, like Sheridan, they still do it. Because they *want* to. Fighting still attracts them, makes them feel alive, drives them.

Maybe that is a takeaway here. Men aren't all stupid thugs who fight because they've never thought about it, because they don't know any better. They fight because they *want* to. Because feminized, civilized society can't offer them something that fighting can—what Yukio Mishima called "poetry with a splash of blood." Because without conflict, life has no compelling narrative, no passion, no peaks and valleys, no grand motifs. Without conflict, we're just like the monks who taught Sheridan dynamic *vipassana* at Wat Thaton. Walking around in a circle, hamsters on a wheel, meditating on the movements of our own bodies while the thriving, bustling, struggling, *fighting* din of life calls to us from just over the hills. Without conflict, without fighting, life is an episode of Sienfeld—a show about nothing.

Everything fights.

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Reader Feedback

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The Spearhead is still in its infancy, but we have grown considerably in the short time we've been online. Our goal is to provide unique, thoughtful content to our readers. We don't intend to steer away from controversy, and are not above mixing it up with feminists from the underworld, but we would like to know what our readers – and particularly our subscribers – would like to see addressed on our site.

So, for the benefit of our readers and authors alike, we invite suggestions for topics and coverage that would allow us to present a more comprehensive treatment of contemporary men's issues.

Please feel free to comment, criticize, and offer helpful advice below. Your input is valuable to us.

Do Western Women Want Gender Peace?

November 5, 2009 | by zed | Link | Original Link

Anoukange wrote an interesting comment in a recent thread -

> Ok, maybe we can focus more on solutions instead of finger pointing. **You guys write well and thank you for your intelligent and masculine outlook, but how about someone write about what men want and like from women and we mass produce it manifesto form and I'll throw from the rooftops of NYC and DC to start. I for one am going to start a revolution of anti-feminism and being a woman**, I'm quite sure that will make me unpopular in the eyes of my fellow gals. I am willing though. Let's recover society, let's swing the pendulum back to the middle and SEEK and FIND balance, eh? Break down wants and needs for sex/relationships/friendship/love/companionship, etc. Players need not contribute due to the temporary nature of their wants but everyone else should.

Predictably, she got a couple of harsh responses, because as Novaseeker put it -

> A common progression I have noticed is that the men who first find their way into our communities often have a great deal of anger towards the system, their own situation, perhaps women, and so on. Often this anger is justified. The men in question may be living through the charade of anti-male abuse that passes for "family law" in most of the Anglosphere. Or they may be long-term "involuntary celibates" who feel that the current social set-up leaves them with the short-end of the stick, Game or no Game. In many cases, this anger and resentment is quite visceral, real, and honest. It makes no sense to shove these kinds of raw reactions to the situation we find ourselves in under the rug. That can only lead to dysfunction for us as individuals, and the loss of good men who could otherwise grow and develop in our communities. No, the visceral anger is actually a good thing in that it brings the issues to the surface, forces us to confront the human dimensions of the on-going social catastrophe in the West, and, most importantly, motivates men to come to our communities and learn — which is precisely what we need.
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> However, regardless of how useful the energy associated with such anger may be for getting men to wake up and become aware of the kind of issues we face, at some stage that underlying energy needs to find both a new basis and a new channel so that men can move from being somewhat angry at the system as a whole towards making changes in their own lives, and those of others, to benefit them in light of the current environment.
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> What this means, in brass tacks, is simple enough, I think. Our task as men who are engaged in a community that cares about issues pertaining to men is both to provide a refuge for the hot anger of the newcomers as well as the encouragement and direction, at the proper time, to channel that energy into something that is ultimately more productive for their lives and, in the longer term, for our growing men's awareness communities.

And, in a private communication to the authors Welmer said this -

> What we are doing here is building something. This is a fundamentally masculine thing to do. Just as our forefathers built ships that took us across the oceans and rockets that sent men to the moon, we are engaged in a constructive pursuit. It's time for us to stop and think

> about what we're building. What do we really want? Do we have a better alternative to the current mess? I think we do, and it's time to focus on offering some alternatives.
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> Women have been recruited as enemies, but if you give the issue some thought it wasn't necessarily their fault. In their hearts, they just want to do "the right thing," and that desire has been manipulated by all sorts of people. Women are fundamentally social creatures, and they are in need of direction. We really ought to think about how we can offer them some direction. They crave it so much that if we give them a job they think is worthy, they will take it up with all their feminine passion.
>
> So I'd like our writers to think about the alternatives that can be offered to women. They will need something that fulfills both their social and idealistic needs. Be creative and benevolent in this endeavor.

It sounds like anoukange is asking for exactly that.

The important question is – will any women join her, and if so, how many? Do Western women really want gender peace, or are they quite content with the way things are now?

Maria Shriver has just declared that the gender war is over and that women have won by declaring the US "A Woman's Nation." And that is supposedly going to change everything. But, will it? And do women really like the change and want it?

Barack Obama based his 2008 campaign to become the first president of the United States with African heritage on "Hope" and "Change." And he won. But was it more because people wanted change, or because they wanted hope?

Either way it seems to imply that a lot of people did not like the way things were when they went to the polling places and voted for "hope" and "change."

So, if that is the case, is what people really want more of the same kind of "change" which led them to the very situation they wanted change **from** in November 2008?

> "When we look back over the 20th Century and try to understand what's happened to workers and their familes and the challenges they now face, the movement of women out of the home and into paid employment stands out as a unique and powerful transformation."

- Moms aren't home all day caring for younger children, yet quality child care and flexible hours at work are in short supply.
- Schools still let kids out in the afternoon, long before the workday ends *(oh, horrors, the children get out of their incarceration early)*
- And they shut their doors for three months during the summer, even though the majority of families with children are supported by a single working parent or a dual-earning couple. *(horrors again, the children might, but only might, get to spend some time outside)*

The list goes on and on, but all of these "problematic" issues probably seem less like "problems" to the latchkey kids, the "no-one-at-home" kids, of the last generation, than they look like the **source and cause** of the problems of family breakdown, and loss of stability, and lots of stress, and parents who are never around. Even less contact with their families probably isn't really the kind of "change" that is going to have most women cheering.

So, the question remains, do we all just continue to march forward in lockstep, smiling, into this

Brave New World that our planners and masters have in mind for us? Do we continue to compete ourselves into being mindless worker drones so that we can afford that even bigger "big screen teevee" while our children are warehoused in sterile detention camps, supervised by the dregs of the education system?

Is the kind of "change" women want for "their" nation?

So, I post to the erudite readers of the Spearhead two questions, and invite a spirited discussion on both.

For the men, anoukange's question above – which she will print up and throw from the rooftops – **What do men want and like from women?**

And, for the women – **Do you want Gender Peace?** Do you want men back as your lovers, husbands, fathers, and perhaps even friends? Are you ready to stop hating us, using us, suing us, stealing our children from us, feeling entitled to support from us, and holding us in complete contempt? If anoukange throws men's answers to her questions from the rooftops, will you join her and help her? Will you stop indiotically chanting "You GO, GRRL" whenever some woman trashes or burns a man and start thinking about how that man might enrich your life as an ally instead of an enemy?

Or, do men and women continue down this scorched-earth path of mutually assured destruction?

Keeping Our Spearheads Intact

November 5, 2009 | by Chuck Ross | Link | Original Link

There was a story circulating the news a couple months ago that's near and dear to my, uh, heart. Depending on your news source, the CDC is considering measures to promote/force circumcision of male babies born in the U.S. This isn't new as many AIDS activists and Bill Clinton himself have advocated the same thing.

The recommendation rests on studies which show that HIV transmission is lower in circumcised Africans. Considering the AIDS "epidemic" in the U.S., health officials are seeking any means of containing its spread, despite repudiation of the study. Governments prefer to use pragmatic means to solve the crisis; I'd prefer that people learn not to fuck so non-chalantly in environments with high HIV prevalence.

As a young, uncut boy I often wondered why my penis looked like an anteater while those of other boys' in the swimming pool showers looked like toadstools. Parental guidance of "wash behind your ears" was accompanied with "and under your foreskin, too." I was jealous that my brother – a follower of Abraham's covenant – wasn't chastised by our parents for "not cleaning his dick". I had issues coming to grips with my oddity. I'd laugh at foreskin jokes pretending to be in on the fun when I was actually the target. The first mention of "smegma" was met with outward revulsion but inward angst.

But as I got older, I came to accept my extra layer of skin in all of its natural glory. Being unbaptized, non-religious and with a tendency to swim against the stream, I regarded my situation as the ultimate marker of resistance against the status quo. I was blessed with a triumvirate of rebellion. I was different in philosophy from those I grew up with, how fitting I also had tangible evidence to back it up. No I didn't let my foreskin freak flag fly, but in time I developed foreskin pride.

But I'll put aside the personal pride of my fully-holstered gun; possibly it has biased my opinion on the subject. There are the natural rights issues of circumcision. Any well-heeled lover of personal liberty would oppose the government-mandate *du jour* regardless of its potential benefits to society. Slicing off an infant's man-sheath is an affront to a basic tenet of liberty: protection from bodily harm. I buy into the Murray Rothbard school of radical libertarianism on child-rearing issues:

> "Applying our theory to parents and children, this means that a parent does not have the right to aggress against his children, but also that the parent should not have a legal obligation to feed, clothe, or educate his children, since such obligations would entail positive acts coerced upon the parent and depriving the parent of his rights. The parent therefore may not murder or mutilate his child, and the law properly outlaws a parent from doing so. But the parent should have the legal right not to feed the child, i.e., to allow it to die.[2] The law, therefore, may not properly compel the parent to feed a child or to keep it alive.[3] (Again, whether or not a parent has a moral rather than a legally enforceable obligation to keep his child alive is a completely separate question.) Very little need be said on that issue."

I agree with Rothbard. I don't believe there should be any legal obligation for a parent to provide for their child although there are strong incentives to doing so in practice. A newborn – no matter how small and fragile – is a free agent. Parents have no natural *obligation* to feed or clothe it. Now, as Rothbard said, it's best for society and the parents psyche to provide for their children, but they can't be thrown in jail even if they allow them to die in the streets. Since a parent has no obligation *towards* the child, they also have no claim *on* the child. This counts his foreskin. Foreskin mutilation is assault plain and simple. A free agent – when decision-making abilities are formed – can choose to whack their mole based on health, faith, or aesthetic reasons, but its their decision; it's not for other people to decide.

Circumcision was historically practiced by the Jews for religious reasons. Before that, it is believed that trimming a little off the top arose out of ritual: a boy gave something of value (not *too*valuable mind you) to mark his ascendancy to manhood. In the book *Sexual Mutilation: A Human Tragedy*, Frederick Hodges asserts that circumcision became widely practiced in England after Jewish in-migration in the 1800s. The observation that they - sans foreskin – had lower prevalence of syphilis than the then-uncut Brits. Without analyzing the sex behavior of each ethnic group, the extra skin was blamed for the difference. During the same century, Anglo-Saxon culture became obsessed with the ill effects of masturbation in boys. To prevent this widespread calamity, the patriarchy decided to start cutting off heads – no questions asked.

These simple reasons for performing the ritual – health and superstition – don't hold up under scrutiny. First, if you're a believer, God made us in his image. The man with the white beard is walking around with his gun in its holster just like me. If you'll allow me to get a little ridiculous, God's use of a mohel would be an affront to His perfection.

Turning to more practical matters, this study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* claims that circumcision has no significant impact on STD prevention or sexual dysfunction prevention. Also, circumcision was seen to lead to an increase in masturbation and more "unnatural" acts like oral and anal sex. The reasons for circumcisions rise in the Anglo world are largely unfounded.

Another argument used by circumcision advocates is that smegma is a carcinogenic agent causing higher incidences of cancer. This theory has been largely debunked. From the American Cancer Society:

> "In weighing the risks and benefits of circumcision, doctors consider the fact that penile cancer is very uncommon in the United States, even among uncircumcised men. Neither the American Academy of Pediatrics nor the Canadian Academy of Pediatrics recommends

> routine circumcision of newborns just for medical reasons.In the end, decisions about circumcision are highly personal and depend more on social and religious factors than on medical evidence."

Oh yeah. The most important reason to leave the foreskin intact: sex is more enjoyable for men and women when the man is uncircumcised. For us men, the foreskin houses nerve-endings and blood vessels that create arousal and heightened orgasmic pleasure. In women, the water-weenie effect allows for more lubrication and greater sensation. From an evolutionary standpoint, doctors are messing with something that exists for a reason; there may be unintended consequences of removing the foreskin. Even if cancer and STD prevalence was higher in uncircumcised men, we still don't have a good enough cost/benefit analysis to decide proper action. After all, you wouldn't cut off your nose to spite your face would you?

Circumcision in the United States has declined since the 1960s; it rests around 56% as of 2006. I happened to be born in a town with hippie tendencies: their acceptance of female armpit hair and dumpster diving was oddly correlated with foreskin sanctity. For that I'm thankful. The grounds for male circumcision are shaky and superstitious at best - torturous at worst. The argument itself should be moot if we adhere to Rothbard's admonishment: circumcision is an affront to personal liberty and it's practice on newborns should be eradicated. To this I say "Give me Foreskin or Give me Death."

HT: Menareangrynow

Black Bean Soup: Food for Healthy Men

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Cooking is one of my favorite hobbies, so I thought I'd start a weekly recipe column offering tips on cooking tasty, healthy food on a budget. Cooking is far from a female domain; men have been cooking for themselves and others since the taming of fire. From the field kitchen to the ship's galley to the fanciest hotels and restaurants in the world, men have been preparing meals in all their infinite variations, contributing to culinary culture and driving the evolution of the gastronomic arts.

Today, I will introduce crockpot black bean soup, which is a tasty, nutritious and filling soup that can serve as the main course or a side dish. One little-known fact about black beans is that they are very rich in antioxidants, particularly the anti-inflammatory anthocyanins that have been found to inhibit tumor growth.

For equipment, you will need a crockpot (preferably an electric slow cooker, but a large cooking pot will do) and a skillet, rounded off with a spatula and ladle. Cooking time is ten hours.

Ingredients include:

- One pound of dried black beans
- One standard 14.5 oz can of diced tomatoes
- A bulb of garlic
- One large onion (I use sweets, such as Vidalia or Walla Walla)
- One 4 oz can of diced jalapenos
- A couple of smoked pork shanks/ham hocks, a pound of ham, or a 12 oz can of spam
- Two tsp. ground cumin
- One red bell pepper
- Optional: roughly 3/4 cup sweet kernel corn (fresh or canned — fresh is better)

Preparation:

All you need to do before cooking is soak the beans overnight in cold water. Simply dump them in a large bowl (they will expand quite a bit) filled with water and leave them on the counter overnight.

Cooking:

When you wake up and are ready to start cooking, drain the beans through a sieve, discarding soaking water and giving them another rinse to be sure they are clean, then pour the beans into the slow cooker. Open the can of diced tomatoes and pour on top of the beans, then add two cups of water. Put the lid on the crockpot and turn it on, set to low. If you have a timer, choose ten hours. If you are cooking on a stovetop, simmer very slowly.

For the next five hours, you don't have to do anything. Go for a walk in the park, a drive, a bike ride, or go to church — do whatever you want. Keep in mind that no matter what you do during this free time, you are still technically cooking and feeding your family, so do not forget to remind anyone of that if they attempt to shame you into some other chore.

At the five hour mark it's time to prepare the other ingredients. Get a big, sharp knife and chop up the onion, then throw it into a bowl. Next, if you are using ham or spam, cut it into small cubes of less than a half inch in width. Throw on top of the onions. Finally, slice the bell pepper and chop the garlic, using two to six cloves — whatever your preference. Leave the garlic and bell pepper on the

cutting board for now.

Now heat up your skillet with a couple tablespoons of olive oil (any cooking oil will do, but olive oil seems to go well with black beans). When it's good and hot, toss on the onion and ham/spam. Cook until the pork is browned and the onions soft, then scrape the garlic and bell pepper slices into the skillet, and keep cooking until the bell pepper slices have softened to sweetness. Make sure you don't burn the garlic — that tastes bad.

Remove the lid from your crockpot, then empty all of the contents of the skillet into the crockpot. Take a ladle and stir it around until it is mixed in. Now open the diced jalapeno can and empty its contents into the crockpot as well. At this point, the soup might need some more water, so add water to gain the consistency you want (shouldn't take much). Finally, add a couple teaspoons of ground cumin, stir that in, and cover the crockpot.

Note: If you are using hamhocks or pork shanks, they should already be smoked, and there is no need to cook them in the skillet. Just place them in with the other ingredients as they are at the halfway point, and you can remove the bones and shred the meat when the soup is nearly finished.

For the next several hours, you will want to check the soup and stir it every so often. When it is nearly done, you should add the corn, stirring it in well. Taste the soup and salt to desired taste.

When the soup is done it should be fragrant and have a hearty, robust taste. The beans will have largely dissolved into an earthen-colored liquid, while the bell pepper slices, corn and jalapenos will continue to add some color to the soup.

Serve the soup with rice, thick-sliced French peasant bread or cornbread. Do not forget to save leftovers in sealed containers in the fridge or freezer. This soup freezes very well.

After your day's labor, you will have a delicious, hearty, nutritious meal that can feed a full-sized family — all for about $10. The soup is packed with fiber, antioxidants, minerals and vitamins and has a good balance of fats, proteins and carbs, so you can eat until you are full and not worry about it.

Going Feministic

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Glenn Sacks has written an explanation of what happened when Kathryn Joyce, the professional anti-Christian feminist who is working on Salon.com's dime, called him up for an interview. Kathryn, whose sensationalist article was followed by Judy Berman's threats of war on men in Salon.com, did her best to connect "MRA" to terrorism through the George Sodini incident. It was a cheap, transparent ploy, and I really can't see why it surprises anyone.

However, what does surprise me is that people still think something can be won through reasonable negotiation with feminists. If the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result, then I would have to say a number of MRA guys are madmen.

The idea that men can find common ground with feminists is just as silly as the idea that women can go to "war" against men. It's all ridiculous rhetoric, and would make a good comedy if it weren't for the innumerable tragedies playing out around America every day due to dysfunctional law. Perhaps the best way to deal with these women, as Roissy suggests, is to employ Game. Kathryn Joyce's rhetoric has all the hallmarks of sublimated sexual frustration, which isn't all that different from the catalyst for George Sodini's deadly outburst, except for the fact that women like Joyce take out their aggression in a social rather than physical manner. Ironically, social aggression such as Kathryn's tends to breed physical aggression in men, so there is a symbiotic kind of violence here.

What we have here is an escalating war dance played out by extremists on both sides. Joyce and Berman are both eager to accuse MRA of recruiting potential martyrs, but their excitement over that scenario is plain to see. The point has often been made that many women prefer bad boys — they pursue serial killers and rapists out of some biological imperative to seek out dominant men. Joyce and Berman only reinforce this, as they are extremely excited over the prospect of doing battle with angry men. It is the classic case of mutual domestic violence, but they can't see it because their own sexual impulses cloud their judgment, leading them to foment the very situation that stimulates them the most.

Men should refuse to engage. This is really the essence of Game. Let them come to you like a fury, but deny them the power to manufacture drama. And make no mistake — this is all about drama. Feminist struggle against "batterers" is pure pornography for the women in the DV industry; there is nothing they want more than to provoke fights and imagine sexual tension building up over mutual animosity. This is the fuel that feeds the fire, without which it would be nothing more than a pile of wet snow on a smoldering log.

Think about this: Joyce's burning passion against the Christian "patriarchy" is due to a deep-seated revulsion about the idea of being in a submissive relationship. Rather than do her duty and accept sex as the passive act she imagines it to be in Christian relationships, she wants to be fiery and filled with passion during her sexual encounters. Rage and anger is the passion that gets her going the most, so causing anger and conflict is an imperative, whether she consciously realizes that or not.

Every time the stakes are raised through laws or drama, the potential for conflict is heightened considerably. This is highly erotic to some women — especially feminists. If it weren't, they'd happily don the metaphorical hijab and submit to men, knowing that that is a much easier and more peaceful path to take. But no, Joyce and her ilk want passionate love tinged and spiced with anger

and danger, and like junkies they keep shooting more dope into their arms, all the while plunging the rest of society into chaos. What we have to ask is whether it's really worth it to indulge these extreme individuals. For most of us, it obviously is not, but the devil drives!

This is the human condition, men. See these kinds of women for the dangerous beasts they are, and face them boldly and defiantly, giving not an inch of compromise, or put up a fence and keep them out. Would you invite the she-wolf into the pasture to talk about your flock? Of course not. You keep her out or else you tame her and make her your bitch. With recalcitrant feminists, the former is the much more practical and sensible route to take.

Kathryn and Judy, if you two want to go to war, leave the little people out of it. Find yourselves a sociopath who can satisfy your lust for gender war, and live the dramatic life of conflict that fulfills you down there. There are men who will oblige you, but you will have to seek them out, because they are no more prevalent than women like you. However, because you are already hot on the trail of war and violence, I trust something will come up, and your wishes will be fulfilled.

Then will you stop bothering the peaceful majority?

Men's Rights Groups "Frightening" Feminists

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A reader sent me an article about men's rights groups that was published yesterday in "Double X," one of the countless feminist blogs that infest the internet. Ordinarily, I wouldn't bother commenting on an article written in some obscure femzine, but evidently the author managed to get some statements from a couple of guys who are pretty high up in the fathers' and men's rights movement.

The article has all the usual scare-mongering, insinuations that men who fight for justice are "abusers," and quotes from manginas who are in on the feminist racket. Discredited DV statistics are held to be canon, and MRA tactics equated with DV, etc. As a divorced man who went through a custody dispute, I know that it is very easy to be labeled a "perpetrator" or "abuser" without having broken any laws at all – even without being arrested and/or charged with anything – so I'm familiar with the technique, but it still gets my blood pressure up when I see it. Here's an example from the article just to illustrate the point:

> In this, critics like Australian sociologist Michael Flood say that men's rights movements reflect the tactics of domestic abusers themselves, minimizing existing violence, calling it mutual, and discrediting victims. MRA groups downplay national abuse rates, just as abusers downplay their personal battery; they wage campaigns dismissing most allegations as false, as abusers claim partners are lying about being hit; and they depict the violence as mutual—part of an epidemic of wife-on-husband abuse—as individual batterers rationalize their behavior by saying that the violence was reciprocal. Additionally, MRA groups' predictions of future violence by fed-up men wronged by the family-law system seem an obvious additional correlation, with the threat of violence seemingly intended to intimidate a community, like a fearful spouse, into compliance.

Does Australia have a real problem with greasy academics like this Flood fellow? Certainly seems that way.

Anyway, back to the main reason I am commenting on this article, its author, Kathryn Joyce, who is apparently a hardcore feminist, contacted Glenn Sacks, who runs the excellent Fathers & Families organization along with a radio show and his eponymous blog. Sacks is a polished, media-savvy guy, and I greatly appreciate his efforts to change things for the better. In fact, if anyone is going to talk to feminists, I'd prefer that he be the one to handle this unpleasant business.

However, I'd like to point out that Joyce spun his statements to indicate that Sacks calls people who are upset about what is happening to men "idiots" and suggests that they are dangerous. This is why I would counsel men to not even bother speaking as authorities on men's issues with feminists at all. I seriously doubt Sacks intentionally said these things, but that's what the woman is going to work into her piece — truth and context be damned. Actually, his very act of giving her the time of day lends some legitimacy to her article that – considering her typical abuse of statistics and underhanded insinuations – it doesn't deserve.

Another thing to consider is that giving Ms. Joyce some of his time is something men couldn't expect from feminist women in a similar position to Glenn. If I, for example, tried to contact Gloria Allred, saying that I write for a men's rights magazine, does anyone believe that she would bother to get back to me? I don't. So I don't think feminists like Ms. Joyce should be extended a courtesy that men

cannot currently expect. There's no reciprocity, so why give them anything for free? I support Glenn doing a *paid* interview with these people, but he shouldn't make their job easier by providing them with free statements they can and will twist any which way they want.

Obsidian Speaks: Don't be a Slob

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Yesterday I was reading RooshV's recent post "18 Reasons Guys Don't Get Laid" and one of those reason has been something on my mind lately, what I consider to be a fundament of what some call Inner Game-not looking like a slob.

In Manosphere circles, of which I consider the Game/PUA portion to be a part of, there's a great deal made of how Women in our time have let themselves go-you don't need me to recount the ways. Virtually every week, if not more frequently, somebody out in the Manosphere will bemoan the Dowdying of Feminine America in one way or another, usually in the most unflattering of terms. While there is certainly something to be said here, I've always found the exercise itself to be the very kinds of feminine behavior (bitching, whining and moaning) that so many Men one, claim to despise, and two, are supposed to be above; afterall, to be a Man is to take the bull by the horns and make things happen, NOT sit on the sidelines and bleat on and on about shit nobody, least of all YOU, can do a darned thing about.

Right?

So, in light of the aforementioned, and in solidarity with Roosh (somebody I'll definitely be reading more of in the coming weeks), I thought to dedicate the first of what I hope will be many posts focused on helping guys up their Game for real.

So let's begin. Like Roosh said, are you a fright to see naked? Don't get me wrong here-no one's saying you gots to have six pack abs and 0% body fat-but looking like the Michelin Man, like you're about to ape Octomom any minute, hell to the naw, that does NOT make a Woman moist. The Obsidian Axiom #10 is very clear on this point: when you're fully clothed, take a look down-if you cannot see your belt buckle, you could stand to lose a couple.

And you don't need to join a gym to do it-Russell Crowe got in shape for his role in The Gladiator by doing farm work. In fact, and I say this as a lifelong Blue Collar Guy, it was rare to see many Men having pot bellies, double chins and the like. Simply put, the more active you are, the more likely you'll be in shape. Make it a point to move your ass early and often. Walk-alot.

Next, let's consider your grooming. While they're some posers and haters out there, I proudly proclaim the Axe line of Men's grooming products to be a Godsend to Humanity, because as a Man I know for a fact that A LOT OF GUYS STINK. To me, Axe is akin to the Garanimal clothing line they had for kids way back in the day, where you matched things up according to the animal you saw on the clothing. Axe makes it really simple for a guy to wash his ass, AND the best part? It didn't cost an arm and a leg to d it either. Hey, if you can afford to go all out on toiletries and cologne, do your thing bro, but most guys, especially the slobs, either can't or don't yet see the value in such an exercise. Axe is a great starting point, and believe me when I tell you, the Ladies WILL thank you for it.

Next-the haircut. Now admittedly, we Brothas are a bit tighter in this regard, so I'm afraid this has to be aimed abit more at our Brothers from Another Mother, so to speak-unless you're a certain type of personality, loose the Steven Seagal ponytail, that's so 90s. Same deal for the combover-if you're losing your hair, SHAVE IT ALL OFF. Women like neatness in a Man, and having a nicely clan shaven head can and will turn many a Woman on, even, especially, those who don't normally go in

for that sort of thing. Same deal w/the grungey stubble thing happening that I see a lot of Hipster White Guys do-it's not appealing and makes you look dirty. Get a good shaver and shave.

Staying in shape will reflect well on your face because it will emphasize your jawline; this will work very well if you aim to rock a beard or goatee, which has always been seen as an "Alpha Male" look. The trick is to keep it groomed nicely, but if done well, Women will most definitely like it.

Next, clothes, and this goes for both White and Black guys, who tend to be on the extremes of the spectrum here. White guys tend to wear their clothes too tight; lots of Brothas, too darned loose/big. There needs to be a kind of meeting of the minds here. White guys-WEAR A BELT WITH YOUR PANTS. That's what the belt loops are for, and Women LOVE a Man who accessorizes well. That means, hats, gloves, scarves, belts, etc. You don't have to go into hock for this sort of thing, just take a Sunday afternoon at Target or H&M and look around and try out stuff. You'll be surprised what you find.

Brothas-PULL YOUR PANTS UP. No one is interested in looking at your boxer-encased butt or worse, your impersonation of Joe The Plumber Asscrack. And those long as White Tees? Oh my. Yo, Dickies are a line of clothing FOR WORK, so if you're gonna wear em, actually have ajob to go with it, OK? And I don't know where the idea of aping Charlie Brown's baseball cap thing came from, but it looks absolutely ridiculous, and it needs to stop, pronto.

Many Brothas like to wear their hair long, like in braids or locs-that's cool, but KEEP IT UP. Nothing looks worse that a Thug Nigga who really does look like a Thug. One of the great things about having styles like that is that you can always get a Sista who'll only be too happy to do your hair for you. So hop to.

In a nutshell fellas, instead of complaining about how Women today look, how about taking a good looking in the mirror and objectively assessing how YOU look? Take some care about your appearance. You don't have to be the next Brad Pitt or Denzel Washington, but you can look a lot better than you currently do-and while its true that Men are more visually driven than Women, keep in mind they ain't Helen Keller, either. Women have always liked a well dressed, fit Man, and always will. Follow these simple rules and watch your Game takeoff.

Now adjourn your grimey asses.

The Obsidian

THEY FOUND NEMO!!!

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May he rest in peace.

Thought we could use some comic relief.

Doing Something About False Rape Claims

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We can talk all we want to about vague plans to improve the relationships between men and women, but vague talk never accomplishes anything.

The issue of "rape" really is the nuclear weapon of the gender war, because nothing strikes more deeply and directly at the fundamental mechanism which brings men and women together **as** men and women. The wholesale demonization of men simply because they find woman sexually attractive creates a no-win situation for everyone except the feminists who want to drive men and women apart.

The redefinition of the entire process of sexual interaction in such a way that all the gray and uncertain areas are now crimes exists completely apart from the out and out lies told by some women which the cultural atmosphere regarding rape allows to completely destroy the lives of average decent people. Note in the following story that it was not just a man who got hurt, but his wife as well.

There is a blog which deals specifically with the problem of false accusations of rape – The False Rape Society – which is currently highlighting an effort to make false accusations of rape a serious crime and attempt to establish some deterrence for women who wish to use lies to destroy the lives of others. Something very important to emphasize is that this is **not** an issue about how "rape" will be defined, which has to be addressed separately, but specifically those cases of rape accusations when no sexual act took place at all – complete fabrications.

> More than 10 years ago, the lives of Mike and Betty Gallagher were turned upside down when a student accused Mike of repeatedly raping her while she was a fifth grade student at Willow Hill Elementary.
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> "It was December of 1997 when two detectives showed up at my house to say there was a complaint against me and I'd have to come down to the station," Mike recalled.
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> He was told that the student had accused him of raping her more than 20 times during the 1985-86 school year.
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> He knew the charges were untrue, but that didn't stop police from arresting him on Jan. 22, 1998.
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> "I was thrown in jail for a couple hours, then paraded in handcuffs to the District Justice's office with every major news channel there," he said. "I remember Vernon Odom sticking a mike in my face and asking, 'Are you guilty of this crime?'"
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> For the next 10 months, he lived a teacher's worst nightmare, suspended without pay, racking up $45,000 in lawyer fees and, worst of all, watching his good name scorned and his family humiliated.
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> In the end, the student's story unraveled and law enforcement realized it was all a lie.
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> She was never charged and walked away scot free. The Gallaghers didn't have it so easy. They were left with the tattered remains of their life and a conviction that something needed to be done to help other victims of the same injustice. For years, they helped others who were falsely accused, and lobbied Pennsylvania lawmakers to toughen penalties for those who knowingly make false allegations.

Men certainly should be concerned about this, particularly the men who use Game to have sex with lots of women. The only thing which stands between these guys and a long stint in prison, crushing legal bills, and a life, career, and reputation left in complete tatters is a totally corrupt and biased legal system.

Women who would like to have decent relationships with men should be concerned, too, but I ain't holding my breath.

This proposed law needs as much public exposure and support as it can get.

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> Look on the face of the bill and find the bill's co-sponsors: lend them any support you can, too: List of Pennsylvania state legislators

Undermining the Orthodoxy: How Feminism will Consume Itself

November 8, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

Cultures are very adaptable to circumstances and opportunities, but they don't usually have much forethought. As I wrote in my piece on strategy and tactics, we men were put in our current position because we were a ripe fruit ready to be plucked and eaten. It didn't really take very long for a coalition to form to squeeze every bit of juice out of us, and that coalition included people who traditionally railed against one another in everything from academic journals to supermarket tabloids. Feminists launched into Marxist tirades against the "patriarchy," while traditional conservatives insisted that their version of civilization was the best.

However, when it came to gettin', both sides seemed to agree that the hapless, typical man owed them something. Feminists wanted taxpayer-funded women's programs, special health care for women, jobs for women, child support and alimony. Conservatives wanted men to sacrifice themselves for their country, capitalism and civic institutions such as marriage. Men were getting pushed and pulled this way and that, but eventually both the feminists and conservatives made a series of deals that they could both live with, making them allies of sorts. This culminated in the massive change in policy in the 1990s, in which welfare was largely shifted from the taxpayer to the father (and expanded thereby), the American workforce was feminized, police forces were militarized and expanded and American men were imprisoned at world record peacetime rates.

All of these things have hit young men with full force over the past decade, and yet there is another disaster looming over the horizon: the coming retirement of the baby boomers. When that happens in big numbers, it will be like a grand piano falling on the head of the younger male taxpayer. It will be a deal breaker.

Now, instead of feeling utterly defeatist about this, it's got to be seen as an inevitable turning point. Young men have already been squeezed almost dry. I see the market reports on TV and have to chuckle a bit as the talking heads sell stocks to all the avaricious, largely elderly stockholders. It reminds me of the real estate agents in Hong Kong getting on TV right before the PRC takeover telling everyone that the time to buy Hong Kong real estate is NOW, NOW, NOW! Of course, HK real estate tanked immediately following the takeover, and SE Asia plunged into a recession for a year or so. I was in Hong Kong in late '97, and nobody seemed too happy there. The stores were empty and the Pakistani merchants in Kowloon were so desperately aggressive in their efforts to shake me down that I just about decked one of them.

Now that working men have been pretty much cleaned out, and many are just plain out of work, people will soon realize that we aren't much of a target worth pursuing anymore. Wealth has been increasingly concentrated in the hands of fewer Americans, but it has also been increasingly concentrated in the hands of *older* Americans, many of whom are retired, widows, unhealthy, unproductive, etc. Therefore, the emphasis on wealth redistribution will have to change, or a lot of people will start running out of revenue very soon, and it will take on far more ominous overtones in the popular imagination as weaker demographics are increasingly targeted.

As commenter Sestamibi wrote on a previous post:

> The reality is that the world [..] of high-wage unionized low-skill jobs in auto plants and

> steel mills was the aberration, not the norm. It existed only from about 1946-1973. That means a whole generation has ALREADY grown up under the return to the status quo ante, and has no experience with $75/hour to install bumpers on Ford Escorts, such guys living in comfortable ranch houses with boats, rec vehicles, and all kinds of other toys.

Yes, that world is gone. I saw it fall apart first-hand, growing up in the now vanished working-class milieu of pre-1990s Seattle, where guys working at factories could still afford houses in nice neighborhoods near downtown. Nowadays, there are far fewer of these men, and those that remain live in the cheaper suburbs because their relative wealth is far lower than it used to be. So what will likely happen is that the coercive mechanisms that were used to extract money from the once wealthy working and middle classes will no longer be worth maintaining, because the return will no longer justify the cost.

First, I expect that we will see some reduction in imprisonment for child support arrears, because prisons are already cutting back operations and these guys are not generally the kind who get politicians in trouble for letting them out on the street, as opposed to, say, knife wielding maniacs. Then, some of the social agencies that make recommendations to judges in custody cases, etc., will start getting cut, as will some domestic violence programs and investigations (these are widely known to be wasteful because so many accusations are bogus in the context of divorce). I doubt that "obligations" will be changed substantially any time soon, but enforcement and the numerous hoops men are forced to jump through by courts may be significantly reduced. It really takes a lot of money to strictly control society, and having lived abroad I can say with some certainty that American society is heavily policed and controlled.

Next, men will probably begin to withdraw their voluntary support of some of the old standbys, such as buying family houses. Fewer men are getting married, those that are have grown increasingly afraid of losing a house in case of divorce, and people don't trust real estate like they used to, so house prices should move toward reflecting their true value, which will start to eat away at the wealth of a lot of upper income and retired people.

Of course, there is always plain old inflation, and from the looks of things that's what we're going to have to live with in the face of the massive debt our government has incurred. It's really an untenable situation we've dug ourselves into, and the old model of the productive family has been so thoroughly gutted that there won't be much motivation on the part of young men to pull our country out of this mess.

What we're facing is a system that does indeed oppress us as men, but also virtually guarantees its own failure. When it has truly achieved victory, and many, many men who would otherwise have been productive breadwinners are pushed to the margins of society, barely able to support themselves, let alone a family, it will run out of gas. We can only speculate as to what will happen after that, but one thing I'm pretty sure of is that women will share the misery as well. Sadly, many of the elderly will probably have a very rough time of it, as ruthless cost-cutting measures eat away at the benefits they receive.

As I wrote in the first sentence of this piece, cultures are adaptable. Men will adapt to the harsh reality they face. If there are structural limits to their happiness, they will find ways around them. Unfortunately for women, they have become a structural problem for men, so they shouldn't expect much cooperation from them. It will become a time when chivalry is laughed at or punished, dishonesty and manipulation of women for financial or sexual gain is common, and men skate out of

their obligations to females without any feelings of guilt. If you think about it, this is clearly the expansion of the ghetto culture (which was simply an early manifestation of the same process) across the entire country, with the exception of some God-fearing remnants in flyover country.

Given the state of modern Detroit – perhaps the first and most complete example of this ongoing process – which is reverting back to wilderness in many places, one might think this is an apocalyptic scenario. Perhaps it is as far as the old, traditional America is concerned, but we have to keep in mind that the destruction will be selective. Those of us who do some damage control can survive, and even thrive after a fashion. Those who take the biggest hit will be the current beneficiaries of this rotten, dysfunctional system. I can foresee a day when many people working in all these cake jobs in government and education simply stop getting paid, and the police and first responders start taking a half an hour or more to respond to 911 calls, because there aren't enough of them, and those that remain are apathetic and demoralized.

Men will create new communities, first amongst each other, and then they will bring in the women they trust and their children. Our old ways and communities may have been broken, and our foes may be doing victory dances, but as I see it they're about to give us a great opportunity to start over. Instability and anarchy favor men by their very nature, so when things really fall apart, we'll be back in the driver's seat by default.

Sound pessimistic? Maybe it is, but I see a lot of potential on the horizon.

Everything She Does Is Cute

November 9, 2009 | by Roissy | Link | Original Link

[Personal note: Because of time constraints that is the lot of the international man of mystery, my usual Friday Spearhead posts have been sporadic.]

I'm on a few mailing lists for various pickup oriented businesses. I don't spend money on workshops or material, but I do like to keep current with what is being offered in the world of game, so I read the frequent marketing heavy emails and the posts on seduction forums that abound on the internet. Occasionally, a recommendation or a new game tactic will really stand out for its insightfulness, and I'll make a mental note of it so I can incorporate it into my own lifestyle.

Recently, one of those great insights came my way, via Lance Mason from the Pickup 101 company. It's simple in its elegance, and like the "Agree & Amplify" game tactic very effective at getting women attracted to you. As stated in Lance's email:

> If you only learn one thing from me, my instructors, or PickUp 101… this is the one to BURN into your memory banks.
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> It will help you in attraction
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> It will help you pass a woman's 'tests'
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> It will help you in relationships
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> And it's really simple.
>
> No matter what happens…
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> EVERYTHING She Does Is CUTE

This pretty much rings true based on my experience. The more you patronizingly treat women like bratty kid sisters, the more their vaj takes over their critical thinking skills. It all harkens back to the one fundamental principle guiding male-female relations: Chicks love submitting to powerful men. And what is a bigger demonstration of male sexual power than believing that a woman is so far beneath you that she is the equivalent of a child, hardly deserving of a serious answer or an emotional investment?

So what does "everything she does is cute" mean in practice? It means not getting riled up when she tests you. It means not explaining yourself when she stamps her wee feet and wags a finger at you. It means never acting apologetic when she's upset with some mysterious infraction you've committed. Keep in mind that when a woman gets upset, at least half the time she's not really upset with whatever misdemeanor she's accusing you of; she's just upset that your behavior caused a temporary reversal of gina tingle induction.

The "everything she does is cute" game tactic is defined more precisely as an inner game refinement. When you start thinking of women as adorable brats who know not what they do, you start treating them in ways consistent with your beliefs. With enough reprogramming in the right direction (i.e. kicking the supports out from under her pedestal), soon the words coming out of your mouth will be effortless verbal expressions of what you actually feel. And therein lies the secret to being a natural — naturals truly believe the charmingly jerkoff things they say to women.

Here is an example from the Pickup 101 email of "everything she does is cute" as it might happen in

real life:

> Her: You're a player.
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> You: You're so cute, you're like pop-psychoanalyzing me! Are you a psychic?
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> (Note: you can keep the "You're so cute part" in your head. It doesn't actually have to be verbalized.)
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> Lots of times your first reaction is that something she does is NOT cute, but take this new frame and treat her actions like they're cute.
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> This is how you can be solid as a rock no matter what kind of emotional storm a woman creates as a test.

Here is an example from my own life:

> Her: Seriously, do you have to announce when you're going to take a dump? Do you think that turns me on?
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> Me: Keep up this flirting and it's Dutch oven for you tonight.

As mentioned in Lance's email, you want to refrain from verbalizing the "You're so cute" part. That could get annoying if said over and over to a girl. If you have trouble replying in an alpha way to a woman's shit test (and, really, 90% of the white noise that buzzes out of a woman's mouth is either a shit test or a prelude to a shit test), then a neat trick you can do is mentally insert the "You're so cute" prefix before any reply you are about to deliver. If the unspoken "You're so cute" clause is congruent with what you're about to say, then you are doing it right. If it sounds incongruent, then you are running a higher than normal risk that what you are about to say will make you sound like a defensive beta or, worse, a boring herb.

Like all game strategies this one should be viewed as a guideline, not a step-by-step schematic. Avoid the spergy-tude of interpreting everything she says as a bratty ploy to incide a reaction. It's possible to overplay playful condescension. If you've done something objectively bad, like "accidentally" spiked her cat's food with LSD (ever watch a cat when it thinks the whole world is a ball of yarn? quality entertainment.), you may not want to glibly brush it off. If your girl's demeanor changes to grim seriousness, and she asks you to stop joking around, you should take that as a cue to pursue a more fruitful alpha avenue; one that, say, involves you being stoically strong and commanding instead of condescendingly superficial.

PS How hot is that new chick from "V"? V for vaj!

Mailbag: Gusto Hat Eine Frage

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A reader named Gusto emailed me the following query:

> If I'm unfortunate enough to father a girl, what should I do to make sure she grows up with the right attitude?

A great question, and thanks for asking it. There are quite a few embedded issues lurking below the surface, so I will ask your indulgence in unpacking them.

The first embedded question in your interrogatory is this: "should we men have children in the first place?" My answer to that is the lawyer-like "it depends". Broadly speaking, there are three camps in the dude-iverse when it comes to men and marriage and family. The first camp is made up of men who take seriously the warnings, sounded eloquently and effectively by elder brothers such as Baskerville, that counsel against men marrying and and having children. These men comprise the bulk of the marriage strike crowd.

The second camp is comprised of men either (a) aware of the warnings and took the risk anyway, or (b) was unaware of the warnings and assumed the risk by default. The end outcome of the behaviors of men in Camps 2a and 2b is the same, regardless of intent: get married, have kids, roll the dice. Maybe those fellows will get lucky, maybe not. I myself am a member of Camp 2a, although I was squarely in Camp 2b territory in my first marriage.

The third camp, much much smaller than either of the two previous, is comprised of those fellows that have the resources to pursue woman-not-included reproduction and raise these children outside of a pair-bond construct. These men do not maintain a romantic/sexual relationship with a woman but pursue a family anyway, either by adoption or by surrogacy, the latter of which is becoming more and more cost-effective in these days of globalization. The critical step to consider when implementing the surrogacy option is that a man should never allow a woman to act as the primary caregiver for his children unless she is paid for the effort or is a female relative. If he does, he risks placing himself on the same footing as those fellows who married to have children. Just as men who act the father figure to unrelated children run the substantial risk of becoming the target of a chilimony suit, I wouldn't put it past a family court judge to reward a former girlfriend's squatter's rights with a two-decade long entitlement to my income stream. In short, a man who mixes the business of looking after his children with pleasure may find himself hit up for chilimony on her way out the door–with his children in tow. When "primary caregiver" is the standard, blood relationship matters little, and the State (post Welfare Reform) is merely looking for the closest, deepest pockets to pick, appropriate precautions must be taken, and this caregiver relationship, if used, must be kept strictly economic.

At any rate, however one accomplishes it, having a child is, in its essence, a vote of hope for the future, a public statement that one thinks that there is at least a future worth bringing the next generation into. One may also view child-bearing and -rearing as a form of demographic warfare, in that we know that the political inclinations of a child is best predicted by the political slant of his parents. Moreover, added to this are the facts that the fembots and their ilk fail to achieve replacement fertility, and that they must import acolytes from abroad and convert them in the education camps they run with taxpayer dollars. This low birthrate presents a critical vulnerability that we MRAs/FRAs/MGTOWers can exploit as part of a multi-pronged strategy to replace the

present hegemony. We should aim to out-breed our adversaries, from the bottom up, over decades, in hundreds of thousands, even millions of small battles known as male-headed families. In such a way we may reclaim territory lost when the battle of the sexes brought "personal is political" divorces to our marriages and our families. To hazard a Rumsfeldian expression, this is the "long war" that won't be over in a mater of days or months but in decades and/or generations.

The second embedded question, hinted at by the suggestion that having a girl-child would be a disappointment, is really two: should we men select the sex of our children, and should we men become like the women who express "gender disappointment" (GD) in conceiving boys? (Click here for a transcript of a stunning–in the sense that rarely is such feminine obtuseness so conspicuously on display–Elle article on the subject.) These are questions that a man can only answer for himself, given the thorny ethical and moral issues involved, although I do hold up the latent anti-male genocidal tendencies of these GD women for a bit of point-and-laugh scorn and ridicule and disgust. Thus, I suggest that, as critical as it is to raise good strong young men who are fully aware of the FemMatrix that surrounds them, if the twin misandrist threats of FemMarxism and Victorian traditionalism are to be defeated, it will require not only properly trained young men but properly trained young women to partner with them. Which leads me to the third question, the one you originally intended.

So what should we emphasize when raising those young girls, who are literally half of the future of the revolution that we men look to foment, and are essential to keeping the wheels of revolution turning? For starters, we should be raising girls the same way that we raise boys–to have integrity, to build up treasures in Heaven and not in this world, to be industrious and not lazy, to exercise self-control, to be responsible for their own actions, to prize the monogamous commitment of marriage, to hate divorce and, above all, to believe in a higher power that will hold them accountable for what they do in this life. From there, the instructions for daughters diverge slightly, tailored to the differential nature of the feminine. They are, in no particular order: to be modest in their dress, to be a help-meet worthy of the sacrifice and leadership of the man she'll meet and marry, to be chaste, to keep her own significant sexual appetites in check, and to not be a stumbling block for the men around her.

As an aside, while we are talking about the raising of good, quality boys and girls, it should go without saying–but it doesn't, so I will say it–that a man, if he wants the best for his children, should resist mightily the temptation to offer his children as a sacrifice to the modern-day Molech, the public school system. These government-run camps have been completely overrun by the feminists, and are where boys learn to despise the masculine…and where girls learn that feminine self-indulgence and responsibility-shifting are the ultimate values. If the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and if the fembots and their acolytes are the hands that rock that cradle, then men who wish to spare their children from this fate would do well to refuse to voluntarily submit their children to such brainwashing.

But it isn't quite sufficient to train up your children in the way they should go and to avoid making your children victims of weapons of mass instruction. Just as, if not more, important are the characteristics you model for them as a husband, a father, and a citizen of the broader society. Are you the kind of father and role model that you want your son(s) to aspire to be? Do you model the sorts of masculine behaviors that you want your daughter(s) to seek out and to marry? For we are all tested each and every day; how we act, the choices that we make as men and as fathers, propagate themselves into our offspring.

As men, I think it important to not only effect first-order change, that is, a shift in attitudes of the men and women in our immediate vicinity, but we should also foment second- and third-order change as well. We can do this primarily through the institution that the present hegemony has fought so hard to destroy: the family. Through the family we provide moral and religious instruction as well as material provision, and it is through the family that we men give the gift that continues to propagate well after we've departed the scene. By our actions, by living lives morally and uprightly, we model behavior that will make the lives of our children happier and healthier and wealthier. Our children will absorb this instruction, and as the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, will transmit it to their children, thus initiating the second-, third-, and subsequent-order chains. Through such a focus, multiplied by millions of men in across the country, we men can found the natural aristocracy of virtue and talent, dreamt of by Jefferson so long ago, and through this aristocracy we can re-install the family as the cornerstone of society, thereby prospering our societies, making them stronger, and–by virtue of displacing government–more free.

The Chinese character for crisis (危机) is formed from the stems of two others: "danger" (危险) and "opportunity" (机会). We know the dangers inherent in marrying, we know the dangers in begetting children in the current legal climate. I would not blame a single one of my brothers for deciding that the risk is unwarranted. But in the dangerous act of marrying and having children,of training them, and leading them as we are charged to do–not just boys but girls too–we posture our families to take advantage of the opportunity presented to us to restructure society in such a way as to prosper us all.

Mancession Deepens, Male Unemployment Hits Record Postwar High

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According to the BLS, Male unemployment stands at 11.4%, a rate unseen since before America's entry into WWII. Female unemployment, while higher than average, is almost 3% lower.

American men are increasingly disenfranchised, even as onerous burdens are placed upon them as husbands, fathers or even single men who are denied access to the wealth of programs available to women. Add to that the preponderance of females with degrees and in school, and the situation looks grim.

Some analysts predict that overall unemployment could hit 14%, which, given the current trend, would suggest a male unemployment rate approaching 20%:

> Because a lot of PBI [private business investment] goes toward offsetting depreciation and increasing productivity, it takes a 5% year-over-year increase in PBI to produce a 1% increase in the number of jobs. **Correspondingly, a 5% decrease in PBI will yield a 1% reduction in total employment**.
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> The unemployment rate a year ago was 5.5%. Because the potential labor force is growing, we need employment to increase by 1% annually to keep the unemployment rate from going up. The 37.9% investment decline reported by the BEA [Bureau of Economic Analysis] can be expected to eventually produce a reduction in total employment of about 8.5%. Accordingly, we can expect unemployment to rise to about 14% within a year unless the downward slide of PBI is reversed.

Expect more men to lash out in desperation as their world crumbles around them, and they are faced with nothing more than punitive measures to keep them in line. Also, expect an increase in property crime and violence – particularly aimed at women – as prisoners begin to flow out of an overtaxed, expensive penal system.

The single woman lifestyle ought to get a lot more exciting! Have fun out there on your own, girls…

Kipling: The Female of the Species

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In Harvey C. Mansfield's *Manliness*, he makes reference to Rudyard Kipling's 1911 poem "The Female of the Species." It is not as great a poem as the manly favorite, "If," and it's a bit over the top and perhaps a bit tongue-in-cheek, but it somehow seemed relevant to present to you fellows here at *The Spearhead.*

> **The Female of the Species**
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> When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride,
> He shouts to scare the monster, who will often turn aside.
> But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail.
> For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.
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> When Nag the basking cobra hears the careless foot of man,
> He will sometimes wriggle sideways and avoid it if he can.
> But his mate makes no such motion where she camps beside the trail.
> For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.
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> When the early Jesuit fathers preached to Hurons and Choctaws,
> They prayed to be delivered from the vengeance of the squaws.
> 'Twas the women, not the warriors, turned those stark enthusiasts pale.
> For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.
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> Man's timid heart is bursting with the things he must not say,
> For the Woman that God gave him isn't his to give away;
> But when hunter meets with husbands, each confirms the other's tale—
> The female of the species is more deadly than the male.
>
> Man, a bear in most relations—worm and savage otherwise,—
> Man propounds negotiations, Man accepts the compromise.
> Very rarely will he squarely push the logic of a fact
> To its ultimate conclusion in unmitigated act.
>
> Fear, or foolishness, impels him, ere he lay the wicked low,
> To concede some form of trial even to his fiercest foe.
> Mirth obscene diverts his anger—Doubt and Pity oft perplex
> Him in dealing with an issue—to the scandal of The Sex!
>
> But the Woman that God gave him, every fibre of her frame
> Proves her launched for one sole issue, armed and engined for the same;
> And to serve that single issue, lest the generations fail,
> The female of the species must be deadlier than the male.
>
> She who faces Death by torture for each life beneath her breast
> May not deal in doubt or pity—must not swerve for fact or jest.
> These be purely male diversions—not in these her honour dwells—
> She the Other Law we live by, is that Law and nothing else.
>
> She can bring no more to living than the powers that make her great

> As the Mother of the Infant and the Mistress of the Mate.
> And when Babe and Man are lacking and she strides unclaimed to claim
> Her right as femme (and baron), her equipment is the same.
>
> She is wedded to convictions—in default of grosser ties;
> Her contentions are her children, Heaven help him who denies!—
> He will meet no suave discussion, but the instant, white-hot, wild,
> Wakened female of the species warring as for spouse and child.
>
> Unprovoked and awful charges—even so the she-bear fights,
> Speech that drips, corrodes, and poisons—even so the cobra bites,
> Scientific vivisection of one nerve till it is raw
> And the victim writhes in anguish—like the Jesuit with the squaw!
>
> So it comes that Man, the coward, when he gathers to confer
> With his fellow-braves in council, dare not leave a place for her
> Where, at war with Life and Conscience, he uplifts his erring hands
> To some God of Abstract Justice—which no woman understands.
>
> And Man knows it! Knows, moreover, that the Woman that God gave him
> Must command but may not govern—shall enthrall but not enslave him.
> And *She* knows, because *She* warns him, and Her instincts never fail,
> That the Female of Her Species is more deadly than the Male.

Mansfield uses the poem to illustrate the idea that pragmatic women, whose nature in some partially Darwinian sense seeks security (in theory for her offspring), have little patience for man's concern with "abstract justice," "ideals" or "causes."

Of course, we are seeing that women are less interested in having children, and more interested in gain for gain's sake, but this is slightly different from something more male and more abstract–winning for winning's sake.

How many times have men understood you when you wanted to take a path that offered less security but which served your passion or greater goals, while the women in your life advised you to take the financially or physically safe route?

One area where I see a possible contradiction is religion–women tend to attend church more regularly and are more likely to give to the church, occasionally to the tune of their own financial ruin. It often seems, though, that when this is happening there is a smooth talking male preacher on the other side of the pulpit giving her, or appearing to give her, attention she isn't getting elsewhere. Traditionally, a wealthy matriarch would give away *her husband's* money to various causes–this is probably why many art museums exist today–but this may be more a case of status seeking behavior among females.

Is the "female of the species" deadlier? Is she more materialistic, more apt to seek security, less interested in higher ideals? Is this a matter related to the survival of our species? How so, and how is this idea relevant today, if at all?

Slouching Towards Libertinia

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In their seminal work, *Too Many Women?*(1983), Guttentag and Secord developed a matrix to describe social behavior under different sex ratio conditions and disparate male or female structural power regimes. I believe the model is a good tool to show us where we've historically been as a society; it also shows us the mechanism by which we've come to our current state of debauchery.

The authors' argument rests on the assumption that male structural power is universal. Structural power is defined as the political, legal, and economic structures of society and the ability to influence and shape social customs and practices. It is true that men have always held structural power in every society (the authors found one obscure society that exhibited female structural power somewhere in Africa), but given that structural power is a continuum, power shifts have consequences for society.

Guttentag and Secord's Power Matrix:

Gender Holding Dyadic Power	**Male Structural Power**	**Female Structural Power**
Males (Low sex ratio)	Sexually permissive society with familiar roles	Traditional society with reversed roles (EROS)
Females (high sex ratio)	Traditional society with familiar roles	Sexually permissive society with reversed roles (LIBERTINIA)

Besides structural power, dyadic power influences social behavior in men and women. Men are said to hold dyadic power when there are fewer of them relative to women – when the sex ratio is low. Women hold dyadic power when the sex ratio is high. Dyadic relationships adapt to underlying structural regimes. When men have dyadic and structural power we expect sexually promiscuous behavior and lower fatherly investment in offspring. Since men have more readily available options, society is more sexually promiscuous as men have less incentive to settle down. Conversely, when there are more men than women, men seek to maintain relative order in society. They punish sexual promiscuity and extol the virtues of marriage and monogamy. In traditional society – and in accord with Guttentag and Secord's matrix – men use their structural power against the backdrop of dyadic power to shape social behavior.

As with all such models, there are inflection points at which an unusually high sex ratio becomes social dynamite. The Middle East has high operational sex ratios meaning that there are many more single men than single women. It is feared that China and India may face similar problems associated with extreme high sex ratio societies. Idle male hands can lead to gang activity, social unrest, or anarchy.

Conversely, Guttentag and Secord show that feminism has historically arisen during periods of low sex ratio (more women than men). Given their greater numbers and discomfort with misogynistic social behavior, women gather to act against the status quo. Since women are valued lower relative to times of female dyadic power, they adopt progressive means to correct the imbalance. Also, to protect against Cad-like behavior, women develop strategies to prevent investing sexually in men who don't plan on investing in any children that might come out of those relationships. College campuses were hotbeds of feminism and the 1950s and 1960s helping spark the recent female power

coup.

Guttentag and Secord laid out a dichotomy, mainly as a thought experiment, describing what would happen under female structural power. They called these two hypothetical worlds LIBERTINIA and EROS. LIBERTINIA had a high sex ratio and exhibited sexually permissive behavior and reversed gender roles. EROS had a low sex ratio and a sexually prudish society – also with reversed gender roles.

I'll accept *prima facie* that gender roles have changed. While they haven't reversed, they've definitely become more obfuscated and hazy. A recent Time magazine article laid out all of the equitability women have gained since 1972. Men have taken on formerly feminine roles, and women have taken on traditionally masculine ones. Many pieces of research have shown this, and mounds of anecdotal evidence (ask your parents or watch TV shows from 40 years ago) support this claim. According to Guttentag and Secord's matrix, the only societies that had reversed gender roles were those with female structural power. We can at least say that society has tilted away from strictly patriarchal towards the feminine on the structural power continuum.

I titled this piece "Slouching Towards Libertinia" because I think that's where we are effectively headed. While the United States' sex ratio isn't as low as it was in the 1950s and 1960s (during the spark of the Sexual Revolution) we have an effectively high sex ratio society with increasingly gynocentric structural power. While it could be true that there are more women than men, this point is merely academic – our society functions as if it has a high sex ratio as I'll show below. I don't argue that we exist under a matriarchy, but social democracy – according to the natural law that majority rules – is largely gynocentric. In past patriarchal societies, women had no avenues to structural power. Modern society is unique in this regard; we are also unique in that we are closer to LIBERTINIA than any society in the past.

> "In LIBERTINIA, most women are libertines. They frequently move from one brief liason to another; at best, they practice serial monogamy. Women often have more than one man. At the same time, they havea relatively low regard for men. Generally they exploit them when they can, usually treating them as mere sex objects. In fact, sexual morality is weak for both sexes. Women in particular see marriage as having a lot of disadvantages, and often will live with a man without marrying him if they can. Many children are born illegitimately. While most men would prefer to get married, they are not averse to having sexual relationships before marriage. What often happens, however, is they get attached to their female partner, and she uses the attachment to exploit them.
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> Both men and women more often remain single, marrying only at later ages if at all. Families tend to be unstable and frequently break up in divorce after a few years. Men do not expect a wife to remain with them throughout their childbearing years, and LIBERTINIA has a large number of single-parent families headed by men. Often men make desperate attempts to hold on to the women they have a relationship with, making sacrifices in order to please their female partner and catering to her needs."

Just as theory predicts a rise in feminism during low sex ratio scenarios with male structural power, LIBERTINIA with its high sex ratio and female-skewed power structure predicts the same thing for men:

> "But other men respond to the situation by agitating for economic and sexual independence

> in an effort to achieve an adequate standard of living and a satisfactory social status without being dependent on a woman. These men have organized extensively and have developed a radical masculinist literature. Their protest takes a variety of forms, ranging from those stress equal rights and male dignity, through those who rebel against housework and childrearing, to those who emphasize their hatred of women and praise homosexuality."

While the men of *The Spearhead* and other like-minded internet outlets don't fit this to a T – we don't militantly argue for homosexuality or rebellion against child rearing – men have banded together on the Internet to craft a more masculinist dialogue. Since our society is still patriarchal – albeit at its historical nadir – things haven't become quite as extreme as in LIBERTINIA, but our posture is bad.

We are approaching the feminist promised-land of LIBERTINIA through two mechanisms: feminism and egalitarianism.

During the 1960s, feminism did its trick. While men still hold most of the economic power and political power; they are merely behaving according to a feminine agenda. Legislation has benefited women and minorities most in the last 40 years. They have been given economic power not only by their entrance into the workforce, but also because a swollen bureaucracy tends to employ women more than men. While I can't definitively say that women have structural power over men, they have much more than they did 100, 50, 40, 30, 20 years ago.

A large part of the underlying power structure of any society is its culture. In America, women are pedestalized compared to men. Their issues are forthright; men's are placed on the back burner. Anything that is overly masculine is derided as meat-headed, bigoted, or out-of-touch. Men in traditional roles have utterly no voice in popular culture. They aren't advertised to. Movies aren't made for them. Their songs aren't on any popular radio channels. To have a stake in popular culture – to have a voice – men have to kowtow to women. In short, culture has become androgynous; men have to either adapt to that or drop out. While men have forever catered to women's needs as part of the seduction process, they have never been as structurally marginalized as in current society.

LIBERTINIA can only be discovered and developed in a high sex ratio society. Its sister colony – EROS – is the name on the sign when there are more women than men. But I'd argue that, regardless of the actual number of men and women, we are in an effectively high sex ratio society. The whole thrust of a high sex ratio society is that in it, women embrace a coupling strategy for mates when attempting to procure resources. The "attraction" of a woman to a "Dad" is the provision opportunities he offers – his investment in her and her progeny.

According to Moore, Cassidy, Law, Smith, and Perrett's paper *The effects of female control of resources on sex-differentiated mate preferences*:

> "Woman's ability to control resources may cue a strategy in which she does not need to seek resources through a long-term social mate, and thus she can elevate her preference for indicators of good genes."

When women don't need a beta provider – because they have one already – they seek traits that indicate genetic fitness. They become increasingly hypergamous. Women are able to satisfy their economic needs through their surrogate husband – the government. They don't need men for what they've traditionally needed us for – financial support – while we still need them for what we've traditionally needed them for – a warm hole. The government, therefore, serves to artificially increase

the sex ratio. Not only that, but as Nettle and Pollet found in their research *Driving a Hard Bargain: Sex Ratio and Male Marriage Success in Historical U.S. Population,* rates of marriage *decrease* as the sex ratio increases. This is counter to what we'd expect under high sex ratio regimes. Guttentag and Secord didn't account for the fact that women become much choosier when they effectively have more options. As I've said before – choosy women choose alphas.

Feminism has done its job so effectively that monogamy and marriage are merely words. Adultery is scarcely punished. We live in an effectively hypergamous society. In a traditional low sex ratio society, hypergamy wasn't as strong a force because women, seeking to secure whatever mates they could, didn't worry as much about marrying up. They took what they could get; any parental investment or indicators of committment were more readily accepted. The guys that were most sought after merely slept around with minimal investment.

As noted above, it isn't for the companionship that women alter their sex strategy; it's for shekels. In a situation where the government does away with the problem of obtaining shekels by making it easier for women, the sex ratio for all intents-and-purposes increases. Mix this with increased female structural power and we get a situation where society is sexually promiscuous and gender roles are reversed.

Western culture is slouching towards LIBERTINIA. This is not a nice place; before its discovery on Earth, it was thought that LIBERTINIA was located in the northwest corner of Hell. Sexual promiscuity abounds and there is very little investment in society. Unfortunately, it was an inevitable outcome of ever-encroaching female structural power. While I won't go so far as to advocate against female suffrage, womens' ability to vote and their higher overall numbers *vis a vis* men made it such that – left unimpeded – power will always march in their direction. Second-wave feminism was the catalyst that sparked the fire in an attempt to overthrow the patriarchy. Given the trend towards chaos that all systems exhibit, disbursement of power to the less dominant factions of society implies that the former patriarchy's power is greatly eroded. As part of the pogrom, the formerly less-dominant – women and minorities – are given unmeritocratic stakes in society. As such, women are propped up and provided for at the expense of one super-alpha man – a conglomeration of lots of disparate beta males – the USG. This man, this Khan, is able to provide for many without giving any of the commensurate spoils that normally went with beta male provision to the actual financiers – the everyman. The sex ratio is inordinately higher than it would be according to actual male/female body counts. According to Guttentag and Secords highly instructive – albeit limited – dichotomy, Western society slouches towards that perilous state: LIBERTINIA.

Introducing The Spearhead Forum

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Because some of the comment threads are getting pretty long, and it's obvious that people are starting to get to know each other, I installed a forum on the domain to give readers a better venue for discussion.

Another consideration is that I thought some people might prefer participating in a moderated environment where they can choose what kind of discussion they'd like to be involved in. This would be impossible on the main site due to the limitations of the CMS as well as the fact that it is a publication designed to provoke thought, not a place for us all to "get along."

I think a real community could develop around this, so I'd encourage everyone who's interested to get involved and start posting. Because I installed the forum just the other day and have kept it under wraps, it's brand spanking new and just waiting to be populated with the opinionated masses.

For our female commenters, they can rest assured that they will be unmolested if they stay out of the cage, and if they are nice and ladylike maybe they can even have their own place called, say, "the tea party" or something like that.

So head over to The Spearhead Forum and make yourself heard — everyone's welcome!

The Garbage Generation

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A Spearhead Book Review

The Garbage Generation, by Dr. Daniel Amneus, is a seminal work in clearly analyzing the role of Patriarchy in creating civilized society, and how the Feminists role in overthrowing Patriarchy is directly responsible for much of the social ills and pathologies that have manifest in a generation of children raised under a societal paradigm of Matriarchal kinships, instead of the Patriarchal system that was responsible for creating civilization in the first place.

This is a powerful tome that every man should read to gain a better understanding of exactly how and why we now live in a world torn part by a socially engineered gender war and why the feminist movement's leading icons championed various ideas to deliberately influence both men and women's thoughts, values and behavior, so as to effect the total overthrow of Patriarchal values in Western Civilization.

For those who have never heard of this important book, you can read it for free at the Catholic based website, fisheaters.com:

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Please note, this book is not a Catholic/Christian tome…as fisheaters prefaces the introductory chapter on their website:

> *This book outlines the consequences of the destruction of the two-parent family and the need to stabilize it by strengthening its weakest natural link, the role of the biological father. It is written from a secular perspective and includes a few things with which the owner of the Fish Eaters Website would **definitely** quibble. But it most certainly makes its case about the need for patriarchy, destroying the myth of women being innocent, sexless little fluffballs in the process — a quite necessary destruction in that reaching the goal of chastity shouldn't be based on lies and pious tales about the reality of human nature — women being a little more than half of all humans. Failure to deal with **actual** human nature, rather than sentimentalized versions of it, can only lead to failure, resentment, neuroses, and backlash.*

So-Cons and pedestalizers, take note!

> *At any rate, this book is **must-reading** for all who are concerned about the future of Western civilization — and is definitely **the** book to give to the **radical** feminist who decries "the evils of the patriarchy" (which is not at all to belittle real evils suffered by women at the hands of those with sentimentalized, condescending, un-Catholic attitudes towards them).*

Indeed, this book really is about the future of Western Civilization…as it carefully lays out a well developed case for why we live in rapidly declining state of civil society. Amneus quotes many prominent feminist leaders such as Betty Friedan and Phyllis Chesler. He offers sharp rebuttals to their arguments, so as to correctly identify why society's decline can be directly tied to the feminist movement's role in the purposeful destruction of Patriarchy.

In his introduction, Amneus endeavors to make the most important point of his case: The Pathology of the Female-Headed Family:

> *If we are to deal meaningfully with crime, what must be seen is its relationship with the female-*

headed family. Most criminals come from female-headed families. Most gang members come from female-headed families. Most addicts come from female-headed families. Most rapists come from female-headed families. Most educational failures come from female-headed families. Every presidential assassin before Hinckley came from a female-headed family or one in which he had an impossibly bad relationship with his father. Most illegitimate births occur to females who themselves grew up in female-headed families.

If we are to deal meaningfully with crime, what we must do is reduce the number of female-headed families; what we must do is prevent the divorce courts from expelling half of society's fathers from their homes; what we must do is terminate a welfare system which displaces millions of men from the principal male role, that of family-provider. What we must do is make the father the head of the family.

Indeed, this is the central point of the entire book. Under Patriarchy, men have the socially created role as provider for his family. The feminists called it oppression, and engaged in a variety of ways to overthrow the Patriarchal "hegemony," but what they have really done, in essence, was to demean, marginalize and literally destroy the role of FATHER in the creation of the nuclear family.

In case anyone wonders if Amneus has solid grounds on which to make this case, he offers an Annex to Chapter one:

The Annex is an essential part of the argument of this book and logically belongs at this point in the text. To place it here, however, would be placing a stumbling block in front of the reader, asking him to plow through fifty pages of tedious documentation, filled with repetitious overkill, proving the assertions made in Chapter I...

...It is enough that the reader should know that there exists — and can be consulted on pages referenced {in the annex} — proof that the high-crime, low- achieving areas of society are those with the greatest numbers of families headed by women and that the low-crime, high-achieving groups in society are those with stable, patriarchal families–that the feminist/sexual revolution and its attempt to impose a social organization based on female kinship is a failure and that it is necessary to return to a social organization based on male kinship.

It is here that I have a bone of contention with Amneus…the social organization based on female kinship is NOT a failure. It's a system that was purposefully promulgated so as to benefit a wide variety of constituents – namely the growth of the Government and it's role in creating a disaffected, subservient, and easily controlled population of sheeple, dependent on the Government and it's marxist re-distribution function, rather than a Father headed family. Failure? The feminist movement and it's statist backers have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

A minor quibble to be sure, this book still offers valuable insight into identifying certain principles that apply to human behavior and how they relate to either supporting or undermining the institution of Patriarchy. The following is an abstract compilation of these principles found throughout the book:

The First Law of Matriarchy

As stated by feminists Monica Sjoo and Barbara Mor:

"Women control our own bodies. This would seem a basic premise of any fully evolved human culture; which is why primate Patriarchy is based on its denial."

To which Amneus responds:

"The most significant thing about this statement of "the first law of matriarchy" is that it is

asserted categorically, without reference to the marriage contract. It assumes without even bothering to assert it, ***that marriage confers no rights on husbands.*** *It must be obvious to most men–though it is clearly not obvious to these women–that this female sexual autonomy rules out the possibility of using the family as a system for motivating males. Such is the state of things said (correctly) by Sjoo and Mor to have existed prior to the creation of patriarchy a few thousand years ago, and such is again becoming the state of things as patriarchy melts away.* ***It was to prevent this state of things that patriarchy was created****, a central feature of it being society's guarantee of the Legitimacy Principle–every child must have a father. The present situation, which has created the Garbage Generation, results from society's delinquency in refusing to implement this guarantee."*

The Sexual Constitution

The principle of that Amneus identifies as the integral part of Patriarchy.

The workability of the patriarchal system requires the regulation of female sexuality, including the enforcing of the double standard. In no other way can men participate meaningfully in reproduction. A woman violates the Sexual Constitution by being promiscuous. A man violates it by refusing to provide for his family.

When Patriarchy breaks down, society begins to revert to Matriarchy, and the next generation of children belong to a new class:

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Raised in an environment in which fathers don't provide for their young and dependency on government is assumed, few children will develop the skills of self-sufficiency, or even the concept of personal responsibility. Young men will not strive to be good providers and young women will not expect it of their men. Family breakdown becomes cyclical, out-of- wedlock births become cyclical, poverty and dependence becomes cyclical. And the culture of poverty grows.

Slaughtered Saints Feminism

This is a phenomena in which Amneus points out the cognitive dissonance of one of the primary arguments the feminists used to foment their war on Patriarchy:

Slaughtered Saints feminists now affect to interpret the free ride as itself an affliction, as what feminist Jessie Bernard calls "the woman's extra load of economic dependency." She thinks this burden "has to be lightened" because

> *"A union between a man and a woman in which, when it breaks down, one loses not only the mate but also the very means of subsistence is not a fair relationship."*

*It is not a relationship at all when it breaks down; and it breaks down chiefly because (thanks to the feminist/sexual revolution's insistence on a woman's right to control her own reproduction) marriage has become a non-binding contract. Women do not suffer from an "extra load of economic dependency"; they want to hang on to the dependency or get it back again–****without having to fulfill the marital obligations which justify it.*** *The patriarchal system benefits women by marriage. The feminist program of wrecking the patriarchy aims to make it provide the same benefits outside marriage, thereby destroying marriage, the family, the male role and the whole patriarchal system–and restoring matriliny.*

The only way for men to restore the patriarchy is to insist that there shall be no free ride outside

of marriage and the acceptance of sexual regulation–no alimony, no child support payments, no affirmative action and comparable worth programs, no quotas, no goals-and-timetables. ***To be independent means not to be dependent.***

...The feminist demand to be made independent by being made dependent appears paradoxical until its underlying idea is understood, which is this: What women want is not independence but de-regulation. They yearn to return to the "kind of role they had on the grasslands of Africa millions of years ago." ***De-regulation is the key idea which explains the feminist/sexual revolution.***

They like to talk about independence because it sounds self-approbatively heroic–and the talk is sincere in the sense that when they write agitprop or get together at conventions and take one another seriously they believe their own flim-flam. But when any tangible, especially economic, benefit enters the picture they opt for dependence. The more dependence–the more alimony, the more child support, the more legislative/bureaucratic/judicial chivalry, the more affirmative action, the more comparable worth, the more quotas, the more goals-and-timetables, the more anti-male discrimination, the more freebies–the better. If it's free they want it. ***What they don't want is the regulation of their sexuality which gives males a secure role within stable families.***

The Mutilated Beggar Argument

This is an important argument that Amneus details here: the tenets of feminism have ruined the lives of millions of families, and it is this very ruination that it has caused for which the feminists point to as proof of the need to overthrow Patriarchy.

In Cairo there exists a cottage industry which mutilates children to be used as beggars. The more gruesome and pitiable the mutilations, the more the beggars will earn. The disfigured children are placed on mats on street corners with a begging bowl and they ask for alms for the love of Allah.

The almsgiver is doing a good thing and a bad thing. The good thing is paying for the child's next meal. The bad thing is ensuring that more children will be mutilated.

The Mutilated Beggar technique is employed extensively in the contemporary war over the family. Ex-wives drag their children into poverty and then point to their sufferings as proving the need for ex-husbands or the welfare system to bail them out. The father (or taxpayer) who bails out Mom and the kids is doing a good thing–providing rent and food money–and a bad thing–subsidizing the destruction of this family and encouraging the mass divorce which is wrecking millions of others–in effect, undermining the patriarchy and restoring matriliny.

The Gilder Fallacy

Amneus begins here by quoting a prominent So-Con Pedestalizier, George Gilder:

"The crucial process of civilization," says George Gilder, "is the subordination of male sexual impulses and biology to the long-term horizons of female sexuality. The overall sexual behavior of women in the modern world differs relatively little from the sexual life of women in primitive societies. It is male behavior that must be changed to create a civilized order."

Amneus disputes this Pedesatlizer's delusions unequivocally:

Untrue. There is a striking difference in the behavior of males in civilized and in primitive societies–the difference between motivated, productive, stable males in the former and disruptive

or idle or macho or narcissistic drones, or at best hunters and warriors, in the latter. However the most essential difference between the two societies is one less conspicuous but more pivotal: In the civilized society the females accept the regulation of their sexuality on the basis of the Sexual Constitution–monogamous marriage, the Legitimacy Principle, the double standard and female loyalty and chastity; in the primitive society the females reject sexual regulation and embrace the Promiscuity Principle, a woman's right to control her own sexuality.

The female behavior is more basic, since it determines whether the males can be motivated to accept a stable and productive lifestyle. The key issue is not, as Gilder imagines, whether men can be induced to accept the Sexual Constitution which he imagines women try to impose, but whether women themselves can be induced to accept it. What causes women in civilized society to accept it is the knowledge that the economic and status rewards bestowed by patriarchal civilization can be obtained in no other way.

...Patriarchal civilization is made possible by the regulation of female sexuality on the basis of the Sexual Constitution. Given freedom, females do not use their influence to impose this Sexual Constitution on males but ***to escape from it****, to wreck the hated patriarchal system, as they have done in the ghettos.*

Indeed, this is exactly what we are seeing in society today. With the ending of social stigma for female promiscuity, an end to strictly enforcing the institution of marriage as the bedrock of civilization, an end to the role of the Father for males to aspire to, society is increasingly headed towards ghetto-ization where female promiscuity is the norm and males have no role other than to fight, fuck and embrace self-destructive hedonism.

Welcome to our Brave New World: the Garbage Generation.

Women's Forum Naming Suggestions

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I'd like to add a forum for women at the new bulletin board we've set up. Why? Because there are billions of women out there, and somehow we've got to make peace with them.

This is an emergent movement, and as all before it, there's going to be some female participation. The gender wars are a farce in reality — a stupid concept cooked up by unnatural politics and strange times. Some men and women profit from them, but most of us on either side just get nailed.

If there are women out there who want to end the insanity and revive natural relations between men and women – and I know there are – they definitely have a place on *The Spearhead*. But first I'll extend them the respect of asking for their opinion on how to proceed with this.

Women should have their own place, and I'd like to know how they would define that. Suggestions are appreciated.

Three Spice Lamb Chops

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In the spirit of manly food, which should be hearty and nourishing, I'd like to offer a lamb chop recipe I came up with after developing a taste for the kebab sold by Turks on the streets of Beijing. The kebab I came to love, known to the Chinese as yangrouchuan (lamb on a stick), is roasted on bamboo sticks over a long, rectangular barbecue getup, usually fashioned from sheet metal as far as I could tell. The Turks would have a number of sticks of raw lamb in an icebox, as well as some sticks of chicken, including giblets (I liked the chicken gizzards, and ate them for a change of pace from time to time), and the customer would order some five or six of them, upon which they would be thrown on the grill right there on the sidewalk. The cook would fan the coals with a piece of cardboard while deftly turning the sticks this way or that, sprinkling salt and a mysterious spice on them. I had no idea what this spice was, but it certainly made the lamb tasty. In addition to the spice, powdered hot pepper could be thrown upon the lamb to spice it up.

Yanjing beer and yangrouchuar -- a good night in Beijing

After returning to America, I tried hard to find out what this mysterious spice was, finally obtaining a packet from a friend from Beijing when he came to visit. I still didn't know exactly what was in the packet, but managed to reverse engineer it, add my own twist, and come up with a concoction that did the job quite well. I then began to apply my special ingredients to the traditional Irish-American lamb chops my grandpa served me years before.

This is a fairly easy dish to prepare, and can be cooked in a variety of ways, so any man who knows how to cook meat (and what man doesn't?), can make it without any trouble. In fact, it is so easy that, with proper supervision, even a wife could cook it!

Equipment:

Broiling pan, skillet, or grill, fork or spatula to turn the chops, and a cutting board to prevent a mess.

Ingredients:

- Lamb chop(s)
- Mustard powder
- Paprika
- Ground cumin

Cooking:

First, take your lamb chops and throw them on the cutting board. Let them warm up a bit so they cook more evenly. Sprinkle salt on both sides of the chops, and then get your spices. Coat the lamb on both sides with each spice, and then rub the powdered spices until they evenly cover the lamb. All of the spices can be applied equally, as together they create a savory aroma during cooking. Let the spices set onto the meat as they absorb its moisture.

Now comes the choice. You can barbecue, broil or sautée the chops, depending on your preference. I usually sautée them in an iron skillet during the colder months and grill them on the barbecue when it's nice outside, but some may prefer broiling. If choosing to sautée, be sure to coat the skillet with just enough oil to keep the lamb from sticking. Whatever method you choose, just be careful not to

overcook. Good lamb chops don't take any longer to cook than steak, so they'll be done in a matter of minutes if cooked over hot coals or on a hot pan. To test doneness, I use the fork method — simply gently press the back of a fork down on the center of the chop and feel how firm the meat is. When it is noticeably firmer than it was at first, the center has started to cook and it's at least rare (my preference).

When the chops are done, they are ready to serve immediately. They can be accompanied by some mint sauce, which actually goes with the spices surprisingly well, or eaten as is. If not over or undercooked, the lamb will be delicious, and can be accompanied by whatever one deems appropriate. Red wine, obviously, goes well with this dish. Personally, I'd crack a Yanjing beer to go with them if I could get some over here.

Note on selecting chops:

Do not assume that you have to buy the most expensive lamb chops for this dish. In fact, cheap shoulder chops, provided they have sufficient meat on them, are as good as any other chop, and given the savory nature of the spices are probably a better choice than more expensive cuts, which tend to be more flavorful and better without too much enhancement.

Why Game & "Choice For Men" Elicits So Much Hate

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With a major snag being hit with the House passage of the Healthcare Bill that involves public monies being used to pay for abortions, and in the light of my recent "debate" on Game with the lovely Susan Walsh of HookingUpSmart.com, I thought now would be the perfect time to address exactly why these two powerful "correctors" of the sexual marketplace-Game and Choice For Men-has drawn the ire of both, Women AND Men.

Let's put our Occam's Razor-assisted thinking caps on, shall we, gentlemen?

OK…

The reason why Game is reviled, and why "Roe For Men" elicits the ire of Women and Men alike, is very simple:

Because it gives maximum options to a maximum number of Men.

That's why.

Keen students of Game understand well that its underpinnings come from the insights gleaned from Evolutionary Psychology & Biology, the study of human behavior and the adaptations that had to take place many tens of thousands of years ago on the African savanna to meet the demands of the environment. Human beings evolved and moved away from said environment, but by then the "programming" had taken hold; it takes many thousands of years to "reboot" the system.

So, what we have today in our time, is essentially this-we have all these toys and gadgets and big ideas, but we aren't that far removed from our savanna past.

Game is the proof.

Now…

As we all know, the key mating strategy of the Female is to get the attention of the Alpha Male-the leader of the pack. He is the one best equipped to provide resources to her children; he is the one best able to defend her and her kids from any threats.

For thousands of years, this was a fairly easy thing to do for the Female; the Menfolk were quickly sorted out, either by rivalry within the tribe, or warfare with other tribes, or by being killed off during hunting trips, etc. All the Females had to do was pick the "winners" of these and other situations.

Now, barring Rape-which was quite a common mating strategy for Males for thousands of years in its own right-the deal was, the Alphas got the best Females. If you weren't an Alpha, your chances of passing on your genes into the future were dim-you either had to hope you could sneak one in while the Alpha was away, or, get the leftover Females nobody really wanted, or, bust a Female upside the head and take her by force. Failing that, you were facing an Epic Evolutionary Fail.

Women are wired to "screen out" all but the Best Men for the purposes of mating and *longterm commitment*. Remember this one, folks, its very, very important. All lesser guys need not apply. Down through the Ages, Women have evolved to come up with ways and means to separate one group of Men, from the other.

This highly attuned "radar" if you will, on the part of Women, is in large part "fooled" by Game, because it gives the average guy the tools needed to ape the behavior of Alpha Males. This in turn gives him more chances to mate-in other words in our time, get laid-and this in turn causes mucho

stress for the Ladies, because Game makes it so they cannot as easily determine who's who. For a Woman, this is hugely important-as I've pointed out before and it bears repeating, a Woman risks a heck of a lot to have sex. Much, much more than Men do. Aside from things like Rape and STDs, one of the biggest risks is in her giving it up to the wrong guy, and having to deal with the fallout from that. And, as I've also noted before, and it also bears repeating, Good Guys-essentially Alpha Males-are hard to find. This means that, by necessity, all the guys cannot get laid:

From a female's point of view, it's very important that the number of guys getting lucky is restricted.

If every Tom, Dick and Harry could get laid at will, with the more topshelf honeys, it would wreak havoc on tens of thousands of years of delicate programming for the Female-important programming that helps her "sort out" the Males into two distinct groups: Alphas, and everybody else. Game in essence, seriously messes with that programming.

Which is why Women have so many problems with it.

So, that explains the Female side of the equation-but what about the Male side? That too, is also simple.

When one has a fundamental grasp of Human Nature and of Game, which is really Social Sexual Dynamics, then one understands why one can see much Hateration from certain quarters of the Menfolk on this issue. For Men, competition to mate, and with the choicest Females, is FIERCE. In Nature, Males display, and Females choose-this means that not only does a Male have to have the best "display" but that it's in his interest to restrict the number of competitors he has to contend with-the more guys in the round, the lesser his chances of "winning". Again, Game gives more guys more chances to "win"-and quite a few guys, operating from the Reptilian Id, DON'T LIKE THAT.

This is why you'll hear these guys dress up their evolutionary hateration in flowery terms like "trickery", "deception" and the like, not to mention a goodly bit of White Knightery-when you really break it down, the issue is, that more guys will have options if they have Game. Simple as that.

Before I move on to Roe For Men, let me say this…

Remember my recent debate with Susan Walsh? She made quite a big deal about the "neg", a powerful method that one soon learns when first receiving Game training. And she's not alone-just about every single, female critic of Game will crow loud and long about this one teeny wittle aspect of the science. And do you want to know WHY so many Women complain so loudly and long about the Neg?

BECAUSE IT WORKS, THAT'S WHY.

And worse, there is *no defense against it*. Why? Because it is deeply embedded in a Woman's psyche to submit to a Dominant Male, and negging is what Dominant Males do. In fact, the astute among my readers might have picked up on something in the aforementioned exchange. Hmm…

So-teaching average guys about the why's and wherefores of Negging again, essentially screws up the inherent Alpha Radar Women have-can you see why they're so upset now?

Another example, and then we'll examine "Choice For Men"…

Recently, I wrote about the issue of paying for dates. Although I didn't get a heck of a lot of responses enlist, I did get a goodly number from WOMEN offlist, complaining about what I said. Now, keep in mind-I didn't say I wasn't gonna pay for ANY dates; I simply said that it wasn't a good idea for a guy to go all in on a first date with a Women he really doesn't know and hasn't had sex

with in any event. Even given the comments in response to what I wrote, by other guys, The Fifth Horsemen amon them, what I wrote was quite fair, balanced and reasonable.

Still, the Ladies were feeling some kind of way.

Do you know why? Go back and review what I said: it's because, the mere mention of saying what I said means that I'm not needy for sex, and the vast majority of Men are-which means, in effect, they're signaling that they're NOT ALPHA. So when a guy blows a C-Note on a gal he hasn't been in bed with yet, he's saying "I'm so horny!"-and that tells the gal that he ain't The One. Epic. Evolutionary. Fail.

She WILL however, take his money, in the form of lunches, dinners, nights out on the town, flowers, baubles, you name it-and hey, why not? As the Wise Man once said, a Fool and his Money are soon departed. I betcha all those Women who wrote to me offlist, had NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER either doing what I just wrote above, and/or know, and fully endorse, other Women doing it. Yet, they have a problem with little ole me. Why?

Because hipping guys to the realities of paying for dates too soon basically screws with the "radar" again, AND WOMEN DON'T LIKE THAT. Only Alphas are supposed to have sexual options. See what I'm saying here?

OK, so let's now move on to the Roe For Men issue…

People, its real simple: in America, we have this thing called Equal Protection Clause-which means, that you can't make laws that benefit only one group, and not everyone else, or worse, target one group with a set of laws. It's either all or nothing, and it works very well across the board, no matter what the issue is.

When it comes to Reproductive Rights, as it currently stands, we have an inherently un-Constitutional situation happening, because only Women can have the right to choose whether they want to be a parent or not. Men, don't have that right.

Again, once one understands Game, which is deeply rooted in Evolutionary Science, it is easy to see why Roe For Men is so vehemently fought against, by Women and Men both.

For Women, the issue is very easy-despite all the many advances Women have made, they still desire and demand that they get maximum resources from a Male-ideally the actual dad, but in a pinch any guy with good prospects will do (watch the Maury Show)-and failing that, the State. For Men, again, basically freeing up Men to fully explore their sexual options without any encumbrance of being a parent involuntarily, would mean more "competitors" in the marketplace; as it currently stands, forcing guys to pay child support acts as a check on their sexual activity. It removes potential players from the field.

Going back to Women, remember what I said earlier: their "mission" isn't only to mate with the Alpha, but to get his *long-term commitment* in the form of resources. If Roe For Men would be allowed to pass, that latter part of the deal collapses. But it would uphold the basic premise of the Equal Protection Clause, yes? If Women can decide, w/o regard to her sex life, when and if she becomes a parent, why can't Men? Its really simple. And just note all the rhetorical jiu jitsu the "pro choice" crowd engages in when confronted with these facts. I mean, come on.

So, to recap:

Game & Roe For Men greatly threaten the sexual marketplace, by giving the average guy much more options than he would have had previously. This is a great concern to Women and Men alike, albeit

for differing reasons. For the former, it messes with their finely attuned radar that's set for weeding out Alpha Males from everyone else; in the latter case, it promises more direct competition for the better females.

OK, my job is done here.

Now adjourn your confused and befuddled asses…

The Obsidian

Fettucini Alfredo Carbonara – A Very Simple, But Elegant, Dinner

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The best meals to toss on the table for company are the ones which sound impressive, but which are actually very easy to prepare. Pasta Alfredos have a certain mystique about them, but are actually far easier to prepare than pasta with red sauce.

Here is the basic recipe for 4 – it multiplies perfectly and I have done it for up to as many as 32.

¼ lb (1 stick) unsalted butter (never use salted)
1 clove garlic
½ cup heavy cream
¼ – ½ cup shredded Parmesan, Romano, or Asiago cheese
½ lb fettuccini (cooked in heavily salted water ~ 10 minutes)

The sauce takes a little longer than the pasta, so get the water boiling then start the sauce.

Melt the butter in a heavy skillet over med-low heat. The key is to cook all the water out of the butter. Otherwise, it won't bind right and tends to clump or separate later. (This stage is a lot like making ghee.) Let the butter bubble lightly but never boil until it is completely clear and golden in color. Crush garlic with the side of a knife then chop finely. Cook a couple of minutes until you can smell the garlic above the pan. Raise the heat a bit and just as it begins to froth add the cream. When it begins to bubble again, reduce the heat so that you keep light bubbling in the center of the pan. Start the pasta about now. Stir the sauce now and then to make sure it binds and the sauce cooks evenly. Reduce by about 1/3 rd until the consistency is smooth and the sauce has thickened slightly. Dust the top with a liberal amount of freshly ground pepper. (I like to use the mélange that has several different colors of peppercorns, but regular black is fine also.) Boost up the heat until the mixture just starts to boil and add the cheese. Stir briskly to melt and bind the cheese quickly, then turn the heat down low. If using the carbonara addition (see below), add it now. Drain the pasta and add about 2/3rds of it to the sauce. Toss briskly to coat the noodles, then keep adding a bit at a time and tossing until all the sauce is soaked up and all the noodles are evenly coated. You may have a bit of pasta left over.

Tip into serving dish and dust the top with ¼ tsp of nutmeg. Have a little extra grated cheese to top it with.

Carbonara Addition –

If you can find good peppered pancetta, use it. Otherwise, thick sliced peppered bacon works just fine. Figure about ¼-½ slice of pancetta or ½ – 1 slice of bacon per person. Cut the bacon into ½ inch chunks and fry in a heavy skillet until all the grease is fried out but the bacon isn't quite yet crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on paper towel. Use about 1 green onion per 2 slices of bacon or 1 slice pancetta. Slice fine and sauté in olive oil until transparent. Mix with the bacon and set aside until it is time to add to the Alfredo. As soon as the cheese is melted in the Alfredo sauce, add the carbonara, reduce the heat, and toss to coat the noodles and distribute the meat. The carbonara is mostly to add flavor, and all you want is a small chunk or two per bite of pasta.

If you are using a large decorative skillet to make the Alfredo, it can go directly to the serving table in

it and allow your guests to serve themselves buffet style.

Complement with a tossed, or even better Caesar, salad, a loaf of crusty sourdough french bread with real butter, and a dry white wine.

Quick Review of Open Betas

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This one got delayed for college obligations, so let's jump to it. Here are three open betas of games that you may be tempted to buy. Don't do it. Open beta has yet to launch, and at this point none of these games can compensate for their deep flaws.

Painkiller: Resurrection

I know, I know, it looks badass. The above picture shows as much. But really, it went so far:

- A crappy, annoying menu where detail wasn't taken in account.
- A 10-minute video, which is basically a narrated comic book about a random hitman who accidentally blows up a bus with his target and himself and goes to hell for his troubles. Unfortunately, it's unskippable, which is a no-no for any company except perhaps Square Enix, and that's because their videos are AWESOME. This one was evidently produced with a scanner, Photoshop and a video editor.
- After the video, it reveals the worst level design that I've ever seen in a First Person Shooter, with a weird saw-hook that nobody tells you how to use (nobody tells you even the basic controls) with an endless wave of enemies that your bullets don't touch until you hit them in the gut.

So, after a few frustrating attempts at playing this game, it got deleted and I jumped to the next one:

World of Battles

This RTS game, despite having decent stuff like locking a formation or letting them go at their different speeds (something that is annoying to do in other games — case in point: Dawn of War), ramming people with cavalry and other details, seems familiar:

- Humans have the best cavalry, and the only modification is that they became reputation whores. Really? What happened with knighthood, when things like chivalry were developed for making an army not kill each other indiscriminately, huh? This modification was lame.

- Dwarves, who are the toughest/slower army.
- Orcs, that are a Warhammer ripoff point by point, get to spam slightly tough cannon fodder and not-so tough cannon fodder.
- Undead, who, for spamming, get even more cannon fodder as well as the brown skeleton of Everquest/Diablo (can't remember which one).

Seriously, I used to think that Tolkien, what with being public domain, was the worst thing that could happen to the Fantasy genre. Then I discovered Buffy and Twilight, but still, I just can't play another Tolkien game — especially one that doesn't even attempt to be original.

So we finally get to:

League of Legends

OK, this one isn't that bad. It was produced for the guys that made the Defense of the Ancients custom map on Warcraft 3. It has the "so cartoonish that you don't care much about the polygons" look that will last and, in essence, is fun to play.

The story is about a bunch of Champions that are chosen from different universes, which is another cool aspect of the game. There are a lot of them, and they are all different and weird, fighting on behalf of the "Summoners," which are you and me — the individual players. Basically, you need to zerg the other team's base before they zerg yours, and it has the same balance as a WoW arena match, which means that it is based on finding the most flawed combination of Champions and zerg first.

It's fun, don't get me wrong, and since everybody can pick any character it doesn't hurt as much, but it feels broken. It didn't pass the Blizzard Rule: If, while playing a game, I think "I could have more fun playing WoW right now," it gets deleted. If you are fine with that, go ahead; the 20-min matches are intense, and you don't need to play much more than that.

Another mistake they made is putting a leveling system on the Summoner, instead of just the one in the character on each match (e.g. Warcraft 3). That means that you will lose before you can scrap enough experience to start winning. Frankly, it isn't fun enough to bother with. At least not for me.

And here it ends. Three games that look cool,but just don't cut it. Unfortunately, mediocrity is a word that you will find in many, many games. The good news is that you can know if a game is going to end up mediocre from the beta. If it got deeper problems than bugs, don't bother and don't preorder. The latter rewards the over-hyping of a marketing team.

Shoring Up Health Care Disparities for International Women

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I have a proposal for Western women – the American variety in particular. Given that you have a "wealth of life" relative to men in your societies and to women in less-developed countries, perhaps you should redistribute some of that longevity. Cut a couple years off of your lives so that a woman in Sierra Leone or Bhutan can live a few more.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a study showing that women around the world are in need of health care. Numerous articles and blog posts have been written decrying the shameful state of women's health. This is a problem because women tend to live longer than men in regular conditions; a reversal of that trend is cause for action. Granted, many female deaths are the result of male aggression towards women; steps should be made to prevent these atrocities. Regardless, the WHO and feminists seek to shore up medical care differences despite seemingly gynocentric health coverage. My recommendation seeks to minimize the gap strictly between *health care opportunities* in developed and under-developed countries.

Interestingly enough (and luckily for of international women), women in America should expect to live 5 years longer than their men. According to Warren Farrell's seminal work *The Myth of Male Power*, the life expectancy for an American woman in 1920 was 54.6 years and 53.6 years for men. Today it is 82 and 77 respectively. American women have some cushion to spare.

Assuming those underdeveloped nations have increasing marginal returns to health care expenditures vis a vis Western society (an extra dollar spent on health care for women of underdeveloped nations creates more "health" and adds more benefit than an extra dollar spent on healthier Western women), wouldn't it make sense – from an egalitarian and utilitarian viewpoint – to redistribute health care overseas? I mean, its only right.

So I say unto you, Western women, stop hoarding all of the breast exams, PAP smears, disease treatments, birth control devices, and tampons. After all, you only came by those luxuries by luck or by birth. Let's start a drive. Next year, instead of getting your annual breast exam, donate the money to the Red Cross or some other international health organization with the designation that it pay for a breast exam for a less fortunate woman in another country. Encourage American doctors' offices to send their sonogram machines to remote parts of Africa telling its patients that, despite the danger created for their child, African mothers and children will have better access to health care.

Of course, leftists believe that the solution to this problem would be for "the government" to pay for superior health care for all women, but then, where does "the government" get its money? From "the people". So women's health is merely another socialistic endeavor whose financial backing will dry up when everything else comes crashing down. As a society, if we are concerned with the dismal state of women's health in developing countries, we should follow the usual strategy for shoring up these glaring disparities; re-allocation of resources. Rather than printing money to pay for those new machines and health care infrastructure, just unplug machines that are currently running over here and ship them overseas. This follows the same principle we apply when re-allocating tax dollars from the wealthy to the poor in this country. Don't be stingy ladies.

Webhost Issues

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The Spearhead is growing pretty fast, and I still have the site on a shared server at Dreamhost. Looks like this might be causing some problems…

Of course, Dreamhost has been having its own issues over the last couple of days, so I'm going to get to the bottom of the recent server problems to make sure this isn't a recurring problem.

In the meanwhile, the Spearhead forum has been running smoothly the entire time, so feel free to check in there for news and discussion.

Female Circumcision Catching on in Britain

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The BBC reports that each year thousands of British women are electing to have surgical procedures performed on their genitalia in an effort to increase "self-esteem." Although the surgeons who perform the procedure refer to it as "labiaplasty," it is no different from the majority of female circumcision performed in Africa and the Muslim world. It is essentially a trimming of the labia minora, which in some cases evidently protrude (to see what the surgery does, look here).

Some women complain that protruding genitals cause them discomfort during activities such as riding a bicycle, but most admit that they seek the surgery for cosmetic reasons.

Psychologist and likely feminist Lih-Mei Liaoh opposes the procedure, stating:

> "Advertisements promote labial surgery as easy answers to women's insecurities about their genital appearances – insecurities that are fuelled by the very advertisements that prescribe a homogenised, pre-pubescent genital appearance standard for all women"

Although I can't say that I often see advertisements concerning female genitalia, perhaps that's simply because I don't read Cosmo. I also suspect that Ms. Liaoh *does not* have protruding genitalia, and although she opposes women's freedom to do as they choose with their bodies in this case, she is probably all in favor of "choice" when it comes to abortion.

The controversy is one more indication of the escalating neurosis of Western women, and highlights the fact that feminism, which has brought all this silliness to the fore, is even more in conflict with women's nature than the traditional patriarchal society of bygone days.

It never ends, does it?

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This is a short one, but really, I cannot make this shit up:

http://www.comicsalliance.com/2009/11/12/stephenie-meyer-comic-book-twilight/

How much can a franchise, especially such a terrible one, be exploited? I'm probably going to regret asking that, but I want to know.

To see more of the gallery:

http://www.bluewaterprod.com/comics/female_force.php

How To Deal With “Not All Women Are Like That”

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This article was submitted by ARMARaptor.

Talking about the current sad state of dating and marriage in the USA will often elicit “Not All Women Are Like That” or NAWALT.

The first thing is not to contradict whoever makes that claim. Why? Because it is true. Not all women are skanks, attention whores or predators. The MRA cause is not helped by attacking people who speak truthfully. Better to examine the assumptions behind “Not all women are like that” and then reply. This article does that.

There are three unrealistic assumptions behind NAWLT. They are:

1. Perfect Detection (Zero Error)

Not every woman is a suitable partner. Some women are sociopaths and exploiters. A great date may not be a great wife. So a man has to choose. If her errs, it costs. Because of anti-male laws, this cost is high. Choose the wrong wife and half your assets vanish. If you have children, it is unlikely you will see them. Plus the threat of false accusations.

As the cost of selecting the wrong woman increases, the error rate has to go down. Lowering the error rate takes more time and resources. Eventually cost of finding a partner exceeds the benefit of finding a partner. At that point, looking for a partner becomes pointless.

2. Zero or Low Cost Of Error

The cost of error (selecting the wrong woman) also influences the risk of selecting the wrong woman. That is because the risk associated with an error is a function of both cost of error and the chances of the error occurring (Risk of Error = Cost of Error * probability of error).

A low cost of error can mitigate a high probability of error. But a low cost of error for spouse selection is not a valid assumption, especially for today.

3. Infinite Time And Resources Available For Search

It is generally agreed that one should be slow to marry. This is because compatibility is a complex matter and takes time to correctly assess. If it takes 100 years to find a suitable mate, what is the point? Most people do not live that long.

Furthermore, only so much time and resources can be devoted to a mate search. Could the energy be better directed elsewhere?

There is another aspect to mate searching. When a man considers a woman for a wife, he is testing two hypotheses. The first one is “Is she suitable?”. The second hypothesis is “Is she not suitable?”.

When you do hypothesis testing, the hypothesis you assume to be true by default is important. This is called the null hypothesis. It is what you assume true in the absence of evidence to the contrary. It is

designated Ho or H1.

The remaining hypothesis is called the research or alternative hypothesis. It is the hypothesis you adopt only when there is evidence for it. It is designated Ha or H2.

You decide which hypothesis to reject or not reject based on evidence. If the evidence is in favor of the alternative hypothesis (Ha or H2), you accept it and reject the null hypothesis (Ho or H1). If the evidence does not support the alternative hypothesis (Ha or H2), you retain the the null hypothesis (Ho or H1).

Now set up a hypothesis test for the mate selection problem assuming what NAWLT advocates say is true. Since not all women are like that, it logically follows that the null hypothesis is Ho: She is suitable. The alternative hypothesis is Ha: She is not suitable.

The hypothesis test is now:

Ho: She is suitable
vs.
Ha: She is not suitable

There are four outcomes to this test
a. She is suitable when she really is – Correct decision
b. She is not suitable when she really is not suitable – Correct decision
c. She is suitable when she really is not – Error. This is called a false positive or Type I error
d. She is not suitable when she really is suitable – Error. This is called a false negative or Type II error

Which is outcome has the most potential for damage? Outcomes a and b are correct decisions, so they incur zero or low cost. Outcome d, the false negative, is unfortunate, but not that costly.

The most costly outcome is c, the false positive. That means our man is now married to a skank, sociopath or gold digger. Thus our man wants to minimize the false positive rate.

But if our man reduces the false positive rate, the false negative rate increases. He winds up rejecting suitable women to keep from selecting non-suitable ones.

This is what men face today. The cost of bad wife selection is so high that he is forced to turn away good women for fear of mistakenly choosing a bad one.

A Quick Primer On The Sexual Marketplace, & Why The Femosphere CANNOT Address It Meaningfully

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Over the weekend I happened across Girl Game team member Aoefe's post "The Stock Market & Mate Selection". It was a most timely subject, given the current state of affairs on the economic front not just for Americans, but throughout the world.

Her piece, while well written, was just basically a kind of "checklist" that a Woman would use in trying to land a real catch of a Man-no argument there, since this has always been the primary mating strategy of the Female. But, because of the deep and far reaching implications of our economically stressed times, I for one was hoping that someone out on the Femosphere-be it Girl Game, Susan Walsh of Hooking Up Smart, the crews of Feministing, Feminste or Jezebel, of *somebody* on that side of the aisle, would offer a comparatively cleareyed analysis of our times and how that directly relates to the dating and mating market. Needless to say, that to date, since the "Mancession" began, and Maria Shriver's much heralded "A Woman's Nation" report came down the pike, there has been, at best a kind of oblique nibbling around the edges by the likes of Ms. Aoefe, Ms. Bhetti (the latter of whom gives her take on the current economic situation in a new piece over at Girl Game) and Ms. Walsh (the latter having a Wharton MBA!), and at worst, the usual mocking of the "Menz" by the latter most feminist-identified sites (for example, a recent piece at Feministing openly mocks the idea of a Mancession, then turns the focus back on how bad Women have it, which is in direct contradiction of the Shriver Report-but then again, would we really expect anything less of Feministing?).

While I'm fairly sure the ladies of the previous cohort may raise their hackles at the notion that I lump them in with the latter cohort of fem-bloggers, the bottomline is, that they all comprise what I call the Femosphere, and serves as a kind of counterpoint to what some has coined the Manosphere, which is made up of Male blogging voices spanning the MGTOW and MRA corners of the Internet, to the Game and PUA oriented bloggers. They different in many ways, both camps do have quite a bit in common, and which serves to be the backbone of this essay.

For example, as noted above, there has been no "meta-analysis" of the current radically altered economic landscape and how this WILL effect the dating and mating one by ANYONE in the Femosphere; while, in the Manosphere, from Marc Rudov to Roissy in DC, there have been any number of "takes" on the situation that are easily found at the click of the mouse. Curious guys like me sit back and take notice of such a glaring difference and has to ask, "what's up with that?".

So, this article is gonna layout, in real basic terms, how the sexual marketplace works, the changes that have happened in recent years, and the changes that we see before our eyes right now, and why the Femosphere, with all due respect, is basically incapable of giving the kind of "meta-analysis" that one can't help but trip over walking ten paces in any direction in the Manosphere. Ready? OK, here we go:

Astute readers of my post Why Game & Choice For Men Elicits So Much Hate will recall how I laidout the basic mating strategies of the Human Male and Female, which was deeply informed by our evolutionary past. Simply put, both sexes were exposed to environmental pressures against which they had to form adaptations to overcome; for the Male, he has to figure out a way to be noticed by

the Female; for the Female, she has to figure out a way to "screen out" all but the best Male with which to mate. While both skill sets do take time and trial and error to perfect, it doesn't take a rocket scientist-or a Wharton trained economist-to figure out which job is inherently harder-the Males have it infinitely tougher. Not only do they need to make the best showing to the Female, but they must also beat out all the other competition-which could prove deadly, and very often did.

This occurs among sperm even; millions of them fight to the death to unite with the one egg, and thus forms the basis of the sexual marketplace-eggs expensive, because of their scarcity, and sperm is cheap, because of its vast surplus. In said marketplace, Women are the "sellers"; Men, the "buyers". And for much of Human history, and until relatively recently, it's been a Seller's Market. Contrary to all the boilerplate many feminists and the like try to foist on an otherwise ignorant and unsuspecting public, in truth Women have always gotten a kind of artificial market "bump", much like the "bumps" Wall Street has received from the gov't in the form of taxpayer funded bailouts and the like. For example-we've all heard of the Shotgun Wedding, right? Guy meets Girl, Guy hookup with Girl, Guy gets Girl preggers, Girl's fam finds out, Guy is pressured to marry Girl. Now-who wins in that scenario? The Girl, of course. She gets support in the form of Guy's resources, and is insured in this by the threat of her peeps doing something very bad to Guy if he welches out on the deal.

There are many other instances of artificial bumps in the market aimed at assisting Women historically as well, marriage in the more broader sense being yet another example. It helps Women, not necessarily Men. At least it does first and foremost-the benefits Men get got from marriage historically, were a secondary thing. From a purely Evo-Psych standpoint.

Polygamy is yet another example where the clear beneficiaries are the Women, because she's almost assured of getting a "share" of a wealthy Man's resources, rather than having a full "claim" on a poor Man to herself. Aside from a very small pool of Men who can put themselves in a position to gain from such an arrangement, the vast majority of Men do NOT benefit from Polygamy.

So, we see how, contrary to the arguments of the feminists, how the Female side of the SMV equation has always gotten a leg up as it were.

So, what does this have to do with the current Mancession, the Shriver Report, and the dearth of meaningful, straightahead discussion about it in Femosphere?

Very simple.

As my previous article clearly pointed out, Women are genetically wired to seek out the best Men with which to mate, and then do all they can to make him stick around after the party's over. Doing this by necessity, means that *a lot of guys have to be eliminated from the search*. The current Mancession-where some 70-80% of ALL layoffs and firings have been Male, and the Shriver Report, which clearly says that for the first time in American history, there are more Women than Men gainfully employed, simply means that Women's "field of erotic view", as F. Roger Devlin would put it, just got a heck of a lot narrower. Far from giving the guy who's down on his luck a "mercy shot", they will follow their instincts and simply set their sights on the few remaining Alphas left in the field, and vie like made against all the other Females in the round hoping to rope him in.

This is why there has been no discussion of these types of topics along these lines in the Femosphere, BECAUSE WOMEN SEE THE ISSUE IN A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT WAY THAN MEN DO. They don't need to figure out "workarounds" like Men do. They only need to figure out, how to get the Top Guy to stay with THEM.

Now…

Let's go back to the site, Girl Game. It is a site found by a bunch of Women, who's sole purpose is to give Ladies the tools with which to land the Best Guys-again, nothing wrong with that…in theory. The problem comes in when one considers what has happened in the sexual marketplace over the past four decades or so.

Aside from medical interventions like the Pill and Abortion, things like access to education and money/jobs, along with massive support from the gov't, have made it possible for Women to make choices she could have never dreamed of only a half century ago, let alone 5 centuries ago. That she can do this all with a minimum of censure or reprisal, makes it all the better. I consider this a kind of "deregulation" of the sexual marketplace, where people, definitely Women, but as we'll soon find out, a goodly number of Men, too-can really do as they wish. If ever there was a time when one could see our raw mating strategies at work, this timeframe, the late 20th to early 21st century, was it.

Because, while Women now have maximum choice in terms of mating, so too do Men-but, as I've said before, and contrary to popular opinion, not ALL of them-only a select few. This is just how Women prefer it, of course. Remember-the scarcer a resource, the higher the price.

The problem is, that the current situation, the SMP if you will, is greatly inflated-a kind of SMP "bubble"-and sooner or later it will burst-meaning that there will be A LOT of Lady Losers in its wake. They will have all the sex they can handle, but because of the Mancession and because of their own ability to provide for themselves, very few will be able to land the Man of their Dreams for more than a fortnight, if that. For one, the environment doesn't support it, and two, of the few remaining Alphas left, they have every incentive to enjoy what is now essentially a Buyer's Market of Poon.

This is where Game-and by that, I mean in its original parlance-comes in, because all it does is gives the Man more bargaining power at the table of the Sexual Marketplace. Of course, being gainfully employed helps, but it is NOT, I repeat, NOT, the end all be all, and we've all seen that to be true many, many times. Which is why my good friend, The Fifth Horseman, says that having Moderste Game Competence is worth roughly $2M. I, agree.

I've told the ladies at Girl Game before, and it bears repeating, that what they're attempting to do can only, by design, "work" with a very small number of Women; by and large, unless the playing field is leveled again, the vast majority of Women, can and will LOSE. Of course, there'll be a lot of Male Losers, too, but that's nothing new; what is, are little things like Glocks and Rugers, and the extreme losers will make use of these and exact their revenge on a number of ladies too. But I digress. The point is, for the first time in human history, Women en masse won't be the winners of the mating game. For the first time, they'll be the losers.

I'm just sayin'.

Now adjourn your asses…

The Obsidian

The Sexual Peak Myth

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A common myth is that men hit their sexual peak at the age of 18 while women hit theirs at 30-35. Despite literally no scientific support for this theory, this meme has become "common knowledge" in our society.

The myth never sat well with me. And to be clear, this myth is no straw-man concocted by this writer. It has entrenched itself in our culture to the point that most believe it is true without considering the implications or reasons for such an illogical development.

"Well we all know…" is a precursor heard before recitation of the myth. I worked with three 30-something women as a bank teller. Their excuse for their child-like antics, raunchy sex-talk, and monthly vibrator parties was that they were at their sexual peak. They said it as if they had a moral obligation to live up to their billing as sex-crazed mynx. While I'm not proud of it, when I was 20 or 21 I had a year-long sexual relationship with a 30 year-old woman whose fiance couldn't keep up with her horniness. She justified her behavior by saying she was at her sexual peak and had a right to satiate her hunger. I got into an argument the other day with a female Bulgarian friend of mine who off-handedly recited this meme. The myth has infiltrated the Eastern bloc. I've had many encounters with the myth; I'm sure most readers have too.

I've never understood why our creator – natural selection – would put men and women at their sexual peaks at such different points in their lives. More importantly, why would women be at their peaks and more horny when they were less fertile? Every thing we know about evolution and sexual behavior indicates that natural selection has made it easy peasy for our genes to be passed on through sexual reproduction – why throw a wrench in the system by making horniness levels – or "desire to copulate" levels – incongruent between the sexes and less conducive to reproduction? Since women are most fertile from the ages of 20-24, it would make sense that they would desire sex more than when they were a decade older and half as fertile.

Those purveyors of the myth don't account for Dr. David Schnarch's dichotomy between *genital prime* and *sexual prime*. As spouted by the masses, the myth advocates the notion that these women

want sex more rather than the more plausible argument that they are more experienced and comfortable with sex. *If the myth is fully perpetuated, it grants 30-something women sexual liberation while offering nothing to men of the same age.*

From Dr. Schnarch's book Passionate marriage:

> "Most textbooks on human sexuality, adolescent development, and family life teach that men reach their sexual prime before they even hit their twenties. Women supposedly reach their prime several years later…and therein lies our problem. Health-care providers make the same mistake as the rest of us: *We've confused genital prime with sexual prime.*

Genital prime occurs when a person has fully developed sexual organs and are most fertile. This occurs during adolescence and shortly after for both men and women. The myth holds men to the genital prime model while holding women to the other; it doesn't compare apples to apples. This has the effect of making 30-something female sex some sort of animalistic expression rather than a more mature concept of sex that men of the same age achieve. The widely-accepted meme of late female sexual peak is a false dichotomy.

So why has this meme succeeded in entrenching itself so deeply in our collective mythology? First, it prevents us from being able to call 30-something sexually-peaking women sluts. Saying that a 30-something woman is at her peak is a PC way of saying she's a slut. But given that "slut" implies something bad (and we know that a woman doing what she wants with her body can never be bad) those myth-sustainers prefer to say she is peaking. A peak implies something grandiose and wonderful. Peaks are achievements of milestones deserving rewards and ticker-tape parades. When the sexual prime myth is used to encourage and support these womens' shady sexual behavior, it violates Schnarch's dichotomy. Myth-purveyors seek to use the genital peak behavior of men at the age of 18 to condone womens' slutiness at later ages by citing the need for equality of opportunity to express sexuality.

Second, older women *HATE HATE HATE* younger women. Sex is power. Younger women have held it in spades over their elders. Being that everyone desires to wrench power out of the hands of people who hold it, older women and those soon to be of that demographic have an incentive to glamorize the twilight years.

Says sex and relationship expert Pepper Schwartz:

> *"The bottom line for me: The evolution of the cougar concept is good for every woman and her partner. It keeps sexual possibilities and eroticism alive. And that continued capacity for passion creates lifelong desirability to younger men, older men, or anyone who can recognize a vital spirit when meeting one."*

The myth has sustained because it gives women hope as they venture into the twilight of their ability to be incubators of seed and the commensurate degradation of their looks. Sex is power, and attaching that power to women of ever-increasing ages allows women to hang on to it longer. Older women have declared war on younger women. Through wishful thinking they seek to destroy every benefit and short cut that younger, prettier women have even though they benefited from the same attitudes at an earlier point in their lives. We see this by observing the attitudes towards female celebrities who act in sexual ways. When Madonna was younger, she was considered a slut. Her book Sex was considered raunchy and disgusting. Now that she's old and in her "sexual prime" she is given a free pass to perform in sexually-suggestive ways. Her behavior today, while not as risque as

that when she was younger, is lauded as empowering and even artistic.

Young starlets are hazed by a certain segment of the population for capitalizing on their sexiness, but that same segment glorifies Demi Moore, Susan Sarandon, Madonna, Cher, Jennifer Aniston, and Halle Berry for rocking it at older ages.

We can easily see that the sexual peak meme is widely touted for the empowerment it gives to older women. Rather than being a quirky feature of our sexuality, the myth that 35 year-old women are on the same level as 18 year-old boys attempts to allow women to hold more leverage over men. As feminism achieves its goal of female economic empowerment, we begin to observe "peak inflation". The peak shifts upward as women delay marriage and children and seek to have fun of the sexual variety at increasing ages. Cougars are a case in point. These women are over 40. Even though the myth hasn't explicitly increased the age range of women at their peak, the cougar phenomenon idolizes women's sexual power at these late ages and glorifies their sexuality as empowering.

You see, the sexuality-as-power lobby wants to shift the reins of control from men to women and from younger women to older ones. Younger women are fulfilling their biological imperative thereby submitting themselves to men or to a scheme that plays into men's strategies. Older women expressing their sexuality is a way for them to hold sway over the purse strings to power. They are having sex on their own terms rather than due to some ingrained chore or obligation. The sex peak myth is a catalyst for creating sexual autonomy.

In terms of species propagation, men and women are most horny whenever they are most fertile; their genital peak occurs at a young age. Both men and women reach their "sexual peak" – their mental maturity – at later ages. The key here is that each maturity occurs at similar ages for both sexes; the myth loses its power when we realize this. The first maturity is biological while the second is social. The myth of the late female peak says that women are hornier in their thirties by trying to equate the 30 year old's behaviors and urges to that of an 18 year old man. This is simply a perversion of Dr. Schnarch's dichotomy. Both sexes have had many years of sexual experience and they have had more time to rid themselves of debilitating sexual hang-ups and phobias. They aren't hornier at later ages, they're just more relaxed with the ideas of sexuality and have thus reached "sexual prime". The late sexual prime myth is a convenient tool that excuses perverse sexual behavior in older women. Sex is power, and it is used as a weapon to pry control from those that have traditionally held it; men and young, beautiful women. By ratcheting up the expectations of older females' sexual inhibition, they wrangle pawns to line their battlefield.

A Rational Cost/Benefit Analysis of Marriage

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This study conducted by Professor Paul Frijters of Queensland University in Australia calculates the costs and benefits of marriage. Frijters estimated the sum of money that would be the equivalent of certain life events for married men and women. Naturally, the headline leads one to believe that a man gains the most happiness from a marriage. Scouring through the numbers and analyzing the real-life picture of marriage shows a different outcome for men. *While this type of study is highly specious*, it is interesting to analyze.

When calculating the present value of something, one has to take into account probabilities and the effects of interest rates on the value of future events. The golden rule of finance is "a dollar in the future is worth less than a dollar today."

A marriage buys $29,600 (17,700 British pounds) in happiness for a man and only $14,600 (8700 BP) for women. Marriage is a steal of a deal for the man right? Wrong. A newly married couple has about a 50% chance of divorce which entails higher "costs" for men than women. Perhaps due to the monetary cost or the emotional one, divorces cost $102,000 (61,100 BP) for men and a paltry $8,300 (5,000 BP) for women.

Multiplying the costs of divorce by the probability of it occurring gives us a true picture of what the whole rigmarole of marriage costs at the outset – when our whole future is subject to the winds of change and the gina tingles of your potential wife.

If we break out our abaci, we'll see that the whole marriage package leads to a net present value of *negative* $21,400 ($102,000 times 0.5 plus $29,600) for men and a $10,450 *gain* for women.

Granted, men gain more happiness from having children, according to this study, but it is unclear what the effect is should divorce occur. The study doesn't break down the numbers to indicate if the high cost for male divorce includes the likely loss in custody issues or child support payments. More importantly, the study doesn't indicate whether the large benefit men gain from having children is dependent on an intact marriage. Men also suffer a $16,000 deficit when changing homes.

In all, if we're to conduct a rational cost/benefit analysis of marriage, men absolutely lose out. From a financial standpoint, an investor should accept projects that have positive net present values. After all of the costs are accounted for and the future income discounted back, if we have a positive value, we should accept the project. Likewise with marriage decisions, if a man has a positive value, he should "invest" regardless of the huge deficiency he has compared to the woman. According to this analysis, if the marriage doesn't produce children or the costs of divorce are higher or there is a change in domicile, the man should forgo marriage.

Johnny Walker Black Label: A Review

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The following review was authored by *Heathen*.

I have been looking for a new drink for some time now. I have been a rum drinker for nearly a decade, thanks to time spent in the navy, but I dislike being reliant on a supply of mixer, be it Coke or some kind of fruit juice. I am also conscious that, as I get older, the "extras" in the mixers (such as high sugar levels) become more and more significant.

So what I have been looking for is something that I can drink neat. Unfortunately neat rum has very little to offer beyond the taste of caramelized sugar. There are, of course, spiced rums, but I have never enjoyed those, even when mixed.

I have experimented with gin, which was too flowery and smelled like perfume, vodka, which had no flavour, and brandy, which was nice but did not really win me over. However, after reading Hawaiian Libertarian's article on whisky, I decided to give it a shot (pun intended).

I looked around for a decent brand and label, as I knew that trying something at the bottom end of the market would be setting myself up for disappointment. Here I let online reviews and Wikipedia guide me. I settled on Johnny Walker Red Label, as it is apparently the best selling whisky in the world. There has to be a reason for that, right?

However, when I went into the liquor store I had a chat with the proprietor, and he told me that I would be better off with the Black Label, which was only a pound more expensive. Red Label apparently has "a bold, brassy taste", which makes it very popular with people intending to mix their drink, as the flavour carries through the mix. However, Black Label was a far smoother drink if I wanted something neat. This advice made sense to me without contradicting anything I had read online about the Red Label's popularity, so I went with the Black Label.

Johnny Walker Black Label is a Scottish whisky made from a blend of 40 single malts, each at least 12 years old. I also understand that, unlike some other Scottish whisky, Black Label uses only alcohol from malted barley, rather than a mix of barley and other grains, such as wheat (obviously, American, Canadian and Japanese whiskies use large quantities of corn, rye and rice respectively, but for those whiskies this is not an indicator of lower quality).

The Review:

I should say right now that I am no connoisseur of fine alcohols. In fact, that's why I am writing this review, because average guys like me probably want to know what this whisky will taste like to them before blowing £20 on a bottle. What follows is my take on this. Your own mileage may vary.

Over the course of the weekend I tried the Black Label four times, and each time I tried it a slightly different way. I will save time, however, and say that in each case the "nose" or smell of the drink was identical. After the fuss that whisky drinkers can make about nosing their whisky, I was surprised at how little odour it had; much less than gin or rum, but about the same as brandy. However, my sense of smell is notoriously poor, and one of my children commented, unasked, that it smelled "strong".

Drink 1:

My first drink was a finger of whisky with a splash of bottled water (apparently tap water would react

badly with the whisky, destroying some of the taste). Due to poor planning on my part, I had just eaten some fresh chocolate chip banana bread.

My first sip left me with some very strong impressions. For a full strength spirit, I could not believe just how smooth this drink was. No burn, or involuntary jaw tightening, just a pleasant warmth throughout the mouth. In fact, I assumed that I had over watered the drink. I was also very pleased with the round, smoky tones that seemed to fill up the back of my mouth and throat. I can honestly say that I have never experienced so much flavour in a spirit before.

As I continued to drink, and let the whisky settle on my tongue, the strong flavour of the food I had just eaten faded, and I was able to make out other notes in the whisky. In the middle of my tounge I identified a very pleasant wood flavour, presumably oak. But even more surprising was a sweet flavour that danced on the tip of my tongue. It was similar in taste and strength to maple sap (not syrup, which is far stronger), or lightly sugared water. I can only surmise that this sweetness, like that of an orange, is very fragile, and disappears in the face of sweeter foods.

On the whole, very good first impression.

Drink 2:

This drink was taken neat, alongside a meal of quality beef burgers and home made chips.

First, I should say that the smoky flavour of the whisky really complemented the beef. This is definitely a drink that I could see accompanying a meal as well as being enjoyed on its own. I should also note that the drink was only mildly more heated that the drink with a splash of water. I had not overwatered the first drink; the whisky is just that smooth.

I also noticed that both the smokiness and the sweetness were reduced in this drink. I had read that some drinkers feel like the water “opens up” the flavours in the whisky, and I definitely feel that this was the case.

Drink 3:

Another finger of whisky with a splash of bottled water. The sweetness and strong smokiness were back, and I continued to enjoy the flavours in the whisky. In this case, having not eaten immediately prior, I was able to enjoy the sweetness immediately.

Drink 4:

This time I went half and half, whisky and water. I was a little disappointed with the result, as the sweetness disappeared completely, and the smokiness was not as impressive. Clearly, I had overwatered the drink.

On the other hand, there was nothing unpleasant about the flavour. It simply did not compare to the earlier drinks I had enjoyed.

Verdict:

I was very pleased with Johnny Walker Black Label, and I think that it will be a regular of mine from here on out. The flavours are surprisingly delicate, and require just the right amount of water to really enjoy. In a pinch, the drink can be taken neat, but at the loss of some flavour, though not as much as over watering.

It is also a very smooth drink, meaning that you can actually relax while drinking it. Some drinks, like a vodka mix, are quite “bright” in tone, and slightly abrasive if under diluted, which is fine if you are out on the town, but less pleasant if you are just putting your feet up.

I would say, however, that this is a very smoky whisky, and some may not appreciate that. For those that enjoy this kind of flavour, I think it would be hard to go wrong with Black Label.

-Heathen

Swine Flu

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I'm out of commission with the flu — probably H1N1 according to the preschool teachers where it made its way around and ended up in me after my kids got it. It sucks, but I've had worse. Still, I can't help but imagine herds of tiny pigs rampaging around in my body.

Anyway, I'll try to post some over the next couple days, but be patient if I come off as a bit incoherent and/or delirious.

Milestone

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The Spearhead passed the 10,000 comment mark yesterday morning, and is still averaging over 200 comments per day. This is great, and I'm glad to see the discussion carrying on here.

My next plan is to integrate the bulletin board with the articles, so that people can post directly on *The Spearhead* forum.

One thing that has impressed me is the quality of commentary. We have some very bright guys posting here, and I am happy to see that we are actually getting to the heart of things. Any resolution (if possible) to our dysfunctional system is going to take a lot of thought and discussion before it begins to emerge, so perhaps this is a good first step. I want to thank all the contributors as well as commenters for their participation in our project. This is grounds for hope.

Roast Your Own

November 19, 2009 | by Eumaios | Link | Original Link

Coffee is a crop grown by povertous, hunched-over, little people, in distant countries saddled with picturesque mountains. They grind it using ancestral skulls and thighbones as mortar and pestle. It smells like old cardboard*, and to preserve the aroma the wrinkled small ones pack coffee in cans, tightly sealed after all the air has been sucked out by the lungs of towering, deep-chested, higher-elevation-dwelling people who supplement their income by inflating the bicycle tires of hipster tourists with cardboard-scented air**.

Ancestral bones don't last forever, so a few years ago the more forward-thinking of the wrinkled chiefs hired marketing consultants to justify their cost-reducing measure of shipping the coffee in its unground form. Thousands of slack-titted homely tribal women were laid off, and the mortars and pestles were purchased by the Smithsonian Institute, which promptly recouped its expenses by selling half of the stock to specialty porn sites. The marketroids devised a brilliant scheme: sell the raw coffee at a higher price than the processed form to trick stupid American consumer-pigdogs into thinking that they are buying a better product.

The garbage disposal industry jumped on this new opportunity like a slack-titted homely tribal woman on the last living coffee-can sucker. Rich folks needed to grind their expensive raw coffee by themselves, and their skinny wrists couldn't handle a mortar and pestle. Seventeen disposal factories were converted to the production of coffee grinders. Homeowners across the nation went on waiting lists to get one of the suddenly reduced number of garbage disposals, chewing up their own waste in the meantime, if they weren't rich enough to import Cambodian orphans to do it.

The end of the age of pre-ground coffee would have been a blinding roundhouse punch to the jaw of drug smugglers if it had not been for the swift uppercut delivered by savvy Detroit cops unexpectedly turning up in Los Angeles to expose the dog-defeating olfactory power of ground coffee. The smugglers, burdened with thousands of tons of now useless coffee, gave up the drug trade and opened coffee shops, desperate to unload the incriminating stuff. But hip young Americans in a hurry didn't want boring old coffee, and the coppers were sniffing around, so the smugglers invented a machine that could take an entire pot of coffee's worth of grounds and turn it into a few teaspoons of sludge. They called it espresso, because drug smugglers are all Italian, and the middle classes drank it up. The Illuminati, never blind to a profit, pressured the smugglers into forming a corporation and turning over their patent rights. The name of that corporation was Starbuck's.

No, that's not right. I'll come in again.

What we know as coffee comes from the seeds of a peculiar kind of fruit that grows on a peculiar kind of tree that prospers at high altitudes, usually the sides of mountains. The seeds are a little difficult to remove from the fruit pulp, but once you've processed them, they're dense little yellowish green things that look a fair amount like coffee beans. The seeds are smaller than coffee beans, and as I mentioned, denser. If you put a couple of ounces of these seeds in your whirly blade grinder, you'll likely break it.

Come to think of it, that's exactly what you should do. Break that grinder, or throw it away, or save it for turning sassafras leaves into filé powder. Whirly blade grinders are blunt instruments, only good for turning brittle objects into boulders and dust.

So: take these dense seeds that smell like burlap sacks and look a fair amount like coffee beans. Apply the right amount of heat, for the right amount of time, and you will have something that looks exactly like coffee beans, only they'll smell like nothing you've ever smelled. Carefully slice them into infinitesimal fragrant shards and infuse them with almost boiling water, and the liquid that flows forth into your carafe will taste like nothing you have ever tasted.

Coffee is not bitter, and it is not black. It is not oily, sour, or flat. Coffee does not need cream or sugar. Coffee, when the all the stars align, is heaven.

Next time on "Roast Your Own", the Proper Application of Heat.

* Cardboard is considered a delicacy in foreign countries
** It is a closely kept secret that the hipsters later deflate their tires purposely to inhale the vapors produced by the combination of coffee grounds, foreigner-lung-juice, and ancestral bone dust. Ask Roosh if you don't believe me.

DoubleX Bites the Dust

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Online radical feminist magazine DoubleX is being shut down and staffers who dodge the ax will be folded into Slate.com. Editors Hannah Rosin and Emily Bazelon made the announcement on November 16, suggesting that this is a "new phase:"

> After some deliberation, we have decided to fold DoubleX back into Slate. The site will now become its own section, with our XX Factor blog, articles, and special projects already in the works. Our aim is to create a more intimate version of the community we have built, with many of the same voices and passions.

Obviously, "intimate" is code for smaller, and "many of the same voices" means *not all of the current voices*.

This comes on the heels of DoubleX's sleazy hit job on Glenn Sacks and other MRA bloggers. I would like to think that the duplicitous screed penned by anti-religious, misandrist bigot Kathryn Joyce played a part in bringing the site down. I suppose we'll never know, but that would be sweet justice.

Now Slate.com will absorb a few more feminists, and that should give us a fairly good perspective from which to view that publication, but what's really important to recognize here is that *feminists are expensive and not profitable*. Feminists are, in fact, a liability. They are like trophy wives with towering senses of entitlement, yet, at the same time, they aren't the kind of people you'd want to take on a date. So why do publishers continue to support them?

I've got a theory:

Many of the feminists writing for DoubleX, Jezebel, Slate and other online media sources are probably the daughters of fairly influential men. Yes, these men sent their little girls to college, and after the feminist tribal anthropology degree had to get them jobs somewhere.

I expect more of these cuts to occur in coming years. Every industry that is failing will eventually have to start facing the music and axing unproductive workers, and that includes wild-eyed feminists on the warpath against men, families and common decency.

Sadly, I predict that the last ones to go will be government and court workers. This means that as feminism is increasingly discredited in the mainstream, it will still dominate social services, family law and many of the other redistributive mechanisms of government and the courts.

However, on the bright side, this will make it more difficult for them to control the popular discourse even as they retain a position widely hated by society at large — not a position I'd want to be in during a time of increasing popular anger.

Mailbag: Letter from an Omega

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Reader Elliott Frost e-mailed me earlier this week:

> Hello,
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> There are a few things that bother me about game. It seems to me that game promotes the idea of judging a mans entire value as a human being based upon nothing but his place in the sexual/sexual heirarchy. Let me assure of this, I am aware that such a hierarchy exists regardless of PUA intervention and men are largely judged this way anyway, especially by women. I can take this as common sense on an intellectual level, but it take time for me to fully accept this at a deeper level. Now am I wrong in my assertion?
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> I am an omega male, so its quite clear why men being judged soley on thier sexual prowess would frighten and infuriate me, as it would reduce my worth as human being to fuck all. I am aware that many people would see me this way regardless. There are a few more things that worry me about this emmerging world view that seems to come with game, but I can't really articulate them very well.
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> Lastly who can game help, are omegas such as myself irremable or can your techniques help even the lowest of the low? Do you think that game could be used to benifit a mans life even if it never help him succeed in getting pussy? One thing I really don't fucking understand about game advocates and MRA's in general, is why they seem to focus almost exclusively on the issue of game. I mean I know at The Spearhead the talk its overwhelmly about human sexuality within a very broad context and its relationship to many other subjects. But in all the areas of study that fall under the category of "mens rights" why on earth is game the principle area of concern. That I really don't understand Ferdinand. Its seems to me that no matter what subject you guys talk about, whether it be politics, religion, history, somehow you manage to link back a specific cause to sexuality and game. Please tell me Ferdinand, do you feel that single greatest factor in the shaping of human behaviour, whether individual or collective, is sexuality?
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> One of the things that I hate about game and the world view that comes with it, is the way it paints human beings as animals. Animals prodominantly controlled by base, primal urges that we can hardly even control. But as much as I hate it I really can't argue with it, it just makes me hold humanity in lower esteem.
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> Now I don't want you to label me as hater of game, but just incase you do, I will define game in my own words. I see game as set of learned social skills, social techniques, that immiate the behaviours of the alpha male which women find attractive, therfore increasing the mans chance of getting laid. So you can tell me whether or not I understand game, I know I sure as hell don't have any.
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> Hope you can clarify these issues for me, thanks.

Good questions, Elliott. I'll address your points in a more appropriate order.

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The Spearhead is not an MRA publication. Welmer, the Grand Poobah of this house of iconoclasty, said as much. While a number of us, such as Cless Alvein, are MRAs, and I'd imagine that we all have some degree of sympathy for MRA viewpoints, we don't represent them as a collective. To paraphrase something my colleague Jack Donovan mentioned in an e-mail, we here at *The Spearhead* are basically banging our own drums.

Additionally, while I support men's rights activists, I don't represent the mainstream of MRA opinion by any stretch of the imagination. Game and men's rights have historically had little to do with one another, due to a longstanding animus between MRA/MGTOW factions and the seduction community. In fact, another one of my colleagues, Chuck Ross, describes my blog as "residing in the center portion of the Venn Diagram of conservative, Game, and MRA sites." If you want mainstream MRA views, you should go to someone like Glenn Sacks or Angry Harry, not me.

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I defined game as follows:

> **game** (\ˈgām\), *noun* – a set of male behaviors, attitudes, actions, and strategies designed to win the sexual attraction of females. SYNONYMS: **seduction**.

So yeah, you pretty much understand what game is.

> It seems to me that game promotes the idea of judging a mans entire value as a human being based upon nothing but his place in the sexual/sexual heirarchy. Let me assure of this, I am aware that such a hierarchy exists regardless of PUA intervention and men are largely judged this way anyway, especially by women. I can take this as common sense on an intellectual level, but it take time for me to fully accept this at a deeper level. Now am I wrong in my assertion?

To a certain extent, you're correct. The alpha/beta/omega hierarchy that is used to classify men is based solely on said man's sexual attractiveness. You also rightly note that society at large does this as well. There's a reason why the number one insult feminists and women use on anti-feminist writers like myself is "you can't get laid," just above "you have a small penis."

I won't lie and say that I don't regard a man's sexual attractiveness as an integral part of his character. One of the goals of all life is to reproduce and pass on your genes – if you don't have the ability to do that, you have failed at existence. The fact that reproducing is much more difficult for men then for women, as judged by the fact that less then half of the former have successfully done so throughout human history, means that the ability to get with women (and by extension spread your seed) is a quality that other people respect. But is the skill of seducing the second sex the sole determinant of masculinity? No. Defining yourself solely by what other people think of you (women

specifically in this case) is a sign of intrinsic weakness. Not only that, owing to the amoral nature of woman, men who are judged as sexy by them run the gamut from paragons of greatness to loathsome vermin. A man who is derelict in every aspect of his life save for his ability to make ginas tingle may be an alpha in the sexual realm, but that does not compensate for his other failings. While chasing women is something I do, it is not, never has been, and never will be the focus of my life. I'm not alone in this assertion - Sparks123, Talleyrand, Max, Slumlord, and Roosh agree to varying degrees.

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I'd say that it's one of two. All life, from protozoa to plants to puppies, is possessed of one primary goal – survival. I separate survival into two subcategories - **corporeal survival** and **genetic survival**. The former entails staying physically alive, and the latter consists of passing on your genes to the next generation; reproduction, in other words. *The Mystery Method* posited a similar premise, with **survival** and **replication** being the purpose of every living entity. Every living being wants to reproduce, and will do anything in its power to accomplish that goal. This includes human beings; half of what we do is done for the purpose of attracting members of the opposite sex. It was Dave Chappelle who joked that if women were willing to have sex with men in cardboard boxes, guys wouldn't bother buying houses. So yes, sexuality is one of the greatest determinants of human thought and behavior.

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While I wouldn't argue that we humans, being sapient, are identical to chimpanzees rutting in the trees, our sentience is a tower constructed on a foundation of animal drives and instincts. The low, base urges may not be out in the open, but they're still there and are still holding up everything else. We cannot escape our nature, we can only work with it.

The comparison has already been made, but I'll reiterate it because it works so well: game is the red pill, the proof that everything that you were told about men, women, and human nature is completely false. You're at the disbelief stage, writhing in the chair and frothing vomit, as your mind rejects the truth that's been hidden from your eyes for so long. Once the pain passes, you'll see the world with a clarity that you never had before. You'll see humanity as it really is – we aren't good, we aren't evil, we just **are**, like every other creature on this green earth.

> Lastly who can game help, are omegas such as myself irremable or can your techniques help even the lowest of the low?

The answer is an unequivocal yes. Roissy, whose experience in the game surpasses mine, said this in response to a similar query:

> Learning game will transform you. How much is a question of commitment, preexisting suite of alpha traits, and ability to withstand rejection. Some guys see their notch count triple (mine quadrupled). Others see a strengthening of their relationships. Still others see

> only marginal improvement. If you knew beforehand that spending a year learning game would net you just one girlfriend one point higher than the best girl you ever banged, would you commit yourself? What if all the effort amounted to no more than one extra one night stand? A lot of lesser betas and omegas who are cursed to realize very little improvement from learning game commit themselves to it despite the odds. Because men know there is nothing more hellish than to go your whole life never feeling the sex and love of a woman. Really, what's the point of living? Love is life's penultimate pleasure.

Game can help any man; the question is how much it will help him. I say that the degree to which a man can improve his success with women is dependent on both his genetic goods and the amount of work he puts into perfecting his talents. Being an omega male, the benefits you get from game will be less then most men. You won't become the next Mystery, Roissy, or Roosh. You won't even become the next me, the least of King Arthur's knights. But what you CAN become is a man with control over his love life. With game, you can obtain something that you don't have and can't have without it, one of the greatest things you can have: the freely given love of a woman.

> Do you think that game could be used to benifit a mans life even if it never help him succeed in getting pussy?

I'd say yes. I believe it was Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech who summed up game as "successful masculinity." If you click on the link above to my definition of game, you'll find a list of qualities that form its nucleus and have applications outside of the sexual marketplace. Additionally, *The Mystery Method* separated out a man's life into three spheres, health, wealth, and love, and explained that neglecting one would negatively affect the other two. The flip side is that improving one will also benefit the other two. Every aspect of our lives is interconnected.

I'll conclude with these words. zed has remarked that one of the unintentional effects of feminism was the liberation of men from their societal responsibilities and obligations. The corollary to freedom is that when you are free, nothing is guaranteed. If you want something, you have to go out and take it yourself – no one will help you. If you are unhappy with your life, only YOU can turn it around. Game is not a panacea, but in terms of addressing an concern that all men have, you'll not find a better way to contentedness. I can only speak for myself, but I can say I am a genuinely happier person for pursuing my desires rather than just sitting at the back of the metaphorical classroom, staring at the apple-shaped derrière of the girl in front of me, wondering what could have been. The only way to know for sure how much game will help you is to get off your ass and run the distance. You may not win the race, but you'll be able to say that you gave it your all, when most guys are too cowardly to even stand up and try.

Best of luck to you, man. In this world, you need as much of it as you can get.

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Men, Religion, and Morality

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Fedrz left this comment in reply to the "A Rational Cost/Benefit Analysis of Marriage", and I thought it was too good to let stay buried in the comments because he hits on some of the major issues that men have to resolve before we can move forward. (image nipped from The Critical Thinker blog, from a very thought-provoking post on Thomas Aquinas)

The Church stuff is pretty interesting, and of course, is tied into all of this. It is pretty difficult subject to discuss dispassionately, which is what is required, but is difficult to do.
Harvard was actually originally mandated to be "Protectors of the Truth." And at the time, they felt they could actually identify truth, because during that age, they used the Bible as an anchor of "Absolute Truth" to identify what was true and what was not.

When Hegel came out with "The Truth is Relative", it set the whole system into the shitter, because it got rid of the "anchor" of Absolute Truth. The concept of God is "black and white." God's word is "Truth."

However, of course, we are able to recognize that truth often does change, or, truth often is relative.

And herein lies the entire problem, I think. Human nature, and the need to control it.

In many ways, I agree with Hegel & Marx that indeed, the Truth is Relative. But, from a position of what works for a civilization? Well… that must have elements of an Absolute Truth to it, or cultural hegemony will never arise, and civilization will never occur.

The human brain is enormously malleable, and it naturally tends to lean towards "Relative Truth." We often use our brains to justify what we would like to be true, rather than what actually is true. Jail is full of innocent people. Morality is forever malleable unless attached to an absolute truth.

From an anthropological sense, human beings naturally create religions. Every civilization that has ever existed has adhered to some form of religion. It seems to be a necessity for the human condition. And, look at how different morality can develop in different ways. Think about the typical movie scene of the virgin tied to a stone slab, about to be sacrificed to the Volcano God or whatever. The people that lived in such civilizations thought nothing immoral of such a situation, yet, when other civilizations encountered them, they were horrified by their "lack of morality."

Morality can go in many different ways, and indicates that indeed, from a big perspective, "truth is relative."

But even if it is, it is not a good thing for civilization to not have any absolutes. It's for similar reasons that we have the Rule of Law and a Legal/Court system. You and I can argue and argue, and both of us will create a belief system for ourselves, justifying our position to ourselves, and creating a reality in each of our own minds – that will forever contradict the other's view of reality. Therefore we must have a court system to decide, hopefully with impartiality, what is right and what is not. An absolute. Without it, things would never function.

A civilization needs a religion in the same way.

And all things considered, Christianity was not the worst one we could have wound up with. The way

I look at it is, when everyone points out how hypocritical and evil it has been in the past… well, that is not Christianity, per se, but rather, it is the nature of humans that is trying break free from the bounds that Christianity tried to place upon them. It doesn't matter whether Christian or Marxist or Muslim or the Hoobie Joobie Mumbo Spirit, it is human nature to try and manipulate and force one's will upon others. In that sense, Christianity has been not too bad, because it is firmly based in the concept of Absolute Truth, and can be used to pull us back from the brink of La La Land when we get a little too insane. It is an anchor. I think the history of the West would have been a lot worse without the Bible, than it was with it.

If you want to know why most Communist countries abolish Christianity, it is because it is firmly rooted in the concept of "Absolute Truth" which is directly at odds with dialectical manipulation. The Bible zaps it into oblivion, as the two cannot exist in the same philosophical space.

It is for this reason as well, that the lefties are so adamant about Evolution. And again, one has to look at the Evolution debate dispassionately.

Marx and Engels were extremely excited when Darwin came out with his theory, because it was the "science" that supported their political philosophy – namely, that the Truth is Relative. Evolution indicates that the truth is forever changing. What was true yesterday, is no longer true today. And therefore, what is true today, does not neccessarily have to be true tomorrow.

This was great for Marx because he is preaching the political philosophy that man's condition can be "altered", basically, by use of force. One can therefore "force an evolutionary direction" upon mankind. Kinda like how an arborist prunes a tree to control how it grows and shapes itself.

Whether one believes in Evolution or not, this very important political aspect rarely gets mentioned in the debate, but it is core to the importance of a lot of philosophy about "truth."

This is why the leftists pee their pants so quickly whenever someone begins to discuss intelligent design. If intelligent design were to be proven, it would indicate a "plan," which would indicate the existence of Absolute Truth… and the entire political philosophy of the left would fall to bits. They need evolution to be true for more reasons than what they… so does the Creationist side… the Intelligent Design side doesn't, however, because it is dispassionate.

Much of Anthropology has been shattered by insistence on adherence to this as well, and anyone trying to suggest that those "primitive" people from the past were perhaps a helluva lot smarter than we give them credit for, is automatically drummed out of the business and called a loon. And yet, the ancient Sumerians had the knowledge to "weld" gemstones together, which is something we still can't replicate today.

The religion debate is interesting, because it is about Absolute vs. Relative Truth.

If a society always tends to "create" a religion, would you rather have one based in Absolutes, or would you prefer one that is forever malleable.

It has elements that come down to the similar situation as, would you rather live under a government that was ruled by whim and emotion (Democracy), or would you rather live under The Rule of Law? (Republic)

Here Come the Herbivores

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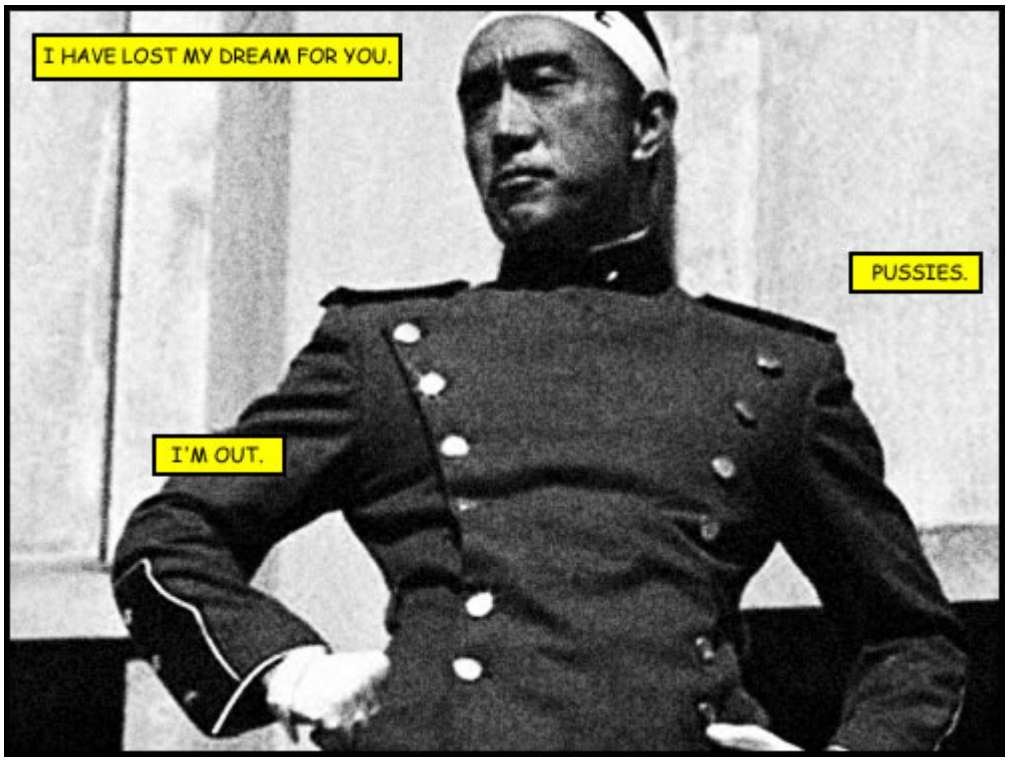


On November 25, 1970, author Yukio Mishima and handful of compatriots took the commandant of a military base hostage and commanded the attention of a nation. His men were armed only with samurai swords. With news helicopters buzzing overhead he asked the assembled soldiers at the base to rise up and proudly reclaim their manly national heritage.

He was rebuffed, as he expected he would be. Mishima left the balcony from which he was speaking and returned to the office where the horrified commandant and his loyal men looked on. Then, according to plan, he committed *hara-kiri*.

Mishima didn't disembowel himself because he was depressed, or hopeless, or insane. He killed himself to make a point.

Mishima is a personal hero of mine and in the years since I discovered him I have observed the date of his departure and paused to reflect on the meaning of his artful human sacrifice.

Mishima called the *Hagakure*—an 18th century collection of reflections on the way of the Samurai—the "womb of his oeuvre." He believed that post-World War II Japan had abandoned its virile warrior tradition in favor of becoming a commercialized, soulless nation synonymous with "flower arranging." Given Japan's current status as the global hub of Hello Kitty cuteness, he's probably glad he's dead.

Samurai, the men Mishima respected and probably romanticized, were known to have been fastidious about their appearances, and they sometimes wore makeup in preparation for death. A samurai wanted to leave a good-looking corpse—one that his enemies would respect as a worthy adversary.

This would seem related to contemporary interest in male vanity, but it isn't. Today's male vanity isn't the vanity of strength and virility, but the soulless vanity of social decay. It is a passive-aggressive vanity, a vanity that seeks status and influence through being desired or pretty or pleasant-

looking. It is not about being prepared to meet your doom with dignity and honor, but rather a trivial obsession with appearances for the sake of appearance alone. It is a *decorative* vanity, not a harmonious confluence of form and function.

In 1994, British journalist Mark Simpson coined the term "metrosexual" in a now infamous article titled "Here Come the Mirror Men." He wrote:

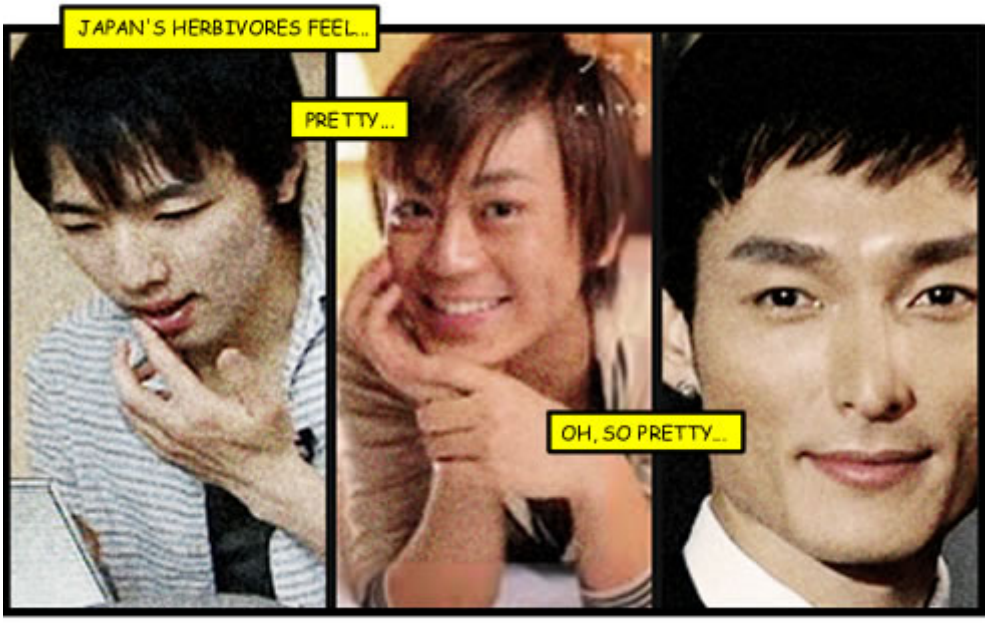
> "Metrosexual man, the single young man with a high disposable income, living or working in the city (because that's where all the best shops are), is perhaps the most promising consumer market of the decade. In the Eighties he was only to be found inside fashion magazines such as *GQ*, in television advertisements for Levis jeans or in gay bars. In the Nineties, he's everywhere and he's going shopping."

It wasn't Simpson's fault. He was describing a change that was already happening. Men were being relieved of their responsibilities, relieved of purpose. No longer expected to bring home the bacon, men were free to busy themselves hunting the most fashionable fall "look" or the best moisturizer.

In hindsight, we know that men were ultimately unable to compete with women as avid consumers. A new generation of men may have embraced AXE and they may even "manscape," but in most cases they are doing it for the same old reason: *to impress chicks and get them in the sack*. (We can call it "game" if you like.)

Women still generally get dressed up, as John Cougar Mellencamp noted, "for each other." And that makes their vanity a full time obsession.

However, even that may be changing. On the heels of Simpson's metrosexual, the Japanese, always on the bleeding edge, seem to have one-upped us in the worship of Cybele with their "Herbivore" men. The trend was spotted and named by Japanese pop culture columnist Maki Fukasawa in 2006, and it refers to males who are not interested in "the flesh" as more "carnivorous" men would be. They are interested in fashion and cosmetics and appearances, but they are not particularly interested in sex or finding girlfriends—though they are not necessarily homosexuals, either. The herbivores are males of little means, who are nevertheless obsessed with frivolous consumerism and passing fads. They seem to be perpetual teenagers, like many gays who follow celebrity gossip, fashion and pop culture fads well into middle age.



Some blame an economic slowdown and a scarcity of viable career options for young men. Others see an exciting move away from traditional gender roles. Feminists are tickled, of course.

In *Manliness*, Harvey C. Mansfield wrote that:

> "…there is no backlash; there is only inarticulate resistance in the form of reluctance, a residual, bodily, behavioral unwillingness on the part of men to do their share in the upkeep of gender neutrality."

If you are reading this, you are part of the articulate resistance. (So is Mansfield.) Japan's herbivores give us a window into the future, and a key to understanding the reluctance of men to completely embrace feminism's gender neutral ideal. When feminists encourage men to reject traditional notions of masculinity, they speak wistfully of the newfound freedom that lies just beyond the strict constraints of the manly ideal.

The problem is that over there, over the rainbow, is *this.* THIS is what feminism has to offer men. A gender neutral world offers men the freedom to be "herbivorous." Feminism offers men the freedom to be weak, to be passive, and to be obsessed with fashion and cosmetics— safe from the cruel disapproval of manlier men. The aim of feminism is spiritual parricide—to purge society of all masculine ideals and do away with manly men altogether. Feminism offers men a set of freedoms they never asked for, never wanted. A gender neutral society offers men freedom to be effeminate and impotent.

What gain is this?

EPILOGUE

Somewhere in Tokyo, there is a loudspeaker barking something militant. As it approaches, we see a black van, and hear…

「諸君の中に一人でも俺と一緒に立つ奴はいないのか。」

"Among you gentlemen is there not one single person who will stand with me?"

The words are Mishima's.

They are from his very last speech, given 39 years ago this week.

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The Light of Truth of Paternity Testing

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Recently, the New York Times had an article on paternity testing which has already been commented on by our own Roissy and Female Masculinist on their respective personal blogs. The men in the NYT article are all the **victims of fraud**. In any other context, the legal system would consider this a case of outright fraud. What this means is that the simple technology of paternity testing has acted as the light of truth exposing the entire family law system from lawyers to judges as corrupt and supremely dishonest.

The other area where paternity testing has shown the light of truth is with female behavior. Before paternity testing the only way a man would know for certain if his wife/girlfriend had committed paternity fraud against him was if he was away from his wife/girlfriend for an extended period of time when conception could have taken place. Now, it's possible for men to know the truth both individually and globally. Depending on who you ask, the cuckoldry rate is somewhere between 1% and 30%, with 10% being a commonly cited number. Without mandatory paternity testing it's impossible to know the exact percentage. However, the exact percentage doesn't matter so much since paternity testing has shown that paternity fraud does happen enough that every man should be concerned about whether his kids really are his kids.

Before paternity testing, women and male white knights would claim that "women would never lie about paternity." Since paternity testing has proven this to be a myth, they have moved to "biological/genetic connections don't matter" and shaming language. Take this quote from Carol McCarthy, an officer of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

> "Having been involved in cases like these, I think the answer to 'Is it my kid?' is irrationally important to the cuckolded husband. My own biases are going into this because I'm adopted, so I'm real into 'your parents are the people who raise you.' I couldn't care less who my biological parents are.

First, take notice of the shaming language. Aside from the fact that this quote is incredibly self serving, I would bet serious money that if McCarthy had a medical problem that was inherited or otherwise required family medical history she would change her tune very quickly. And what about all of those adopted children who go searching for their biological parents? According to her that shouldn't happen. It's all just more proof that McCarthy is claiming that fatherhood doesn't matter and engaging in anti-male shaming language.

If a genetic connection doesn't matter for fatherhood then why does it matter for motherhood? The article points out that hospitals go to great lengths to make sure that the baby a mother gave birth to is the baby she leaves with, including footprints, matching ID bands, guarded nurseries, surveillance cameras, etc. If genetics does not matter then why doesn't the government take all babies after they are born and randomly reassign them to parents? It's because **genetics does matter**. Every other position is self serving shaming language, and paternity testing has exposed this.

Mandatory paternity testing will probably not happen, because women and male white knights will oppose it. However, that does not matter since the most significant change that has resulted from the introduction of paternity testing is the knowledge men now have that cuckoldry is a serious problem.

Men are now aware of the need to make sure that his kids are really his, and nothing is going to put that genie back into the bottle.

Open and Closed System Game, MRAs, and the Prisoner's Dilemma

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"*In the ruthless pursuit of sexual goals, for example, men and women derogate their rivals, deceive members of the opposite sex, and even subvert their own mates*." – David Buss in *The Evolution of Desire* (p. 5)

I came to this little niche of the blogosphere through Roissy. Being in my mid-twenties, Roissy's writings hit home and explained a lot of the confusion and rationalized a lot of the anger I had built up inside. I felt that men were getting the short end of the stick in the culture wars and I enjoyed Roissy's site because it was the closest thing I had read to male empowerment.

But with all of his talk about Game, I soon realized that Game was an affront to some MRA agendas. I place MRAs into two broad categories - those who dislike feminism and its results and those who dislike women because they are women. The latter being misogynists. I walk on thin ice when I toss that word around, I know, but if I'm to believe that there's a such thing as misandry (I do) then I have to believe that its antithesis exists as well. Anti-feminist MRAs - with whom I tend to align – seem more amenable to Game. Misogynistic MRAs tend to shame men who compete for women; they play True Scotsman with Gamers' masculinity. They argue that we are capitulating to them, pedestalizing them too much, or unable to harness our animal desire for the greater good when we utilize Game.

Procurement of opportunities with women is a two-front war. The first group of MRAs, the ones that tend to embrace Game, realize that we have to compete against other men and against women's bitch shields; other types of MRAs feel that competing against the "brotherhood" decreases the overall power of men.

It's true that Gamers and strict MRAs have competing agendas. I've argued in the past that Game is a Ponzi scheme. Men do well with women by stepping on the heads of other men. Given that *someone* has to occupy the lower rungs of the social hierarchy and that men don't want to choose their women from the teeming cesspools of slutdom, one man's gain is another man's loss. Game merely serves to jumble men's positions on the ladder rather than build a bigger ladder. This outcome doesn't put men's advocacy in the forefront and it doesn't do anything to improve our position relative to women.

But we still harbor primal instincts. Men are compelled to compete for women against other men. In Game Theory, two agents face the "Prisoner's Dilemma" when neither agent knows the actions or intentions of the other agent.

The Prisoner's Dilemma of Game

	Cooperate	**Game (Betray)**
Cooperate	Both alone with no chance to fulfill biological imperative	(Alone + failure relative to other man, Relations)
Game (Betray)	(Relations, Alone + failure relative to other man)	Both used as tools by the woman but give themselves an "E" for effort

In these games, the dominant strategy for each player is to act (Game, or at least try) regardless of what the other player does. Given that men have some sort of natural urge *to act* towards a goal that

involves women, it is in our best interest to use Game or any other tool necessary to best our male opponents. If we merely step with the same level of Game, resources, or enthusiasm we reach the gloomiest outcome of the Prisoner's Dilemma; both players end up worse off than if neither would have acted at all. **The major difference** in this Game theory of Game is that – unlike the pure Prisoner's Dilemma – men are compelled *to do something* by their natural instincts. The man who Games more effectively, or Games at all, will win out while the man who "cooperates" loses.

(In my analysis I assume that a man who tries to get a woman but fails still feels better than a man who doesn't try at all; that's my personal experience at least.)

There are other Game theory models that would better fit seduction Game, but the conclusion is still the same: men want to act, and they'd better act as quickly and as effectively as possible in order to beat out other men. This natural tendency, exhibited in every other organism the planet, cannot be muted in men. Muting it for the sake of an artificially constructed brotherhood employs strategies similar to feminists in their quest for cultural marxism.

Another way to look at this dilemma is to picture a cartel. Some MRAs would like to see collusion among men in the fight against entitled women. I argue that this wouldn't work. As with every cartel, the first guy to break the contract reaps the biggest reward. Men will undercut the tacit agreement with other men; this leads to a game theory outcome of tit-for-tat and constant vigilance against other men. Unfortunately, it's a dilemma we can't escape.

So Game isn't a tide that lifts all boats *at least with regards to Game as used for procuring new dating interests*. Game's real appeal and effectiveness lies in closed systems – committed relationships. In an open system where there are no strong pairings but only loose couplings involving intricate webs of sexual activity, men *as a whole* suffer a disadvantage. Since women always have more options and greater ability to choose than men, their value is greater in the midst of a sexual free-for-all. As stated earlier, men will compete in a race to the bottom for the attention and sexual dalliances of women. No matter the behavior of the woman, she can be an entitled daddy's girl or a felon, if a man finds her attractive and thinks he can get her, he'll undercut other men to do so. The sorry state for men is a result of men having to fight a two-front war. In relationships, men usually only have to fight a frontal female attack (if you're fighting a two-front war in this closed system, you might as well go *kamikaze*) and can use the singular tool of Game against their lone "enemy" in order to capitalize on their position atop the pyramid.

As I mentioned above, I was drawn to the MRA/Game movement because I wanted to see a redress of the current sorry state men face. After observing the different dichotomies and learning more about Game and human behavior, I've realized that our plight arises from the Sexual Revolution that undermined relationships for the sake of easy-as-pie pie. Relationships are marginally less attractive, either because they aren't cool or because they are stifling, thus leaving many more men competing against fellow men and women than before. This also results in fewer relationships in which Game can be effectively used for all men in the same situation. As a further impediment to men's fulfillment, the situations in which men do have the ability to apply the tool of Game are distorted by gynocentric family law.

To buy into the notion that we should mute our natural inclination to Game or seduce women through whatever tools we have - so as to not undercut a men's movement – is absurd. Game and strict men's rights advocacy are at odds with each other. Feminists want to ignore our human nature by constructing a new social paradigm; MRAs who want men to sing kumbaya together are doing the

same thing. Instead, men face a more structural foe: feminism and liberalism. The twins have caused a social shift that any amount of cooperation between men on the Game front will correct. In "free market" situations – in groups of single men and women – a man has a duty to Game as hard as he can to procure the woman he desires. In doing so he is charging hard into both enemy lines; one man will lose. Every man should Game in their relationships; it is one of the few opportunities for men to improve their station in life without the collateral damage of open system Game.

The Long Train Wreck

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As I grow older, I find myself reaching back into my memories from time to time to retrieve old images, sounds and experiences. What I am really looking for is those remarkable sensations we have that freeze a moment in time, and can be recalled by a certain smell, the color and brightness of the sky, ambient noise or any one of the numerous elements that come together to create these unique moments that stand out from the dreary files in one's memory bank.

Perhaps it is because cynicism grows like ivy with time, covering up the clean facades with a dull, rank, green weed, but I definitely have the impression that things have been getting worse in my homeland for as long as I can remember. This isn't because I had a perfect childhood — far from it; I am a child of divorce and remember quite clearly the uncertainty and material poverty of my early childhood. However, despite the failings of some of the adults in my life and the tragedies I bore witness to, there remained, at least for some time, more of a sense of right and wrong. Back then, people may have behaved poorly, but they didn't justify it as people do today, and there still was a sense of community amongst neighbors that has disappeared in my generation.

Born in the mid-70s, I was part of the first generation of children upon which the new ideals of the 60s and 70s were imprinted from birth. I watched the hippie-lite Sesame Street, and remember the gender-bending "Free to be, You and Me" program (see media box to the right), which featured girls as firemen and boys playing with dolls. Yes, it sounds a bit heavy-handed, but nobody took it all that seriously; it was a *children's show* after all… But given all that has taken place since, it seems prophetic. For my part, I preferred Mr. Rogers, but my little sister must have absorbed something from Free to Be, because as a toddler she had the habit of placing the suffix "woman" at the end of many occupational titles (e.g. policeman-woman, fireman-woman). There was Wonder Woman, the Bionic Woman, and then the proto-herb "Greatest American Hero" (Believe it or not, it's just me!) who fights crime in magic red pyjamas:

These shows were a mere backdrop against the larger society, which still appeared outwardly healthy in most respects. Maybe not so much as it had a decade or two earlier, but we still celebrated Columbus Day, there were still Thanksgiving pageants free from multicultural sermonizing that characterizes the holiday today, and nobody (at least nobody who would admit it in public) even thought about banning Christmas, although Dr. Seuss evidently saw the writing on the wall long before most did; perhaps his work in wartime propaganda made him familiar with Soviet campaigns to do so. This state of affairs was the norm for the first couple years I went to elementary school in the early 1980s, but then sometime in the early 80s the disco party drew to a close and things began to change perceptibly. At that point the national spirit darkened considerably as the Cold War once again became a source of collective fear of nuclear annihilation. The downing of Korean Air Lines flight 007 was a major crisis that led to apocalyptic paranoia, enhancing the appeal of movies such as *The Terminator* and leading to widspread anti-nuclear protests. As a young boy at the time, I remember this fear quite well. The media, often filled with images and threats of nuclear warfare, had quite an effect on me and my friends, and I clearly remember nightmares in which warheads fell like meteors in the night sky.

I'm not sure whether this darkening of the national mood was reflected in all art, but popular music became more grim with the entry of heavy metal bands like Metallica, and then gangster rap of the

NWA variety came to prominence in the mid-late 80s.

I think gangster rap deserves its own discussion, because it was really the first art form to come out the fatherless ghettos that too many urban black kids were growing up in. Black Americans were ahead of the curve in terms of the social problems that we now see creeping into the mainstream. Illegitimacy, high divorce rates and fatherlessness had become endemic in this community as early as the 1970s. For black Americans, the sexual revolution was an unmitigated disaster that resulted in an unprecedented wave of youth crime that exploded onto the scene as the gang wars of the late 1980s. To young, powerless, fatherless boys, gang culture represented a coming of age; an escape from the matriarchal world of ghetto queens. Add illicit profit in the form of crack cocaine, and the stage was set for mass delinquency as soon as the first generation of boys raised without fathers grew out of their mothers' control.

For those who never grasped the spirit of those times, this video does a good job of summing it up (pay close attention to the lyrics dealing with women):

The white youth culture took a turn for the worse as well with the grunge fad, which emerged from the poorer underworld of the Pacific Northwest and coalesced in Seattle in the late 1980s. Heroin became trendy, and the inevitable overdoses occurred, sending a couple of people I knew to the afterlife in the 90s. Suicide and despair were common themes, and youth violence continued unabated until the mid-90s when the boomers, now firmly ensconced in power and in charge of a victorious sole superpower, set about remaking America as a police state with the '94 Crime Bill, which included VAWA. The regulation of American society became heavier than it ever had been before in history, and prisons were constructed and filled at record rates. Children were increasingly drugged and controlled to an unprecedented extent, and fathers began to be persecuted and prosecuted in earnest. In the meanwhile, there was this incredible relaxation of traditional morality across the board. I suppose it seems counterintuitive that a severe state apparatus could coexist with the flouting of morality, but perhaps the conditions are more closely related than they may seem at first glance. Perhaps a morally relativist society *needs* to be heavily policed in order to thrive. I am becoming more and more convinced that this is the case, and that our courts and police function as enforcers of an unnatural order that would quickly be overturned without a heavily coercive government enforcement apparatus.

This is an exceedingly short treatment of the history of the last few decades, but I thought it worthwhile to highlight a few of the stages that brought us to where we are today. In the beginning, it didn't seem all that serious, but as time went on the rainbows and unicorns became prisons and officers with body armor and automatic rifles. It's important to take these snapshots of history and contrast them, and to lay them out in a manner that indicates the progression of things. People ought to try to understand how one thing leads to another, and in this case it is pretty clear that the destruction of gender roles and traditional morality led to widespread crime and then an increasingly oppressive, coercive state.

I suppose the question now is where does the oppressive, coercive feminist state lead? My personal bet is bankruptcy, but I'd be happy to see any other theories.

A Rare Breed of Wild Turkey for Thanksdrinking

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Happy Thanksgiving Spearhead Readers!

Just a quick recommendation for a theme appropriate beverage for the holiday about all things Turkey…

If you've never tried it before, you might want to give this mid-range priced ($30-$40), small batch, Barrel proof, Kentucky Straight Bourbon a go. At 108.4 proof, it may be a little intimidating for the folks used to 80 proof whiskeys. Rest assured, while a splash of water or some ice cubes may help you mellow out the initial burn, at least give this whiskey a neat little sip, before you dilute it.

You may be surprised that it's not as harsh as you would first think…

Here's the description of Rare Breed from the Wild Turkey Distillery:

> Rare Breed is a "barrel-proof bourbon," meaning it is bottled directly from a variety of barrels at the proof it reaches in those barrels, with no added water to lower the proof or dilute the flavor.
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> This bourbon is a unique marriage of Wild Turkey 6-,8- and 12-year old stocks, which give the whiskey a rich, exceptional flavor that is remarkably smooth, considering its high alcohol content. It is assertive with hints of light oranges, mint and tones of sweet tobacco that will remind you of your grandfather's pipe-bowl. The finish is long, warm and nutty and lingers in the mouth with hints of hot peppers and well-toasted whole wheat bread.
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> Jimmy Russell keeps his Rare Bred in the freezer so he doesn't have to add ice, which would melt and ultimately dilute the flavor.

I don't know about you folks, but I intend to sit down on my porch after digesting a healthy portion of Norbest turkey and all the thanksgiving fixins', and have me a dram or two of some Rare Breed Wild Turkey, and enjoy the delicious interplay of complementary flavors it will impart by puffing along with a Padron 5000 Maduro cigar I just picked up from my local tobacco dealer.

And when the wife grumbles about the smell of the cigar smoke drifting into the house, I'll just holler "Pipe down Woman, and bring me another dram of Rare Breed!"

What are your plans for the Thanksdrinking?

OK, Winston, Start Your Two Minutes of Hate… N.O.W.!

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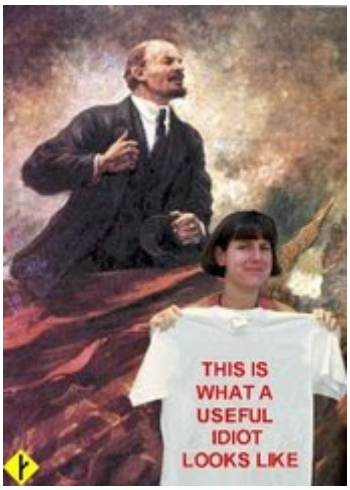
This piece was originally written by Rob Fedders for his No Ma'am blog.

I have to laugh at all the people that came here from http://www.rense.com/ to leave insulting comments on my blog.

The world may be struggling with shortages in resources, but useful idiots abound at every corner. If I could turn them into fuel, I would become a billionaire overnight!



Here are a bunch of people who very likely pride themselves on their "knowledge" of what is going on in the world, but still have not put two and two together and realized that feminism is of Marxist origins, and its purpose is to destroy the family and put in a system of tyranny where the weak rule the strong – kinda like making a society where children rule adults. Lol! You shrieking women are next. Haven't you read Hillary's thesis? How about the UN's "Rights of the Child"? Think men are going to rescue you? The very men you so love to hate today? The ones you've kicked out of their own homes, and have stolen their very children from? The ones you offered up to state supported slavery? Think again. The plan is to separate men from families so they won't help you when you really need it.

Totalitarian regimes know that the family is their biggest obstacle in maintaining tyrannical rule. Any moron can conquer a country… keeping it under control is a different matter altogether. Fathers who are attached to their own families are usually the ones that run the oppressors out of the country with pointy sticks. Remove men from their families, and you remove the desire of good to men to search for pointy sticks. DUH!

I notice this disease all over the place on the web. There are many excellent sites out there that document all kinds of government abuses… Prison Planet… Freedom Force etc. They are filled to the brim with excellent articles documenting the abuses being inflicted upon the people by corrupt governments, BUT, nary do they mention feminism and the state encouraged destruction of the family, inspired by evil feminists who often outright state that they want to destroy the family and destroy society and the nature of the sovereign state.

Of course, will any of these useful idiots who come here to screech "FAGGOT!" ever bother to read articles like this one, which documents how our No Fault Divorce laws are an exact replica of Russian marriage laws in the early 20th Century?

http://waysandmeans.house.gov/hearings.asp?formmode=view&id=954

(Did you read it, you Gorgons?)

Yes indeed, Russia did so much damage to their population that during WWII, they had to abandon such insanity because they were screwing themselves even worse than the Nazis breathing fire outside the city gates. Gorbachev commented in his book that the reason why the Soviet state collapsed was because of the damage they inflicted on people's families and close relationships in the early part of the century. 50 years after reversing such policies, they were not able to save themselves, such was the extent of the damage which they did, and which we are replicating under the name of "feminism" and "equality."

As I mentioned in the comments, in between the 2 minutes of hate, one wonders if all of these politically correct shriekers (Did you know Political Correctness was invented by Lenin and perfected by Stalin?) also scream so loudly and hurl such hatred towards the people that produce shirts saying "Boys are Stupid. Throw Rocks at Them!"

Are they half as concerned that over 80% of teen suicides are committed by boys?

I doubt it.

I am sure that many of them giggled and tittered when they heard about Lorena & John Bobbit too. Certainly they didn't screech and shout such vitriol at their cohorts as they do when a man asks if women invented anything.

A little perspective is in order, perhaps?

Many probably used to run around their university campuses, fueled by an estrogen high as they emphatically told men that "A Woman Needs a Man Like a Fish Needs a Bicycle." (By the way, Irina Dunn was the woman who coined the phrase, and she stole it from a male philosopher who stated "Man Needs Religion Like a Fish Needs a Bicycle." Oh, the irony, you mighty inventors.)

I wonder how many of these fucktards took an equal amount time which they spent hurling insults of "you must be gay, FAGGOT!" to send Barack Obamanation a nasty note when he blamed father's for abandoning their families this past Father's Day. How many of these useful idiots even realize that women file 2/3 of all divorces, and the number one reason is not "abuse" but rather, they simply feel bored and unfulfilled?

How many of them are equally upset about Joe Biden's VAWA, a completely sexist, one sided law, that strips men of their constitutional rights?

How many of these Useful Idiots even understand that Obama & Biden are going to try and pass over sovereignty of the USA to the United Nations, under the entirely corrupt CEDAW and i-VAWA? Do you even understand the implications, you hate mongers? Holy Totalitarianism! And it's all being done in the name of women's equality – fueled by people like the useful idiots who feel justified in shrieking mindless insults at any man who dares say even the most trivial of negative things about the "fair" sex.

Our freedoms are disappearing daily because no-one dares speak out against feminism and its totalitarian excesses.

Why do you think they targeted women as the best group of useful idiots to crumble the institution of the family and bring in cradle to grave socialism? It's because they knew the tendency of people to never dare to speak out against women. People like the idiots from Rense that came here to shriek mindless insults over the most trivial of things.

Useful Fucking Idiots.

When Rebellion is the Only Option

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It's been a month since I started this blog, and two people have remarked on my chosen name for it, *In Mala Fide*, and the fact that "mala fide" translates into English as "bad faith." The first was she-dissenter and pseudotroll sparky in this comment, and the second was Lawrence Auster in his critique of my critique of him. Neither seem to think very highly of my choice. *In Mala Fide* has a deeper meaning beyond being a snappy blog title - I didn't choose it at random, but after a considerable bit of thought.

Two bloggers I read recently posted on this subject. First, Kamal S. posted an essay entitled "You Can't Survive Without Being A Rebel." An excerpt:

> Just the other day, a really fine example of the Contemporary American Illiterate (Ilitteratus Americanus Contemperaneous) accused me of being a natural born rebel.
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> While this accusation didn't exactly strike at the center of my sense of self worth nor drive me to contemplate suicide — it did cause me to begin thinking about what causes individuals to rebel against society at large.
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> What immediately struck me is how difficult it would be to survive *without* being a rebel. If one were to attempt to survive by following the rules of society as officially stated, the natural evolutionary laws would give the offender quite a punishment.

The essay goes on to describe how the rules of contemporary American society effectively force people to break them in order to stay afloat, using college sexual harassment codes, our Kafka-esque tax laws, and violent crime statistics as examples. It concludes with this:

> If you want to reproduce, succeed economically, or merely stay alive in modern America, you *must* become a rebel. Your other option is to be a meek virgin who spends all of his or her time indoors (afraid to go out, for fear of being robbed, raped, assaulted or murdered) filling out those 4,000 pages of IRS forms and sending your money away to a government which can't protect you from anyone but yourself.

Next, MarkyMark recently posted an article entitled "Bitter Boys." Here's a sampling:

> The word "bitter" is such a loaded term in our society that most people are afraid to ever admit to experiencing the emotion. Well here's a fact that the world will never tell you: It takes a man to admit that he's bitter – at least to himself.
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> The truth is, it is impossible for prudent, intelligent, red blooded, heterosexual men living in feminist countries not to be bitter once they realize the truth about WW & divorce laws because that sobering reality basically means the death of their hopes and dreams for ever having a family in their home country.

> When you think about it, those are devastating realizations. For most of us, it means pretty much having to completely reevaluate our life's goals and what we are living for. This is not an easy thing to do. It also means having to "get over" something that is deeply instilled in

> most of us (the desire to marry and have our own family).

> Bitterness, like mourning, is a necessary part of grieving after a tragedy and realizing that you can't marry and have a family unless you're certifiably insane is a tragedy of the highest order. Bitterness only becomes a problem if you allow yourself to wallow in it for too many years.

We all know that society is sick and civilization is waning, but how is an individual supposed to react to this? Once you've learned that following the rules is a sure way to get screwed over, you can't go back to being Boobus Americanus (to borrow from Mencken). Western civilization, in its politically correct, feminized state, demands that you bend over and grab your ankles in order to be a good citizen, and breaking the rules will earn you the contempt of society at large – and yet, breaking the rules is the only way to survive. There's no proper ethical code in existence that requires people to submit to tyrants who seek to bind them in chains. Much like how the Christians of the Roman Empire refused to worship the emperor, sane Westerners are refusing to worship the various false idols that comprise our dying culture. Running on the corporate hamster wheel to pay off six figures of student loans that you racked up so you could get that job on the hamster wheel to begin with, spending what little discretionary income you have left on pointless objects you don't need, and working towards being unhappily married to an irritable sow who will divorce you at the drop of a doughnut and move halfway across the country with the kids out of spite – no one would call that a sane or sensible way to spend your life.

When the pseudonymous Asia Times Online columnist Spengler unmasked himself last April, he stated his reason for choosing that nom de plume was as a joke – the name of the German scholar who wrote *The Decline of the West* appropriated for a column in an Asian newspaper. A bad joke, but it has a point. The name of this blog, *In Mala Fide*, can be thought of as a jab in that vein. The moral configuration of Western society, as chronicled on this blog and others, requires its best citizens to rebel, to go against the grain, to behave in mala fide in order to secure their own fortunes.

Take the concept of game, for instance. Conventional wisdom holds that women want nice guys who will respect them, dote on them, and treat them like princesses. Any guy who tries this, however, will end up getting LJBF'ed by every girl he wants to bang. On the other hand, complete assholes often find themselves up to their chins in vaj. The conventional wisdom of dating and courtship is wrong, so wrong that an entire online community sprung up seeking to uncover methods of seduction that work. Boobus Americanus opposes game, denounces it as manipulative and dehumanizing, and the fact that it works doesn't cross his mind at all. If you practice game in your personal life, you are, according to the dictates of modern society, behaving in mala fide. Members of the MGTOW movement, who reject the values of our corrupt culture, are another group of individuals behaving in mala fide.

Behaving in good faith according to the principles of our degenerate civilization will inevitably lead to your demise. It is not immoral to behave in bad faith in regards to such a society – you have no obligations to a culture that only seeks to harm you and keep you down. Rebelling is the only sane and moral option in an insane and immoral world.

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Philosophy on the Useless

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In my surfing on the Internet I usually found pieces of truth in strange places, take this post in a WoW blog. The author, although abrasive, in his blog tries to explain how to make gold in WoW and how it relates to real world economies, he admits that a MMO for 12+ years old isn't the best economy simulator, but people are dumb in the Internet and the real world. Anyways, the specific is an answer to an e-mail from Peter that says:

> To every "person of subnormal intelligence", including Gevlon who think that savings should be made by anyone with a brain and a job regardless of circumstances so that in case of unemployment shit doesn't happen: you are wrong! I, personally earn twice as much as the average salary in my country, my wife is at home with two kids (1,5y and 3y), kindergartens "sponsored" by the state are full, she earns some family allowance for a few months, and we spend almost 100% of the money we get. No way to save unless I would let my standard of living fall to the level of animals (eating junk food every day and wearing chinese lowest budget crap of a clothing). And we don't live in black Africa or inner Asia, we're in fucking EU!

I'm going to tear a new one to this guy later (don't write stuff on the Internet that expose your stupidity), but the author, Gevlon does a really good job in his post. Seriously, read it.

Back? Ok, to my take (Warning: Curses ahead).

Why the fuck a man gets in the same petty, banal and stupid one-up contest of women, huh? I mean, seriously, everything under your over-the-top standard is the "level of animals"? I wonder in what kind of pretty bubble idiots like you are raised, because even with a recession every one can and should save money (and savings are your boat when shit hits the fan and you get layoff, and you will).

Perhaps it's me, that was raised with parents that got a house and two cars FROM NOTHING with hard work and savings, but I truly don't understand status whores. And is not an isolated case. With welfare money I see guys with a Plasma TV and a huge Chevrolet Blazer living in houses of zinc and paperstone, I kid you not. And, like we all know, alimony and child support cash is mostly expended in makeup and expensive clothes. Perhaps if those people earned that money they wouldn't expend it like retards, I mean even other college students that have to work and study have savings (and they don't ride in that Vanity parade).

It makes me sad, that elemental stuff like hard work and saving, things that are thought in The Bible and, in past times, any home with low resources, things that are basic male values, are exchanged for sucking the Governmental tits for cash, which is a Marxist strategy, and one that creates disgusting human beings. I'm not saying that people shouldn't have luxuries, but a reasonable budget isn't that hard to do.

Thoughts?

The White Elephant

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One thing I've noticed as I read the complaints, case studies and various bits of advice in the manosphere is that it appears that, for the majority of men, having a wife or long-term female partner is rarely if ever described as making life easier. In fact, almost every warning or technique suggests that the success of a marriage is dependent on hard work and diligence on the part of the husband. Maintaining a marriage is described as a sacrifice that requires going *above and beyond the call of duty*. It was even the same in the semi-traditional sitcoms from the 1980s, where the woman "is always right," and the husband has to frequently go to great lengths to please his wife and keep her happy.

Quite frankly, an American wife is generally known in our culture to be a gigantic liability; a white elephant that must be maintained at crippling expense. In fact, an elephant might even be easier – and certainly safer – than an American wife, because if it goes on a rampage the police will shoot the beast rather than you.

Is this a universal constant, or is it only an aberration that has arisen in the modern west? In civilized societies of ancient origin, such as China and India, it is well-known that sons are favored over daughters. Why is this is the case? In all likelihood, it is because daughters do not contribute to the well-being of the family, but rather cause trouble and expense beyond what they bring to the table. Furthermore, they leave the family when they come of age and marry, so all the expense that went into raising them comes to naught. These are cultures in which girls are taught to work from a young age, and who are expected to contribute not only children but valuable labor. Even today, Chinese girls who leave the family farm to work in factories prior to marriage send all but the minimum needed to survive back to their parents as a gesture of compensation, and in hopes that their parents will make a good match for them in marriage.

Such considerations are lost on American women, for whom every dollar earned is an opportunity for her to enjoy herself. The fruit of her labor is squandered on eating out, going to a spa, getting her hair done, working out at a gym, dancing or gambling. She goes into marriage without any sense of responsibility or duty to anyone but herself, and our society, based as it is on consumerism, celebrates and encourages this attitude. It is as though the American economy relies upon the production of lousy daughters and wives, good for nothing but selfish expenditures and entirely unable and unwilling to see any purpose to life beyond self-indulgence.

Even the wedding itself has been turned into nothing more than an excuse for women to indulge themselves. Ostentatious weddings with huge cakes, expensive dresses, exquisite hairstyles and perfectly choreographed routines are a far cry from the modest affairs of only a few decades in the past, where the solemnity of the sermon was the defining moment of union between a man and woman. Today, the vows are an afterthought; the flowers, gifts, dresses and cake overwhelm all else, so symbols of decadence and frivolity mark the occasion rather than any sense of sacred matrimony.

This shift in attitudes has taken its toll not only on the weight wives assign to their wedding vows, but to the very concept of matrimony itself. Marriage is supposed to be a big party, with gifts and affirmation at every stage (e.g. baby showers, anniversaries, etc.). There is absolutely no remaining sense of duty, so at the first sign of hardship on the horizon the typical wife grows weary of the married state and destroys the union, and then is rewarded by divorce, and again by yet another

wedding.

Culturally speaking, it is clear that the deck is stacked against marriage, and that a man will face great hurdles to happiness in the state of matrimony. This is probably not sustainable, but what process will turn things around? I am growing more and more convinced that the very economics that created this system will destroy it, and already are destroying it. Someone must pay for women's indulgence at every step of the way, and men, squeezed as they are today, will be less and less able to afford to indulge their daughters, wives and ex-wives, even if ordered to do so by the court. Eventually, as women become the majority owners of wealth in America and those who earn the most money, which is already happening in blue cities in the under-35 demographic, they will have to pay for all this extravagance themselves. Men will concurrently *expect* them to do so, as men realize that there is nothing at all to be gained from indulging thankless women.

Therefore, just as in the ancient civilizations, women will again be expected to pay their own way, and they will increasingly be valued above all for that ability rather than the simple fact that they are women. As always, entitlement inexorably creates obligations, and women will find that their heaviest burdens are their own expectations and desires.

Gender Double Standards at Work in Tiger Woods Incident

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Imagine an incident in which the police rolled up, found a woman lying down in a semi-conscious state with facial injuries, and saw her husband standing over her prone body wielding a golf club. Then imagine the husband said he had just saved her by smashing out the rear window of her car with a golf club after she had bumped into a fire hydrant in the driveway and dragging her out of the vehicle.

You think a cop would buy that? I'm not sure, but it certainly seems as though that's the gist of the story concerning the Tiger Woods incident, except in this case it was the wife with the club, and the husband injured and bleeding on the ground.

Given the rumors of infidelity surrounding Tiger Woods, one might be inclined to doubt the official version of the story, i.e. the wife's version. One might also think that people learned a thing or two following the murder suicide committed by Steve McNair's girlfriend. And how about Arturo Gatti's wife, who strangled him with a purse strap after clubbing him on the head? Enraged women can assault, and even kill, male athletes.

Celebrity news outlet TMZ reports that Tiger Woods has told a friend that his facial injuries were caused by his wife:

> We're told he said his wife had confronted him about reports that he was seeing another woman. The argument got heated and, according to our source, she scratched his face up. We're told it was then Woods beat a hasty retreat for his SUV — but according to our source, Woods says his wife followed behind with a golf club. As Tiger drove away, she struck the vehicle several times with the club.

I'm not sure how reliable TMZ is, but their version certainly seems a lot more plausible than the heroic wife dragging her injured husband out through the back window of his SUV reported by *People*.

Elin Nordegren, Tiger's wife, is a Swedish bikini model who landed one of the world's wealthiest athletes. She really lucked out, and no matter what happens she is guaranteed to get more out of hooking Tiger than anything she could ever have achieved on her own. The risks athletes take in getting married these days are massive, especially when they hook up with professional skanks like Nordegren. It seems that in addition to being taken to the cleaners in a divorce, athletes now also run the risk of becoming victims of spousal abuse. Can anything go wrong for a woman in marriage when, with impunity, she can not only threaten a husband with financial ruin, but with an attack with a deadly weapon as well?

Military Divorce Rate Still Rising

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Divorce is endemic in the military. There are a number of reasons for this, including the fact that benefits are assured for divorcing spouses – especially if they have children – and that the military base lifestyle is little different from a coed college frat row, where many young people live in a haze of intoxication and promiscuity.

However, one fact that I found in an article detailing the phenomenon has largely escaped attention — so far:

> As in previous years, women in uniform suffered much higher divorce rates than their male counterparts — 7.7 percent in 2009, compared to 3 percent for men.

Although the military women are described as "suffering" from divorce, I am willing to bet that their rate of filing is at least the same as civilian women, i.e. around 70%.

Why is it that women in the service are divorcing their husbands at higher rates? The obvious explanation is that in what is still a mainly male occupation, they have plenty of opportunities to have affairs with other soldiers. Another factor is that the macho culture of the military *encourages* female recruits to have sex with a number of different men. They probably quickly develop contempt for their husbands, who they must see as the ultimate kitchen bitches, especially if they are not serving overseas. Additionally, they are assured custody of their children, and having custody is a good way to get them out of dusty outposts such as Afghanistan (they can claim that "nobody else can take care of the kids," even if the father is available).

Scummy lawyers have set up camp at military bases to advise women on divorce procedures, and there is no doubt that the gossip brigade feeds a steady stream of divorce advice to military women.

It has always been common for women to leave their husbands while they are on duty overseas. In fact, in WWII the common method was known as the "Dear John Letter." The difference back then was that attorneys didn't have the opportunity to cash in on these sentiments as they do today, and the only incentive for common female betrayal was the fickle, womanly nature we all know so well, as opposed to the cashouts and benefits they get today.

It is a wonder that any soldier gets married at all, but evidently they are encouraged to do so through the many perks, including family housing. Perhaps they feel that temporary benefits are worth the likely dissolution. In any case, the high rate of marital dissolutions in the military cheapens not only the institution of marriage, but the vows of servicewomen and some men as well. Perhaps the best thing to do would be to institute a ban on marriage for recruits who have not completed their active service. This would probably save much heartbreak and many broken homes, and prevent opportunistic military wives from leaching off the taxpayer and their soldier ex-husbands.

Julie and Julia: the Redefinition of Marriage Through Popular Culture

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In the Wall Street Journal's website, host Steven Kurutz interviews on video "Julia and Julie" author Julie Powell, seen here.

It is worth a quick view, in which the author and blogger (whose story was turned into the movie "Julia and Julie" by Nora Ephron) talks about her second book, "Cleaving: A Story about Marriage, Meat and Obsession."

The book details her life, after she became somewhat famous, and engaged in an affair with an old flame. She moved to Upstate New York to become an apprentice butcher. What is interesting is how the author casually acknowledges the new definition of marriage: cohabitation with options. "Growing" in a marriage is where the partner with the most power (mostly but not always as Tiger Woods points out, the wife) has an affair. Neither the author nor the interviewer challenge the assumption that adultery is a normal, everyday occurrence to be expected in most marriages, and no big deal. [Particularly, for obvious reasons, female adultery.]

The interview is fascinating for other reasons too. The author and blogger, Powell, would not turn a single male head with any options. Only 36, according to Wikipedia, she looks at least a decade older. A good deal of weight makes the author's plain looks into instant haus-frau. Obviously, raw animal attraction was not the marker here in her notorious affair. Given her looks, it is a safe bet knowing men that her lover was no great looker either, unlikely to generate admiring looks from women as she herself was to generate gazes from men.

What is at work?

First, the redefinition of marriage. Note that the author and blogger casually publicizes, and indeed depends on that publicity, of her affair. Quite clearly she does not love her husband, and indeed has ill-concealed contempt for him. Otherwise she would not shame him with publicizing her affair. But just as important is the lack of shame or fear of social condemnation that Powell and her interviewer feel about adultery. It simply is a fact of life in marriage now, socially accepted and about as shame-producing as not taking out the garbage. Particularly for the partner with the most power in the marriage (the most famous or high earning or sexually desirable), which is mostly but not always women, adultery is the new normal. A change this complete will not be undone anytime soon. Even the SWPL crowd, that the Wall Street Journal caters to, no less than the New York Times, accepts casual adultery. [Note carefully the appearance and demeanor of the interviewer, Kurutz. Very SWPL. A more stunning indictment of the "new" Wall Street Journal could not be imagined.]

Secondly, it is the source of Powell's complaints with her husband. As detailed here in the Daily Mail, Powell lives her life by the maxim of the "bad slayer" Faith in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" : "Want. Take. Have." This is the line the "bad slayer" (played by Dollhouse's Eliza Dushku) says shortly before she kills one of the good guys. Indeed, the two-year affair was characterized by S/M sex and endless Buffy references pepper the book.

It's clear what Powell really had against her husband. She was famous and he was not. Married as High School sweethearts, her husband who supported her while she stayed at home, blogging, and writing, simply failed to excite her and indeed, generated nothing but contempt (and still does, hence

the constant publicity about the affair as punishment for being ordinary). Much like "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," author Powell takes the message to heart: only someone who is far more dominant and powerful than she is will do for a sexual playmate, and fidelity and family is for suckers. Like Buffy's non-stop pursuit of more powerful, abusive, vampires, even those who rape her, Powell clearly felt nothing but disgust for the ordinary man who was her husband, once she got a bit of fame. [I must confess, I had never heard of her until the reviews of the movie.]

This has interesting implications for modern marriage. First, even relatively unattractive women will have no trouble cheating, in fairly ickly S/M situations. So much for the song that advises to take an ugly woman for your wife! No social condemnation will be forthcoming, from anyone. Indeed it will be celebrated as female empowerment. [In the case of Tiger Woods like situations, the sympathy will be with the more famous partner.] Secondly, women will cheat the moment they find their relative positions changed to their husbands. A woman who earns more or equal to her husband, or has a modicum of fame, or any attention whatsoever that is greater than her husband's, will be far more likely to cheat. At a minimum, her desire for her husband will die, never to come back, and she will actively pursue other men.

Third, and perhaps most interesting, is how women even in their thirties have taken junk popular culture to heart. Buffy the Vampire Slayer was filled with as many toxic messages for women as Twilight was, only with better actors and dialog. The same belief that one can be 16 forever, or pursue endlessly the brooding, violent bad boy (even when he rapes you) informs women's belief systems into their thirties. The idea that female power is encapsulated in "bad-sexy" slayer "Faith" who uses her sexual attractiveness as much as her super-powers is a troubling sign. As is her mantra that was intended on the show to demonstrate stupidity and lack of decency (the character is later shown to be an unrepentant murderer of innocents who enjoys killing).

Women no less than men need stories that instruct them how to behave, how to live, and how to act. With religion a fading memory save faux-pagan Gaia worship in the "Green" movement, church attendance particularly among younger women collapsing, mobile families lacking grandmothers and aunts giving constant moral instruction, women even into their thirties (and probably older) look to junk female-appealing popular culture that tells them to give into their worst rather than better natures.

Lacking in Twilight or Buffy is any feminine restraint, modesty, compassion, kindness, comfort, caretaking, or frankly, womanly strength to endure and take care, of others as well as one's self. Rather, a narcisstic, forever-16 attitude is part of the cultural instruction. It is "Want. Take. Have." Which led the Faith character to murder a nice old man who she'd never met before to gain an apartment filled with nice clothes and a Playstation. Doubtless the Twilight-Tween, Teen, and older female audience, including Moms and women in their thirties, embrace the bad-boy chasing, "my boyfriend can beat you up" ethos of that movie and book series.

This is the new normal. The new state of marriage. Affairs simply a fact of life, to be expected by whatever partner has the least sexual market value on the part of the one with the most. Women will want to, and be likely to cheat, the moment their husbands have less social power than they do. Even unattractive women will find willing partners to cheat with. And bad-boy chasing and whatever faded sexual power a woman can muster in her thirties will be part of her (profoundly immature) identity until menopause.

With this redefinition of marriage, it is no wonder that women find fewer men they desire as willing

to commit.

The Mythology of Marriage

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Sometimes, in a moment of self-indulgence, I think about paradise. It is a beautiful concept, and a welcome distraction for those of us stuck in those hellish middle years of life between childhood and old age, which are chiefly defined by suffering and labor, in which Americans take a sort of perverse pride despite their limited understanding of both.

Paradise could be a beach with white sands bordering azure seas in the milder months of the year, when the sun's warmth and light are welcome accompaniments to the sea breeze. Ionic columns stand in relief on the hills, the sand is soft and pleasant beneath one's feet, and the scents of the earth and grasses are rich and fragrant. Or it could be an alpine meadow sloping up from a clear lake, cut with cool streams and flecked with the bright colors of wildflowers. Deer emerge from the woods at dusk, and music floats across the lake as the sun sets and the moon paints its surface a silvery white.

I don't know whether other men share such fancies; these are things men do not often speak of amongst each other. If a man were to admit to any expectation of such a reward, others would likely laugh, and even those that held their tongues would smile inside at such a naïve and childish fantasy.

Yet as quick as men are to dismiss notions of paradise or some mystical Avalon of endless joy and happiness, they readily accept the idea of the perfect wife and the happily-ever-after fantasy so often attached to fairy-tale notions of marriage. In a strange reversal that sets our own time so clearly apart from the ancient ages, we apply fictions and fanciful illusions to grim reality, creating myths that embellish the course of life on this earth. Where the popular medieval tale of Tristan and Iseult portrays romantic love as a tragic, doomed affair, we are now regularly treated to fictions of endless, undying love, and too often arrange our lives as though this is a reality, rather than the cruel illusion youthful love so often turns out to be.

I believe this explains a great deal of the tragedy and disappointment that hovers over the decaying hulk of marriage like so much foul air. There is something truly odd about our civilization in how it has seized the ideal from the realm of myth and transposed it upon the temporal world, effectively mythologizing reality and creating a living world of fantasy in which anything is supposedly possible, and all desires may be fulfilled on this earth. There is nothing that characterizes Americans so much

as this marriage of myth and reality; of ideals and practice.

And so it is that we men continue to act on faith, betting our lives on a secular fantasy that is not only as unproven as the concept of paradise, but is demonstrably wrong in the temporal world that unfolds before our mortal eyes. This is why I can never take atheists seriously: life requires its own irrational justification, and people will find their faith somewhere or other, empiricism be damned, and there they will hole up and stake their claim, clinging to it as their only refuge in an otherwise incomprehensible universe.

Unfortunately, placing one's faith in a vanishing myth such as the American Dream leads to disappointment and disillusionment in most cases. It is virtually guaranteed to disappoint men, but still they are moved to acts of martyrdom, only to have their faith shattered before their eyes, and their beliefs exposed as a hoax that has targeted them as the dupe. Is it any wonder that divorce can break a man?

It would be far better for a man to believe in worlds of angels and demons, or even fairies and trolls, than to buy into the fiction of the perfect wife and marriage. A belief in heaven in the afterlife is far more reasonable than the expectation of happily ever after in this life; the heaven on earth that men look forward to can easily become a living hell in comparison to their expectations.

To restore some sanity to domestic relations in America, perhaps we need to once again put myth and fantasy in its proper place: in the uncertain world of the afterlife, the unseen, unknown parts of the universe, the distant past and future, and the realm of imagination; it does not belong in our notions of the family, which is the most palpable, real social construct on earth.

I, for one, count the man who believes in the American fairy tale of the happily ever after marriage as the greater fool than the much ridiculed Muslim who expects 72 virgins in the afterlife, the fundamentalist Christian who expects the rapture, or the devout Hindu who looks forward to reincarnation.

Suicidal Tendencies

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On November 29, 2009 Los Angeles Times sportswriter Mike Penner died of an apparent suicide. In 2007 he announced that he was a transsexual and began writing as Christine Daniels. In October 2008 he returned to work dressed in male clothing and began writing as Mike Penner again.

The point of this essay is not to speak ill of the dead.

It is to draw attention to yet another way that feminism and cultural Marxism are doing harm to men.

The incident seemed particularly timely to me because this past weekend I helped some young men move out of a crazy transsexual's home where they were renting rooms. This former construction worker was open about the fact that he was taking black market hormones, and his behavior was extremely erratic. He had a history of suicide attempts. He owned several guns, and had made a plea to someone in the house to hold his ammunition—because "he couldn't trust himself." That's about the time when my pals decided that discretion was the better part of tolerance.

This was no surprise to me. I associated with a wide range of pre and post-op transsexuals when I worked in New York City and San Francisco nightclubs in the 1990s. As with all things there were exceptions, but generally drag queens, trannies and transsexuals in all stages of transition were *not* well. They were often addicted to drugs, had been diagnosed with mental disorders or chemical imbalances, and many had at one point routinely engaged in prostitution. The erratic, emotionally unstable, borderline schizophrenic behavior my friends described to me was almost exactly what I had experienced myself in the past. A guy I knew a year ago was dating a pageant-winning local drag queen who had to be committed. Even in liberal communities where transsexuality is relatively accepted, suicidal behavior among known transsexuals is over or around 20%.

To be clear, I am not discussing female-to-male(FTM) transsexuals, but only male-to-female(MTF) transsexuals. Female transsexuality is a different ballgame; it seems to be almost entirely a feminist tom-boy fantasy and it is difficult to separate from feminist politics. At some point I will write something titled "Chaz Bono is Still a Fat Chick," but today is not that day.

I have met a few convincing post-op transsexuals. Some of them were Pilipino ladyboys who started hormones early; some were simply "pretty" boys who were naturally delicate and soft-featured. They lived as women and bedded straight men (watch out fellas). As passable women they were also highly promiscuous. I knew of at least one who married a guy who paid for the expensive transition, and then dumped him later. It is worth noting, too, that many of these individuals occasionally engage in deceptive behavior, "hiding" their birth sex from potential sexual partners. It's not just a comedy cliché. It happens, and it's ethically reprehensible.

The majority of MTFs, however, are not even remotely convincing as women. Like Penner (as far as I can tell from this photo), many of the trannies I've known and seen have been rather tall men. At 6 foot 6, my pal's landlord was only ever going to pass while sitting down in the corner of a very dark bar. A lot of them you can easily pick out a block away.

So what's the point of this? Why are therapists encouraging these troubled men to attempt to become something they can never truly be? To what end?

While I'll assume that some FTMs end up passing as women and live long, happy lives, I have a hard time believing they represent a majority of the males who identify as transsexual and undergo some

sort of gender transformation. Why do professionals encourage this? Why does our federal government now recognize it by giving these men special protected status with the new "hate crimes" law? Why, in some communities, are very confused young boys being encouraged to identify as girls—virtually ensuring that they'll spend the rest of their lives in therapy, that they'll never feel normal or comfortable in their own skins? Why isn't this considered child abuse? How long will it be before even asking these questions will be considered illegal "hate speech?"

The only thing that "proves" any theory of transsexuality is a *feeling* expressed by transsexuals that they were born "the wrong sex." The available physical evidence strongly suggests that they were born male, and that they only thing wrong with them is in their heads. The idea that they were born "the wrong sex" is impossible to even contemplate without wandering into metaphysical territory. There's a built-in notion of intent there. Who wanted them to be born a different sex, and why did they screw it up?

If a man takes hormones to look more like a woman, or a woman takes hormones to look more like a man, we accept it and legally recognize the switch.

If a man takes hormones to enhance his own natural masculinity, we call it immoral and we've made it illegal. We call him a cheater and threaten to put an asterisk beside his name. Why is it so much more acceptable to use drugs to alter your sex than it is to embrace and enhance what you were born with? From the perspective of mental health, isn't that counterintuitive?

If an apotemnophiliac wants to have his leg amputated, our doctors call him insane and he ends up in dying of gangrene in Mexico. If a man wants to cut off his own penis, why do we officially applaud, fund it, and call it courageous?

It all fits too easily into the feminist/Marxist desire to subvert the patriarchy, to craft a society where sex is meaningless and distinct roles of men and women are a thing of the past. This sort of encouragement of those who, despite questionable mental health and the lack of a real understanding of the problem of transsexuality itself, want to change genders muddies the waters of public perception. Among transsexual writers—these people who are so obsessed with gender and being something different—the questioning of gender and the attack of traditional gender roles, especially traditional patriarchal roles for men, reaches a fevered pitch. The transgendered are most often on the far left of the radical left. In their world, only when gender is meaningless and every variant on a continuum between male and female are accepted wholeheartedly and without reservation—only when being a man means absolutely nothing—can men and women truly be equal.

The thing is…equality is a lie. We're not born equal. We're *all* born *different*.

You get dealt a set of cards, and you make the best of it. There are some things you can change, some things you can't, and some things you should probably just accept. Little fixes are easy, but something as significant as a sex change…that's a tall order. Being born male colors the way you see the world through your entire development. Maleness and femaleness are total experiences. They can't be perceived—they have to be experienced. A man can never really know what it is to be a woman, to grow up female, to relate to the world that way. A male can only know a caricature of what it is to be a female, and vice versa.

I'm slightly above average across the board, but sure, I'd like a little more of this or that. I wish I could grow a decent beard. I'd take an extra ten I.Q. points and better math aptitude. I have a slight lag in certain areas of visual spatial perception that gets me all sorts of harassment. I'd gladly upgrade my metabolism so that I could have beer and bacon cheeseburgers with a side of pizza every night for

dinner and never have to go to the gym.

Some guys are born short and it really bugs them and there's not a damn thing they can do about it. Some guys will always fight weight. Some dudes are fucking DUMB. Some will always be Omegas. Some people have congenital illnesses, bad eyesight, handicaps—all sorts of physical and mental limitations. Some people are just real, real *ugly*.

But that's part of being human, and sometimes being human sucks.

Mike Penner was apparently a very talented writer. He also had this "problem." I believe that for others like Penner, the best way—the most humane way—would be to advise them to make the best of what they've got. He was never really going to *be* a woman. To hold that hope out for him seems like the real cruelty in all of this: to have him triumphantly "come out" and then painfully realize he could never truly "go back in." He never could have known what it was like to really, truly be a woman. How could he? He would have always been an imposter, a poseur, a freak.

In our downward slide to matriarchy, empathy is set at an uncontrollable gush. Our master-nannies live in constant fear of passing judgement on anyone they see as weak or threatened or "oppressed." They want to rock every runaway to sleep, to say "yes" to everything, to coddle and encourage every childish fantasy, to indulge every impulse, no matter how misguided it seems.

Sometimes the best answer, the sanest answer, the answer we really need…is a firm, paternal, "NO."

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Backdoor Cuckoldry: Girls Just Wanna Swing

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A 30 something woman at work divorced her husband several years ago because she was sleeping with his best friend. Unable to deal with the betrayal; the husband steered the relationship into the ground – minus the safe landing pulled off by Capt. Sully. Before her treacherous escapades began, my coworker coaxed her husband into becoming swingers in order to fill the void that a lone penis couldn't fill. It dawned on me: swinging is backdoor cuckoldry – husband-approved.

Women use swinging as an excuse to increase their lay number or satiate their libidinal desire without feelings of remorse or guilt. While most husbands are principally opposed to sharing their partner – a bedrock of the swinging lifestyle – they are usually forced into it in order to keep their wives happy. While women are jealous of their man laying the pipe on another woman, men are much less equipped to handle their woman in the arms of another man.

This article in TangoMag described a DC swinger coven. The article makes clear that swinging is "all about the women". In this underground world, women call the shots. They decide which couples are attractive enough and whether or not the vibe between the dyad is fluid.

Lori, a *DC-AREA LAWYER* and mother of two, describes the process by which she shamed cajoled her husband into the lifestyle:

> "Me, me, me, me, I'm a selfish shrew. Nyah, nyah, nyah. Pussy. You're not a man if you don't swing."

Oh shit, sorry, I was typing in a foreign language: femmespracht. Here's what Lori actually said in English.

> "I'm bisexual and a very sexual person. My husband and I had conversations about it even before marriage, and in the years that followed he wasn't interested at all, so I dropped the topic."

Six years later, after talking the issue over for a year, the husband caved and started accepting sensory-dulling sexual electroshock therapy in the form of other women in exchange for foreign dong intrusions into his wife's private parts. If she's not into swinging solely to have intercourse with another man, she's made clear that she's interested in the other woman – basically marginalizing the men. For both husbands, they have to live with the fact that not only does their wife have sex with another man – causing lifelong flashbacks and PTSD (Post Traumatic Swinging Disorder) – they

aren't even wanted by the other wife they're banging. **Swinging is a ploy for women to get their rocks off; the cost is male emasculation.**

As I've mentioned before, the act of lesbianism should be unappealing and lackluster to men. As a man, my penis is as welcome in that setup as a turkey at a vegan Thanksgiving. The appeal of lesbos is their attractiveness as two seperate naked entities, not as an intertwined erotic act.

After hitting the Two-Year Wall, an ex-girlfriend of mine started talking about how she wanted to have a threesome with me and another girl. Most guys would jump at this opportunity to check one of the boxes on their "bucket list", but like a Grandmaster Chess player, I saw several moves ahead. The relationship was faltering, and my girlfriend at the time was no lesbian. She was trying to outflank me by offering up the vagina of another woman as a peace offering then using that Trojan horse to introduce other ball sacks into the mix. It was cunning strategy on her part, but common sense told me all was not as it seemed. I shot down all mention of threesomes and got shit from my friends for not capitalizing on the situation, but I wasn't willing to accept sex from another woman if that meant my girlfriend would have a reasonable argument to take the sexual experimentation to other realms. Whether she ultimately sought to incorporate another guy into the mix, I'm not sure, but I didn't want to leave that door open.

Threesomes are for singles. For men in LTRs or marriages, the lifestyle sounds like a deal with the devil. Women take advantage of the faulty ground men occupy in today's society. Turning over the sexual decisions to the feminine is all-too-common among men today – the feminists are jumping out of their Birkenstocks. Always remember, when something sounds too good to be true, it is. As we have learned repeatedly in our studies of evolutionary psychology and the disparate natures of men and women, how can we expect both sexes to have similar peachy-keen responses to such hedonistic endeavors? Also, do alpha/beta dominance hierarchies suddenly disappear among swingers? One couple or one particular person is going to be more attractive; there is always fallout from such incongruencies. We can't rationalize these tendencies in order to make swinging work, so its a situation best left alone.

I'll end with a follow-up question that I posed to my co-worker. I asked her if its true that swingers are able to overcome their jealousy; I've always heard the meme that swinging leads to healthier relationships blah, blah, yadda. Speaking for herself she said that she became extremely jealous of the wives of the other men; not because they scored with her husband but because they had more steady access to their own husbands; her husband couldn't handle the jealousy either. She also pointed out that most couples she knew became overly jealous in one way or another and that fights were common. Her first-hand account is completely opposite that of the TangoMag article; my gut instinct tells me to believe that the coworkers experience is more true to life.

Female Columnist Applauds Domestic Violence in Tiger Woods Incident

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Tiger Woods' indiscretions and his wife's ride on the crazy train are being beaten to death in the pop press, so I know the story may already be a bit tiresome, but the glaring hypocrisy and double standard where domestic violence is concerned simply has to be pointed out by someone.

At this point it's obvious Tiger cheated. Big deal. Infidelity has become the norm in marriages across America, and that goes for women as well as men. In fact, the only women who appear unlikely to cheat these days are those for whom it would be economically disadvantageous, such as Tiger's wife, which suggests what measures ought to be taken to reduce infidelity in general. However, the law today affords no excuses for domestic violence, no matter how heinous the behavior of the victimized spouse. Except, apparently, when the perpetrator is a wife. I suppose VAWA was named the "Violence Against **Women** Act" for a reason.

Whatever one may think of Tiger's behavior, the fact is that, every year, millions of American men are subjected to the exact same thing his Swedish wife Elin Nordegren faced. Any husband who reacted in the same manner Mrs. Woods did would find himself behind bars in no time. He'd probably do some serious time if he'd picked up a deadly weapon such as a golf club.

Nevertheless, countless comments left by women on articles have been congratulatory in a "you go girl" manner and, sadly, a number of men appear to share the same opinion. Today, I came across an article in which the columnist actually applauds domestic violence. Jessica Ashley, writing for *Shine*, supports Elin's golf club attack:

> I say that she should do whatever it is she has to do. If that is taking the tool of her husband's trade to smash the window of his Cadillac Escalade, so be it.

Of course, she leaves out the part about Tiger being in the car at the time, which makes it a plain case of assault. I should know about this. At one point in my life I got into a fistfight with a guy who threatened me over a traffic dispute, and beat him fair and square. Being a sore loser, the fellow snuck up on me while I was stopped at a red light and took out my window with a baseball bat, spraying glass into my face. The surprise and blood in my eyes blinded me temporarily, and if I'd been moving at the time I'm sure I would have crashed.

Fortunately, a witness took note of his license plate number, a detective called me over to the station to pick him out of a photo montage, and the guy was arrested. He ended up doing a couple months in jail for his ill-advised attempt to mimic a wiseguy. Aside from having to endure a doctor picking tiny glass shards out of my face and eyes with tweezers, I was fine, and the remaining scars are tiny. The point is that attacking someone with a baseball bat, even if they happen to be in a car, is a violent crime. Same goes for an attack with a golf club, I'm sure. In fact, here in Seattle a member of the "Critical Mass" bicycle gang was arrested a couple years ago for attacking a man's car with a bicycle lock, and the driver, who tried to run the cyclist over following the attack, was let off the hook.

So now that it's been established that Mrs. Woods likely committed a violent crime, we ought to ask why she was never arrested. In cases of suspected domestic violence, police are virtually *required* to make an arrest, but they chose not to in this incident. Now I'm not sure if it was because of the stature

of the family in question, but I'd be willing to bet that there is far more political pressure to arrest men than there is to arrest women. In other words, the double standard comes straight from the top. Politicians and judges (who are also politicians) are directly responsible for this state of affairs. I don't think the police, who are quite often victims of false accusations themselves, are the ones who are calling the shots on the ground here.

Honestly, I don't really give a damn about Tiger Woods fooling around, or even about his wife's insane response, but as a man, I am not at all happy about the fact that women can commit crimes against men with impunity. Think about this: if a woman can get away with going after Tiger Woods and be congratulated for it, how much do you think the authorities would care if an ordinary, anonymous guy gets assaulted by a woman? This simply proves that men are second class citizens in the eyes of the law.

To add insult to injury, it has been reported that Tiger's wife has used the incident as an opportunity to revise her prenup with him and receive a huge cash transfer into a personal bank account. If this is how it is, men are truly screwed here in America.

The Myth of Date Rape Drink Spiking

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Going back to the second feminist revolution of the 90's, we men have been bombarded with a nonstop barrage of hysteria about rape, "date rape" in particular. According to the mean-mouthed commissars of the false rape industry, there's purportedly an epidemic of men spiking womens' drinks with roofies and dragging the newly helpless damsels off to have their way with them. When I was in college, girls were admonished to guard their drinks as zealously as if they were protecting a vault of treasure, and the resultant panic fed into the myths about the prevalence of campus rape. I always wondered why, if date rape of this variety was so common, why the girls concerned about it simply didn't avoid the sorts of venues where it would likely happen, but that was before I figured out that feminism is all about allowing women to do whatever they want, damned be the consequences.

Now, via Robin Hanson at *Overcoming Bias*, we've learned that the plague of floozies being drugged with flunitrazepam is a big load of hooey:

> A study of more than 200 students revealed many wrongly blamed the effects of a "bad night out" on date-rape drugs, when they had just drunk excessively.
>
> Many are in "active denial" that drinking large amounts of alcohol can leave them "incoherent and incapacitated", the Kent University researchers concluded.
>
> Young women's fears about date-rape drugs are so ingrained that students mistakenly think it is a more important factor in sexual assault than being drunk, taking drugs or walking alone at night.

> But despite popular beliefs, police have found no evidence that rape victims are commonly drugged with such substances, the researchers said.

So why are so many women falsely claiming to be roofied? You've got ninety-nine guesses, and the first ninety-eight don't count:

> Dr Adam Burgess from the university's School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, said: "Young women appear to be displacing their anxieties about the consequences of consuming what is in the bottle on to rumours of what could be put there by someone else.
>
> "The reason why fear of drink-spiking has become widespread seems to be a mix of it being more convenient to guard against than the effects of alcohol itself and the fact that such stories are exotic – like a more adult version of 'stranger danger'."

Women seeking to avoid responsibility for their actions. But hey, what else is new?

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Amanda Knox and the Price American Women Pay

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Although it appears to us that American women have an unmitigated advantage in society, and perhaps they do here at home, their character has already begun to affect their reputation abroad. American women are viewed as headstrong, masculine, fat, loud and domineering career-oriented feminists by much of the world. Many American men strongly advise rejecting them altogether in favor of foreign women. In fact, a number of American men advise rejecting American society altogether, as the United States is deemed one the most miserable places to be a man, relatively speaking (which counts for a lot), in the entire world.

Whether or not the stereotypes foreigners have regarding American women are true, they are evidently strongly held, and one American woman in particular is fighting for her life in a bid to overcome hostility toward American women and all they have come to represent the world over. This young woman is an ordinary, middle-class Catholic girl from my hometown of Seattle, who got caught up in a murder while studying abroad in Perugia, Italy. Her name is Amanda Knox, and she is on trial, accused of murdering her roommate, UK national Meredith Kercher, in a satanic sex orgy with her Italian boyfriend and an African transient.

A verdict is expected in the case very soon, perhaps today, following a gruelling trial that has dragged on for about a year. Shortly after the murder, reporters dug up Amanda's Myspace and other online social networking accounts, from which they managed to paint a picture of a sex-crazed, drunken, pot-smoking whore. A video of a drunk, stoned Amanda Knox made the rounds, making her an easy target for such accusations. Her nickname, "Foxy Knoxy," which her friends and family claim refers to her soccer-playing style, has also provided grist for the speculatory mill. The Italians have referred to her as the "Dark Lady of Seattle" for some time now.

The hype and salacious details have made it relatively easy for the Italian prosecutor, conspiracy-theorist Giuliano Mignini, to come up with a story of a drug-fueled orgy and Satanic murder, which he hopes will serve to convict Amanda Knox.

Despite the incredible story, Mignini might just have his way.

As an American who knows well what goes on at the University of Washington, where Amanda was enrolled as an undergraduate, none of the videos, nicknames or rowdy, slutty behavior on the part of Knox surprise me in the least. Sadly, she was simply a normal college girl. American college girls drink a lot, smoke weed, and sleep with tons of different men. They live promiscuous and frequently intoxicated lives. Is there anything sensational about that to Americans? In between bouts of heavy drinking and sex with a merry-go-round of young men, they also attend feminist classes that serve to bolster an already swollen sense of entitlement to do whatever the hell they feel like at any time. Nothing shocking there…

Here in the states, that's all well and good I suppose, but it does tend to create girls who can easily come off as little monsters to the rest of the world, and if Italian public opinion is any indication, the natives harbor a strong desire to put these little monsters in cages and poke them with sticks. That may be a sympathetic sentiment, but we ought to know better.

Although I am no expert witness, and I have only seen some of the evidence, I have a very hard time believing that one of our spoilt little beasts actually could have pulled off anything so fantastically

evil and contrived as what Mignini has conjured up. Our girls may often be vicious, selfish little trolls, but above all they are indulged creatures. Their biggest fault is their overwhelming privilege and the sheer volume of support and protection they receive from both willing and unwilling American men.

Spoiled, privileged little princesses do not orchestrate elaborate murders; they cry and lie and fall apart when the going gets tough, expecting some man to step in and rescue them. This appears to be exactly what Amanda Knox did when interviewed by Italian police. She wept, made up stories, and pointed the finger at others. Anyone who has read about interrogations knows that the innocent are often quick to come up with alternate theories and blame anyone but themselves, including friends and acquaintances. Although this is a sad truth about human nature, it is what it is. The guilty are more likely to shut up and act sullen, refusing to provide anything but the barest of details. Amanda Knox was simply doing exactly what you'd expect an inexperienced American girl to do in such a situation. Would a crazed, satanic murderer, Charles Manson for example, have behaved in this manner? I doubt it.

If anything, Amanda Knox showed how pathetic American women are when they are expected to do anything on their own. If the killing was your garden variety rape/murder that I suspect it was, Guede, the convicted African transient, did his business, knifed the girl when she made a fuss, and went on his way. Here in the states, where this sort of thing is more common than in Italy, the police probably wouldn't have initially focused on Amanda Knox as a suspect, or they would have been very circumspect about doing so, and her hysterical reaction to interrogation never would have occurred.

American women live in a bubble of our creation, and there they develop strange and unnatural characteristics, which seem sinister to the rest of the world. Never having to face reality, never having to take responsibility for their own foibles, they can easily be seen by outsiders as willfully evil, although the reality is that they are simply the products of a sort of crippling, emotional foot-binding process that makes them incapable of behaving like fully functional human beings.

I don't believe the story about Amanda Knox murdering her roommate. I think she just couldn't hack it when she was put under pressure, and reacted as your typical American girl would. For that, she may lose her freedom for a very long time.

Amanda transformed

Finally, the transformation of Amanda Knox from slutty, irresponsible, co-ed dimwit to poised, capable defendant in the two years she has been in prison has been nothing short of amazing. If she is truly innocent, and I believe she is, this gives me hope for American women. When taken out of the bubble of endless entitlement and protection and forced to stand on their own two feet, it appears that even American women can grow into soulful human beings. However, it truly is an indictment of our society that it takes years of prison to effect that change.

The “Fragile Male Ego”

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Whether you’re an iPerson or a PC user, you have to admit that Mac’s marketing is solidly beta. Their spokesperson is the know-it-all perpetual teen, Justin Long–a stand-in for every art nerd who’s ever been shoved in a locker.

A recent CNN column mocks Droid for actually marketing directly to men.

http://brainstormtech.blogs.fortune.cnn.com/2009/12/04/ad-wars-droid-manly-iphone-girly/

> Earlier commercials had appealed to the **fragile male ego** with icons of masculinity: stealth bombers, heavyweight fighters, rock-crushing machinery.

Is this how we talk about men now?

I have an iPod, and I have to admit that iPhones are technological marvels. I’ve never considered buying a Mac for home computing simply because they are so much more expensive that I could throw out three PCs before I matched the base price of a Mac with the same capabilities. They’re impressive, but so are sports cars. They’re just out my price range.

But another big turn-off for me has always been Mac’s neutered marketing, and the cutesy, art-fag vibe in their stores.

Isn’t it about time that someone figured out that the majority of men actually don’t identify with Justin Long?

I’ll hold on to my crappy cell phone until my contract is up, but I gotta say…those new commercials kinda made me want to buy a Droid.

Equality Redux

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This is a post I made on my blog several months ago, which I am resurrecting because it may be of interest to readers here.

Equality.

We often hear from feminists and their supporters that this is the goal of the feminist movement: true, full equality between males and females, and full freedom for all, in all walks of life. While I do not doubt that some of the Marxist radicals of the 60s and 70s honestly believed that feminism was aimed at bringing about equality for all, clearly feminism-in-fact — that is feminism as it has developed over the past few decades — has neither brought about, nor been terribly focused on, equality.

Oh? How can you say that? Haven't women made great "gains" over the past few decades? Surely this brings about more equality?

It's true that women have made gains in educational access and the workforce. But even these gains are quite revealing, in terms of new inequalities that feminism has instituted:

- Women outnumbering men in college admissions and graduations, based on girls outperforming boys in elementary and secondary schools
- Women having parity or majorities in all academic disciplines other than the STEM subjects, a disparity which is now the focus of measures to adjust it, while areas of female advantage and, in fact, domination, are ignored
- Women virtually always obtaining custody of children in divorces, even in cases where their husbands have been the primary care-giver
- Numerous fields being completely female-dominated (nursing, psychology, social work, primary and secondary education, numerous academic disciplines), with feminism not expressing any interest in adjusting such inequalities

And that leaves aside the substantial inequalities around reproduction that effectively give women totalitarian power over the means of reproduction, sidelining men as having only the decision as to whether to contribute sperm — so far, yet that right may itself be eradicated at some future point, in

the interests of women and society, under some predictions.

What happened here? Why did feminism not succeed in its utopian goal of achieving "equality" between men and women?

The issue was that academic and radical activist feminism had to, at some point, come to terms with the concerns of women as a whole — and women as a whole had largely different interests from the academic and radical activist feminists. While the radicals and the academics sometimes talked about getting rid of female privilege (saying things such as "a pedestal is a small space"), this was never taken seriously by women as a whole, because the wider world of women had no interest whatsoever in shedding female privileges. Why would they? As Chinweizu points out in "Anatomy of Female Power", these privileges and ideas were the ones that helped women control men behind the mask of patriarchal power and privilege. So, in fact, women as a group took a "cafeteria" approach to what feminism offered — taking what they wanted, and resisting what they did not want.

In effect, this meant that women accepted the gains women made in the areas of educational access, workforce presence and earning capacity, sexual freedom, reproductive power and so on — while resisting, tooth and nail, the abolition of any of the traditional female privileges (courtship and dating privilege, sexual power, military draft exemption, day to day deference, general conceptions of women being more moral, upstanding, empathetic, kind and so on, privileges around children). So, in effect, what happened was that the feminist leaders learned that women, as a whole, were interested in advances for women (as were the feminist radicals), but were not interested at all in giving up their traditional privileges. And so, in order to remain politically relevant for women, feminism largely confined itself, beginning in the 80s, to advancing the interests of women, rather than even attempting to achieve actual equality between men and women.

Because of that, we see the women's groups thoroughly disinterested in the advantages women have over men outlined above. Where women are ahead, feminism defends the status quo, while where women are behind, feminism demands changes to ensure parity or better for women. The end result is that women will have parity in some fields, and domination in others … while men will have at best parity, and in many areas relegation to minority status. This is not only the case on the university level. It's also happening in the workforce and the society in general. Women choose the fields they wish to focus on, and then they tend to dominate them. Men are increasingly relegated to the kinds of work women do not want to do — work that is either physically demanding, dirty and dangerous, or involves less life flexibility or longer working hours. And as between what was, prior to second wave feminism, the male sphere and the female sphere — women have consolidated their stranglehold over the female sphere while aggressively colonizing the male sphere … again leaving men with no space of their own, while reserving for women a huge space where their power is absolute.

In effect, one can say that when feminists speak of "equality" what they mean is equality in what was previously the male space. The female space was, by contrast, shored up by laws supported by feminism — laws covering the areas of marriage, divorce, child custody, child support, sexual harassment, and even domestic violence and rape, have all been altered in ways that decisively shift the power balance in any area relating to relationships, sex, marriage and children to women in a very substantial way. Equality was not the goal for the female space, but only for the male one. The female space, and female hegemony over it, was reinforced and substantially buttressed by feminist legislation, whereas the previously male space has been aggressively colonized, and it remains a key goal of feminists today to take over the highest echelons of power in the previously male space — again leaving men with nothing, no place where their power even comes close to the kind of total

power women have over the female space.

Women may object, saying that they would be happy to cede a good amount of control over the female space to men in the name of equality, but this rings false. Even leaving aside the more controversial areas of rape and domestic violence law, family law indicates that this is simply not the case. There have been numerous cases noted by observers where a breadwinner mother and a stay at home father have divorced, yet the mother still insisted on mother custody, and succeeded in obtaining it in court. Even in cases where men are actually providing the main child care effort, courts, backed by feminist-inspired laws, award custody to mothers — ensuring that the power of women over children and divorce is absolute in nature.

This is hardly equality.

In fact, it's female supremacy over all places where men and women interact relationally, combined with female colonization of the previously male space. It isn't equality in any reasonable construction of the word, but an absolute power gain for women, at the expense of men, who are to be left with no space of their own, and a relegation to second class status in the female space as well.

In closing, I'll note that it's quite telling how this overall trend manifests itself in contemporary culture. Some of my readers may recall that feminists spent a lot of time and energy in the 80s and 90s eliminating male-only spaces, claiming the exclusion of women was discriminatory. Well, things in our species have a way of coming full circle. The recent trend of women's only hotel floors — the creation of the type of sex-specific spaces that feminists so recently dismantled, when men were the "permitted" sex — almost perfectly demonstrates how feminism, and women more generally, are totally uninterested (in fairness, at least one feminist objected to these arrangements, but most women do not) in equality or exclusions, when men are the ones who are excluded or disadvantaged. Rather to the contrary, the movement today is simply about empowering women full stop, and if men suffer as a result of that, men be damned.

Alphas, Male Hierarchy and the Form

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There are a lot of competing definitions of alphas and betas out there. I'm going to build a model here for my own purposes, and I'm open to constructive criticism. A model is just a model, a way to think about something. When thinking about humans, models are useful renderings but never perfect mirror images. They are blurry and inaccurate at certain levels of detail, and they break down in lights and shadows. Those areas are important to consider. But the value of a model is that it can give you a general idea of a thing, or a more complete understanding of it than you had before.

Men push down and look up.

A man establishes his own position by applying pressure on the men around him. The men who succumb to that pressure fall beneath him. They may resent him or covet his status, but in some way they are always looking up to him. Those men, in turn, apply pressure on the men around and ultimately beneath them. It is not a linear order, but a pyramid of dominance. In relative proportion to the size of the group, multiple men can claim comparable levels of dominance. Their highest task is to compete with each other, but they also have to apply a certain amount of downward pressure to stay where they are.

Well adjusted men tend to have a sense of humor about all of this jockeying for position. I offer that humor about hierarchical competition is one of the most popular forms of everyday male humor.

How do you like me now?

Men are hierarchical but hierarchy requires a group. Men in complex societies move through many groups. Depending on the composition and the values of a given group, a man may achieve a greater or lesser status within it. In a room full of men who are rarely dominant, there is hierarchy. In a room full of naturally dominant men, there is still hierarchy.

Most men will experience many levels of dominance over and deference to other men throughout their lives. One of the major benefits of the patriarchal system is that a man with low status in the male hierarchy still enjoys the highest male status at home. He is "*the* man of the house."

This brings me to the word *alpha*. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and it has been used in the natural sciences to designate dominant male animals like apes and wolves in group or pack situations. When the word alpha is applied to men, it should likewise refer to status or dominance among men. Alphas often get preferential access to pack females, but as a benefit of their dominance over males. Being alpha means being alpha *among men.* This is the only alpha status that actually matters. Being able to manipulate or dominate women doesn't make you an alpha. Being able to dominate men makes you an alpha.

What does it mean to dominate men?

In our complex society, this becomes confusing, because otherwise weak and submissive men—and women—often wield authority over men who in feral circumstances would naturally dominate them. But while we acknowledge that men who lack certain qualities have power, through the accumulation of wealth or some other form of status, we hesitate to refer to them as "alpha males." There is a difference between power and manliness. Power is gender neutral.

Alpha is not merely power or dominance but *manly* power, *manly* dominance, and dominance over other *men*. Alphas dominate men *as men.* They are better men, or better at being men, but not

necessarily better people. Alphas are not necessarily even good leaders, though they often have leadership qualities and a specifically male version of "star power" that makes men *want* to follow them.

Alpha is a zoological reference, and it refers to a wilder, more primitive masculine norm. Non-violent, artificial forms of social power can only exist because some men somewhere back those power structures with a threat of violence. *Violence is golden*. Laws and money mean nothing without law enforcement and other forms of "protection." Masculine men secured the peaceful, protected space in which other forms of power can exist. And if the security is breached and the system fails, it will inevitably be manly men—led by alphas—who will step in and take charge. Forms of power not backed by the threat of violence will be meaningless. The threat of violence is implied by strength, and strength is the metaphor that defines manliness.

I have said that men push down and look up. What do alphas look up to?

In my model, the pinnacle of the male dominance pyramid is not inhabited by the alphas. Like the cap of the pyramid on the dollar bill, above the alphas floats *The Form*. I mean this in the metaphysical, Platonic sense. Above the alphas is the unreachable ideal of MAN. The form is idea of man we keep creating over and over again in every culture and civilization. The ideal varies from culture to culture, but even across boundaries of time and race and religion the key qualities of the masculine ideal overlap. *The Form* of man is not any one man, but an amalgam of those key qualities that the best example of a man would ideally have.

Legendary god-heroes are our approximations of *The Form*, but even those men are rarely *perfect.*

In male hierarchies, the alpha is dominant but also closest to the form. Beyond him is the unreachable ideal.

Someone recently mentioned the "NFL Quarterback" as the alpha ideal, and while the masculine ideal is not *really* a football player *per se,* the comparison works. The quarterback is not the strongest or the fastest guy on the team, but he's an exemplar of *many* desirable masculine qualities. He's strong, he's fast, he's dominant, he's decisive, he's a leader, he's charismatic, he's likeable, he's probably smart and he's usually good looking. He may not be the best at any one thing, but he's the guy other men can and will look *up* to. He's got *it.* He's close to The Form. He's going to be near the top of any natural male hierarchy. He's going to assert himself confidently, and he's going to be the alpha in *almost* every room.

When I think of what I mean by alpha as a *type* rather than a *position*, I'm not thinking of guys who are *never* betas or guys who *must* dominate *every* male group. Alphas are close to the form, and they will dominate *most* of the time. Other men will step out of their way *most of the time.* And when they push their way through, *most* men will let them. This is due in part to an implied threat of violence, but that's only one aspect of it.

Now…what about the rest of the guys?

I don't find the way the term alpha is used nearly as confusing as the way *beta* is employed. To me, true betas are the cornermen for alphas. They are also close to the form, but less dominant than the alpha for whatever reason. Most betas can step in for alphas in most scenarios. They are alphas in the minds of many other men. They look up to the alpha, but it's easy for them to push down on most others. Most alphas probably shuffle back and forth between alpha and beta roles depending on which men they're interacting with.

As you move down the pyramid, you get more specialists, and you get men who for various reasons are further away from the form. They're men in their own right, and they still recognize and look up to the form. They have their own value and they bring something to the table. They're part of the team and they understand their place in it.

The gearheads and tech-heads mentioned recently are a good example of men in the middle or toward the bottom of the pyramid. They aren't alphas or betas by type, though they will still create their own hierarchies and one of them will dominate. It is worth noting that many of them revere The Form through video games. They are often avid consumers of comic books, science fiction, adventure tales, sword and sorcery stories and what have you. They know they are not the alpha heroes, but they look up to them. In some sense they still want to be more like The Form. These men might be ζ, η, θ, ι, κ, λ, μ or even ψ. Some near the very bottom get picked on and pushed down all the time. But they revere The Form, and being pushed down to the bottom of the male hierarchy is still better than being outside of it.

The real *omegas* in my model are the men who reject The Form completely. They may be naturally challenged in some way, but so are many of the men who stay part of the team. Males who reject the form completely have *ressentiment.* They hate The Form, and the alphas and the whole hierarchy. They seek to undermine or reorganize it. They often want to remodel The Form in their own image, making their own attributes the most highly valued. Sometimes they are bitter, effeminate, socially inept or physically challenged intellectuals. Often, they are fags. Gay culture is omega culture; it's an overt rejection, perversion and mockery of masculine culture. Its proponents often see it as a more enlightened or more evolved version of masculinity, or simply a "different kind" of masculinity, which also subverts the order of the unified pyramid of male hierarchy.

"*Wait, we get to make up our own rules where we can all be alphas? Sweet!*"

True omegas are pushed down and out of the group because they reject The Form—what everyone is looking *up* to.

Women have traditionally recognized and respected The Form and the male need for hierarchy, even though I'm sure it frustrated them at times to know that they couldn't be included. However, they did gain social status among women as their husbands gained social status among men…so sometimes the system worked to their advantage.

Feminists make direct attacks on The Form.

Men can push omegas down and out, but they don't know how to combat feminist attacks on The Form—which disrupt order and capitalize on the frustrations of men at the bottom of the pyramid.

Without a unified concept of the form and some sense of order, it's every man for himself. And that's about where we're at now. That's the real "crisis in masculinity."

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Feeling Like a Man

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In pop culture, the concept of "feeling like a woman" permeates both advertising and entertainment. From songs such as Aretha Franklin's *You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman* to Shania Twain's *Man! I Feel Like a Woman!*, the idea that feeling like a woman is a glorious thing is spread throughout our culture. It may be that men wrote these songs (actually, men are listed as "co-writers" for both), but the message is embraced by women everywhere. In addition to songs, one often hears lines such as "he makes me feel like a real woman" or "he makes me feel like a lady" in films and television. As Jack Donovan pointed out in his Suicidal Tendencies post, it's probably impossible for us men to understand exactly what it means to "feel like a woman," but it's pretty clear that it must feel pretty good to women, because the sentiment is so often expressed with a joyous, barely concealed sensuality that reveals the undercurrent of sexuality that pervades the entire female experience.

Because this sensation is apparently a source of great pleasure and happiness for women, it's worth asking whether there is an equivalent for men, and if so, how does a man get that feeling? There is a male equivalent that is every bit as unique and powerful, but because we are men it is, of course, fundamentally different.

Unfortunately, the encroachment of women into traditionally male domains has muddied the once clear streams of male endeavors, confusing our society as to what exactly it was about these things that drove men to invent and participate in them in the first place. This is why the term "feel like a man" falls a bit flat today. Actually, it isn't only that women are now doing pretty much everything men do; there is a very real sense that men would not be allowed to do anything uniquely male.

Nevertheless, there are still uniquely male accomplishments, such as hitting a Major League home run, winning the Tour de France, or being Sean Connery, but these are usually relegated to professionals, through whom the rest of us are expected to live vicariously. Ultimately, it is a sense of accomplishment, victory, and triumph that begets that sublime, unique feeling that we could call "feeling like a man." There is no doubt that a woman can relish those achievements as well, but the feeling they give men is something different. Following the initial excitement of accomplishment, there is a sort of peace and contentment in men that eludes women. You can see it in the faces of public male victors, whether they are professional athletes or politicians, whereas women in such situations exhibit a prolonged, gushing joy and social behavior that indicates heightened self-awareness and a perception of higher status. It is very different for men, and this can clearly be seen in the widely varying achievements that can give men a sense of accomplishment.

For a man a victory can be a very private, solitary experience, such as bringing down a trophy buck while hunting alone, and it wouldn't matter whether anyone else witnessed it; he'd still feel the same as the quarterback who won the Super Bowl in front of an audience of millions. The uniquely male feeling we get from triumph is simply different from what a woman feels, as it is not affected so much by outside considerations. It is a state of mind that overrides all else; a satisfaction and peace with the world and a sense of unshakeable presence, like a great rock in the riverbed around which all else flows [this unflappable presence is something PUAs suggest mimicking to attract women, because it is clearly evident when a man has it, and apparently very attractive to females, in all likelihood because it is an expression of solid masculinity].

I suspect that religious mystics are often trying to achieve this state of mind through meditation or devotion. This is likely why male religious practices are so different from female. Men often seek enlightenment alone or through some privation, which is essentially a struggle for victory over the flesh, whereas we see women more frequently engaging in group efforts, such as the ever-popular yoga classes and prayer groups.

As real as the sensation of feeling like a man is, opportunities for ordinary men to experience it have been disappearing from the realms of their lives. As both the home and workplace have become increasingly dominated by females, the emphasis on struggle and victory has been toned down, and much more of our effort is expended in "getting along," which to men so often seems like an intolerable waste of time. Hours are spent in meetings at work, and the most important considerations at home are wallpaper, curtains or cutlery. Distracted and drawn into unnatural concerns, men find moments of achievement elusive. Many men turn to professional sports for the vicarious enjoyment of victory they get out of watching their team win, and many play video games for the same feeling. In the traditional realms of work and home, the opportunities to achieve and prevail have become so limited that most men don't even bother trying. It a life of profound disillusionment that is offered to the ordinary man; disillusionment that the movie *Fight Club* very accurately portrayed.

The good news is that it is this uniquely male drive to triumph that has driven change and progress throughout the ages. It is irrepressible, because it is stronger even than sexual desire. For men, the quest for mastery begins with the dawning of consciousness, and lasts until the final breath. And it is mastery that is the very kernel of manhood. It isn't social status, fame or wealth, but rather the process of striving and achieving, from which those things may issue or not, that makes us feel like men.

Today, social convention and rules work to prevent the mastery that men crave. A man who follows them is the master of nothing anywhere, nor does he win any victories, but is instead mastered by a dystopic society that would deny him the opportunity to feel like a man on any occasion. For some time men have been trying to get around convention and the rules, but skulking around them still gives them a certain legitimacy and only provides an incentive to strengthen and increase them. At this point, most men would be better served by simply pulling them down like so many rotten fenceposts, and then acting as men *outside* of their confines.

To bring back a sense of our own masculinity, we only need to realize that our choices are independent of the expectations of others, which for all we know may not even be real, but rather accidentally contrived through a sort of blind consensus. And even if there is risk in defying convention, it is worth the reward of escaping from a half-life of subservience and inevitable regret. Without that struggle for mastery, without the feeling of accomplishment, men don't truly live. If breaking the bounds of propriety is what it takes to feel like a man, then every man owes it to himself to do so.

AWN Review: The New Breadwinners

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A few weeks ago, the left wing think tank Center for American Progress published a policy paper entitled "A Woman's Nation: The Shriver Report" (hereafter abbreviated AWN). While fellow Spearhead authors have analyzed the executive summary and Oprah Winfrey's epilogue (Hawaiian Libertarian and Jack Donovan, respectively), in this post, I will summarize, rebut, and analyze the first chapter within AWN titled "The New Breadwinners" (html, pdf) penned by social economist Heather Boushey (bio, wiki).

By way of background, and as a way of framing this post, I take the time now to note that Boushey's contribution to AWN is completely congruent with the left-wing college from which she obtained her PhD, The New School in New York City. A few minutes of googling reveals that this institution of higher learning is itself a product of an interesting intersection of various left-wing socialist benefactors, such as the Rockefeller Foundation–which we know is a major benefactor of American feminism and other leftish causes–and the Frankfurt School, a school of Marxist thought that Jonah Goldberg skewers for its Marxist influences upon American culture. This also happens to be the very same School that fled Germany in the 30s under pressure from Hitler. Personally, I find it interesting that the Frankfurt School was so radically socialist, so far to the left that even the leader of the Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei didn't have use for them. And thus we today are reaping the harvest that resulted from allowing the cancer of European Marxism to take root in our society.

With that framing in mind, let me move on with my analysis:

Chapter Summary

Boushey's contribution to AWN centers around four main points, more or less coinciding with her chapter headings, that support her main thesis that the wide-scale movement of women from hearth and home into remunerated economic activity is "the greatest social transformation of our time". In support of this thesis, Boushey first cites statistics that a woman's earnings now make the critical difference to the lifestyle of her family. No longer is a woman's earnings ancillary to a man's wages, not when the effective purchasing power of industrial-age "traditional" families, where one spouse (usually the mother) stayed at home with the children, remained static over the last 30 years when the standard of living of two-earner couples rose. Indeed, in citing that women contribute 42% of the average household's income, that 40% of women are in paid employment, and that the mancession is permanently outsourcing male jobs, Boushey suggests that a woman's income is necessary just to cover the basics. As further evidence that female employment is transforming society, Boushey cites statistical evidence that shows a doubling of single-mother families in the last 30 years (no direct causal link between employment and single-motherhood or divorce is made, however), and that such families depend on a woman's wages to survive. Boushey discounts male financial contribution to such families, namely by citing statistics such as "only 41.7% of custodial mothers receive any child support" and of those only "47.3% receive all the child support" awarded. Indeed, Boushey quite effectively paints the picture that single mothers are truly doing it alone, and their wages enable them to provide for their families in the absence of a male earner in the home.

TABLE 3

Occupations with the largest projected new jobs, 2006–2016

Occupation	Employment		Quartile rank[1]	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training[2]	Share that is female, 2008[3]
	Thousands	Percent			
Registered nurses	587	23.5	VH	Associate degree	91.7
Retail salespersons	557	12.4	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	51.8
Customer service representatives	545	24.8	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training	68.2
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	452	18.1	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	69.8
Office clerks, general	404	12.6	L	Short-term on-the-job training	85.7
Personal and home care aides	389	50.6	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	84.1
Home health aides	384	48.7	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	88.2
Postsecondary teachers	382	22.9	VH	Doctoral degree	48.0
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	345	14.5	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	31.9
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	264	18.2	L	Postsecondary vocational award	88.2
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	264	12.5	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training	92.1
Waiters and waitresses	255	10.8	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	73.0
Child care workers	248	17.8	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	95.5
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	239	14.8	H	Work experience in a related occupation	96.3
Computer software engineers, applications	226	44.6	VH	Bachelor's degree	21.2

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Occupational employment projections to 2016," Monthly Labor Review Vol. 130, No 11, Table 3 (http://www.bls.gov/emp/emptab3.htm) and author's analysis of the Center for Economic and Policy Research Extracts of the Current Population Survey Outgoing Rotation Group Files (ORG), 2008.

Notes: 1. The quartile rankings of Occupational Employment Statistics Survey annual wages data are presented in the following categories: VH = very high ($46,900 or more), H = high ($30,630 to $46,900), L = low ($17,260 to $30,630), and VL = very low (up to $17,220). The rankings were based on quartiles, with one-fourth of total employment defining each quartile. Wages are for wage and salary workers. 2. An occupation is placed into 1 of 11 categories that best describes the postsecondary education or training needed by most workers to become fully qualified in that occupation. For more information about the categories, see Occupational Projections and Training Data, 2006-07 edition, Bulletin 2602 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2006) and Occupational Projections and Training Data, 2008-09 edition, Bulletin 2702 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, forthcoming). 3. The ORG data combine home health aides and nursing aides into one category. "Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides 31-1012" and we use the share of that workforce for both "Home health aides" and "Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants."

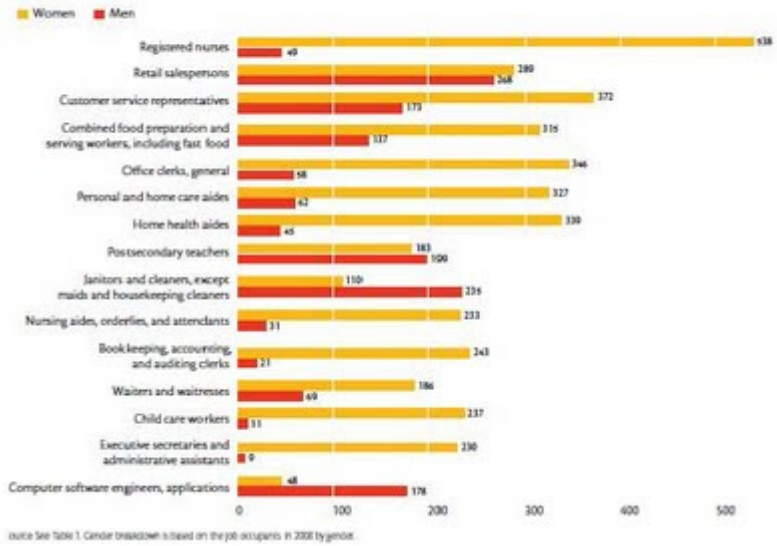
Source: AWN, Page 45

As her second point in support of her transformation thesis, Boushey explores the nature of the job market in which women labor. Here the reader is treated to a list of service-oriented occupations, nearly all traditionally female and consequently female-heavy, that require little to no post-secondary education, and–here's the transformative part–that these jobs are largely an outsourcing of what the industrial-age SAHM used to perform within the walls of the home. Furthermore, of the top 15 occupations with the largest projected growth over the next generation, nearly all are in industries/sectors that are historically female-dominated. Assuming that the sexual segregation of work continues in the same pattern as today, this projected job growth in female-dominated occupations (and the lack of growth in male-dominated occupations) will only serve to increase women's earning power, further displacing that of men. This in spite of Boushey's cataloging of the disadvantages of working while female.

FIGURE 4

Future jobs

Projected job growth by occupation and gender, 2006–2016, in thousands of new jobs



Source: See Table 1. Gender breakdown is based on the job occupants in 2008 by gender.

Source: AWN, Page 44

In addition, as a reinforcement of the "working while female" argument, Boushey discusses at length the so-called wage gap, parroting the long-since-debunked 77c per man's dollar canard, claiming that 41% of the wage gap is unexplained by a woman's demographics or her particular job. The

implication being of course that, having the particulars of the woman's background (education, motherhood, etc) and her job (e.g. full-time, part-time, occupational category, etc) eliminated, all that remains is simple bigotry and "systemic undervaluing" of women and women's work. Moreover, Boushey decries the what she terms as the "motherhood pay penalty" that encompasses discrimination against mothers in the workplace* and lifetime earnings penalties suffered by women who stop out to bear children–$434,000 cited by one study–or are not hired in the first place because they are mothers.

Next, Boushey explores a third transfomative trend: the reasons why women are increasingly in paid employment. One reason she gives is, well, because they can. Barriers to female entry into the workplace fell as women's liberation from the confines of the home spread. Moreover, the advent of the Pill and other contraceptives have permitted women, particularly single women, to plan when they bear children and therefore permit them to deconflict work, education, and child-bearing. But Boushey also claims that women increasingly have to work for their families to survive. In support of this line of argument, she cites the lowering standard of living relative to two-earner couples for families where only the husband works, and how a wife's income goes to pay the rent and put food on the table, as well as the welfare reforms of the mid-1990s that sent low-income single mothers to work. To mitigate the harsh expectation that women should work to support themselves, the welfare reform legislation also included some carrots with the sticks…carrots such as taxpayer subsidies for female-headed households like WIC, EITC, and increased child support collection. Yet it is true that a mother, while working, cannot be home to care for her children. She cannot be two places at once. Boushey suggests a solution for this apparent dilemma…that the availability of employer- or taxpayer-subsidized child care be increased as a means to enable women to fully realize their earning potential, to labor in the job market at full capacity, to become more self-supporting, and to free them from the burdens of caring for children and for elderly family members that so effectively depresses their lifetime earning power.

Fourth and last, Boushey surveys which women seek paid employment. Boushey highlights the facts that the single and the childless and the highly educated (often these three populations are one and the same) are most likely to be in paid employment, and women that are less educated, that are married, and/or are mothers are the least likely to work outside the home. The data splits largely along socio-economic and racial/ethnic lines as well: Latinas are most likely to work outside the home, blacks next, and whites least. Older women are also being pulled into the labor market by the mancession and real-estate bubble burst to join their younger sisters. The net effect of the increasing numbers of unmarried and older women joining the labor force is to further increase the demand for domestic labor, again creating a demand for more service-sector jobs to replace the unremunerated labor that industrial age SAHMs and older female family members used to perform in the home "for free".

In sum, in this article, Boushey surveys the net effect of women's entry into the workforce, notes its significant and enlarging effect on the finances of their families, the increasing tendency for women to be sole and/or the primary wage earner in the home, and details the obstacles to increasing the earnings of those women and balancing work and family. She ends her chapter with a call to re-evaluate assumptions about family structure and women's employment in the labor market, and a consequent change in social policy to reflect this new reality.

Fact Check #1: The Pay Gap

One of the most obvious technical flaws in Boushey's article is her regurgitation of the pay gap myth. This feminist hobby horse is as pervasive and enduring as it is false and disingenuous. For instance

Boushey cites "facts" like "women…[are] paid 23 cents less than men" (page 32), that 49% of the pay gap is explained by the segregation of men and women into different sorts of jobs, that "41% [of the wage gap] cannot be explained by the characteristics of women or their jobs" (58), that a woman makes five percent less than her identically educated male colleagues the first year out of school, and that ten years later those women make 12% less than their male peers (59).

Yet we know that all of this is horse hockey. The pay gap myth, while being red meat for feminists for whom simple proximate cause and effect is hard, has been repeatedly shown to be a function of women's choices, not on economically illiterate*** allegations of discrimination. For instance, after controlling for marital status and motherhood, both of which happen to be women's choices, the wage gap narrows to 5c, not the 23c gap that the fembots rail on and on about. Yet five percent is still a significant number, representing quite a bit of money when compounded over the span of decades of employment. But, as one would expect when analyzing a feminist's publication, there is more to this story than first meets the eye. And we are not disappointed…digging deeper, we find that, while women are paid five percent less than their male counterparts, they put in 12 – 20% few hours. Which means that women, rather than being discriminated *against*, women are being discriminated *for* to the tune of 5 – 15%. In other words, when women's lower productivity is taken into account, women enjoy a wage premium over their male counterparts. Your guess is as good as mine why this is, but I suspect strongly that having activist and litigious vaginas has something to do with it.

But the apples-to-oranges comparisons continue in the defense of the indefensible. In addition to comparing unlike men and women together, Boushey also compared unlike occupations together when she compares the job of zookeeper (a typically male job) to child caregiver (a typically female job). While a zookeeper is indeed paid more (average $14/hr) than a child care worker (average $10/hr), the qualifications and duties of a zookeeper are far more demanding than the OJT and sedentary duties common for a child care worker. I also suspect that there are many many more women clamoring to be child care workers than there are men seeking jobs in zoos; simple middle-school supply-and-demand economics suggests that the overabundance of labor competing for each day care worker job also serves to depress wages in what is already a low-wage entry-level McJob with no special skills required. Furthermore, if Boushey's erroneous comparison of zookeeper and child care provider is indicative of the job comparisons common in the rest of the body of feminist/leftist research in support of the pay gap, then one is forced to cast a skeptical eye on any claim that compares "comparable" male and female jobs together and pronounces them alike.

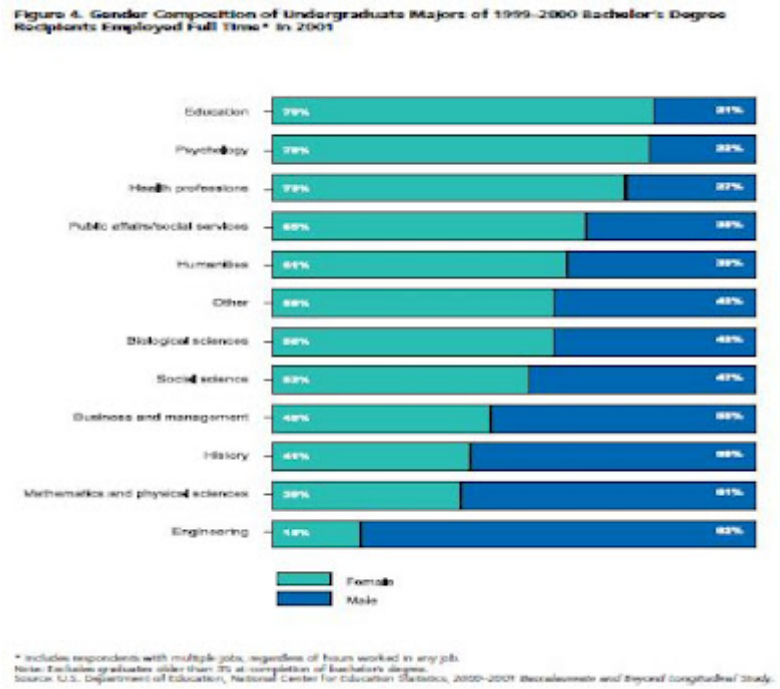
Who works where

Top 20 occupations for women and men, 2008

Occupation	Share of female workers	Occupation	Share of male workers
Secretaries and administrative assistants	4.7	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	4.1
Registered nurses	3.8	**All other managers**	2.9
Elementary and middle school teachers	3.7	**First-line supervisors/managers of retail stores**	2.6
Cashiers	3.0	Construction laborers	2.1
Retail salespersons	2.5	Carpenters	2.1
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	2.5	**Retail salespersons**	2.0
First-line supervisors/managers of retail stores	2.3	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	2.0
Waiters and waitresses	2.1	Janitors and building cleaners	1.8
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	1.9	Chief executives	1.6
Receptionists and information clerks	1.9	**Cooks**	1.5
All other managers	1.9	Grounds maintenance workers	1.5
Customer service representatives	1.9	Construction managers	1.5
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	1.9	Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing	1.3
Child care workers	1.8	First-line supervisors/managers of non-retail sales workers	1.2
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers	1.8	Stock clerks and order fillers	1.2
Accountants and auditors	1.6	Electricians	1.1
Office clerks, general	1.5	Automotive service technicians and mechanics	1.1
Teacher assistants	1.4	First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction workers	1.1
Cooks	1.1	Computer software engineers	1.1
Personal and home care aides	1.1	First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	1.0
Share employed in the top 20 occupations			
Females	44.4	Males	34.8

Source: AWN, Page 41

Boushey also underplays the impact of occupational self-segregation and the impact this phenomenon has on women's earnings. At the entry level, men gravitate toward jobs that capitalize on their strength, ability to labor, and willingness to do crappy jobs for money…construction, carpentry, driving, maintenance, janitor. Women tend to select themselves into the caring, administrative, and social occupations, activities that feature schedule flexibility and human interaction…waitressing, secretary, teacher, child care, clerk. As a rule, men's jobs at the bottom (as well as the top of the income ladder) are more economically value-added than women's; they also generally require more skill and education and are also <u>much more dangerous</u> (I note that nowhere in Boushey's analysis does she vie for parity for women in the workplace fatality statistics. Fancy that). These four factors alone translate into higher pay for men when compared with women when looking at low-paying jobs.



Source: "Behind The Pay Gap", AAUW, Page 12

This pattern repeats at the top of the income ladder as well. Here, we readily observe that women tend to choose college majors that, while interesting and intellectually fulfilling as they may be, funnel women into lower wage jobs in the public or service sectors after graduation (jobs that, incidentally, offer the sort of stability that protects them during economic downturns like the current mancession), whereas men tend to choose academic majors that result in higher pay after graduation in the private sector. Once again, we see that fundamental concepts of supply and demand better explain the differences between male and female pay than farcical notions that women's work is devalued by a misogynist culture or that women are discriminated against because they have vaginas by cigar-chomping business*men* in smoke-filled rooms.

Boushey also falters when she does make apples-to-apples comparisons, this time by highlighting research sponsored by the feminist special interest group American Association of University Women that tracked and compared male and female college graduates from the same school and same academic major. The AAUW study found that a woman will make 5% less than her male counterpart the first year out of school; that same woman will make 12% less 10 years later. Yet Boushey somehow fails to mention that the same AAUW study, on page 15, documents that full-time men work three more hours per week (45 vs 42) than do full-time women. Could this be the reason for male graduates earning more than their female counterparts? Possibly, but Boushey doesn't address this possibility.

Fact Check #2: Women Are Better Managers

On page 32 of AWN, Boushey claims that women's inherently more collaborative management styles improve a corporation's bottom line. Putting aside the obvious sexism and negative stereotyping inherent in such a claim–didn't certain women threaten to get the vapors when a certain Larry Summers suggested that men may have superior math aptitude and that may explain their predominance in STEM? How is this claim any different from that?–and the sexism of those in the press, in academia, and in industry, the best I can tell is that, while the extant body of research seems to suggest that women are inherently better managers than men, the samples that form the basis for the research's conclusions suffer badly from selection effects…the executive women sampled by these studies are not necessarily representative of the pool of female managers or of the female population in general, particularly in majority-male occupations or sectors…thus the reliability of the data is questionable. Why then are female managers able to obtain such good results? One possibility forwarded in the literature is that female managers who are mediocre or who are unable to thrive in a climate that places a premium on the "masculine" traits necessary to succeed in business quit early on. Or are pushed out. Either way, they don't stick around. Moreover, men do not stick out as much as a woman in such an environment and are usually not subjected to the same "fishbowl" microscope…thus they do not develop the same sort of hyper-competence that a similarly situated female would need to have in order to survive. The end result is that the female managers that do manage to bubble to the top in an organization are more likely to be of an exceptionally high quality compared to a similarly situated male counterpart.

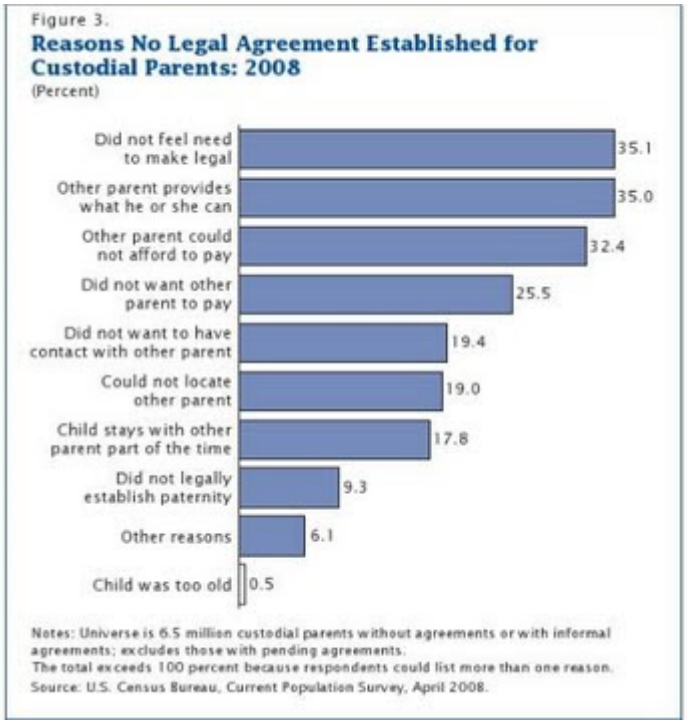
But what about another metric to compare the effectiveness of female and male executives, say, the corporate bottom line? Wouldn't that be a good, unbiased measure? Possibly. However, I contend this isn't sufficient in this day and age, either. Why? Well, companies and sectors dominated by women (health care, government, law), by accident of being part of the service and government sectors, haven't suffered as much economically in the current economic downturn as companies and

sectors that produce widgets or other value-added products. In particular, the dot-com and housing bubble bursts have affected the capital goods and associated industries tremendously, and these industries are dominated and led by men, thus skewing the corporate bottom-line data in favor of women.

Furthermore, most analyses of women vs male managers tend not to ask the workers themselves of their opinions of the effectiveness of female and male managers. Perhaps it is because these trench-level reports tend to strongly contradict all the PC happy talk about how great female managers are. Instead, we see clearly what the hands-down choice of female workers, and the more moderate opinion of male workers are: male bosses. Anyone else find it telling that 2/3 of women would prefer to work for a man? Could the cyclical emotionalism and drama that a woman brings to the workplace hinder cohesion and team effectiveness rather than bolster it?

Fact Check #3: Chilimony

Boushey expends quite a bit of ink in AWN demonstrating the importance of women's wages, and particularly how important those wages are to the well-being of her "family".*** Thus, on page 35 of AWN, she relates that only four in ten custodial mothers receive chilimony and, of those, only half receive the full amount awarded to them by a judge. On these narrow points, Boushey is largely correct. Her data somewhat agrees with the BLS data, which relates that only 57% of custodial mothers were awarded any chilimony at all in 2007. Of those, 77% of custodial mothers reported receiving some or all of the chilimony awarded and 47.1% receive the full amount of chilimony awarded.



Digging deeper, a more nuanced picture arises. First, I note that the data is based on surveys of custodial mothers–the ones who are owed the money–and therefore the data itself is probably biased to an unquantifiable extent. Second, the 57% figure is eye-catching. Only half of single mothers are awarded chilimony? Wondering why, I dug into the data (see the chart above) and found that, of the 43% of custodial mothers who were not awarded chilimony by a court, more than one third did not bother to attempt to obtain a legal order, another third indicated that the NCP pays what he can without an order, another third reported that the NCP could not afford it, another quarter said that they felt the NCP didn't need to pay, and another fifth reported that she didn't want conflict with the

NCP, couldn't locate him, the child stayed with him part of the time, or could not establish paternity, each. (Totals more than 100% because respondents gave more than one reason.) Thus, the data isn't as working-mother-positive and deadbeat-dad-negative as it seems, and by this omission, Boushey's text gives the reader the false impression that these single mothers are doing more on their own without the support of the their children's fathers than what the ground facts suggest. In other words, Boushey's manuscript inappropriately inflates the importance of a single mother's income while similarly and inaccurately denigrating a man's contribution to the well-being of his children.

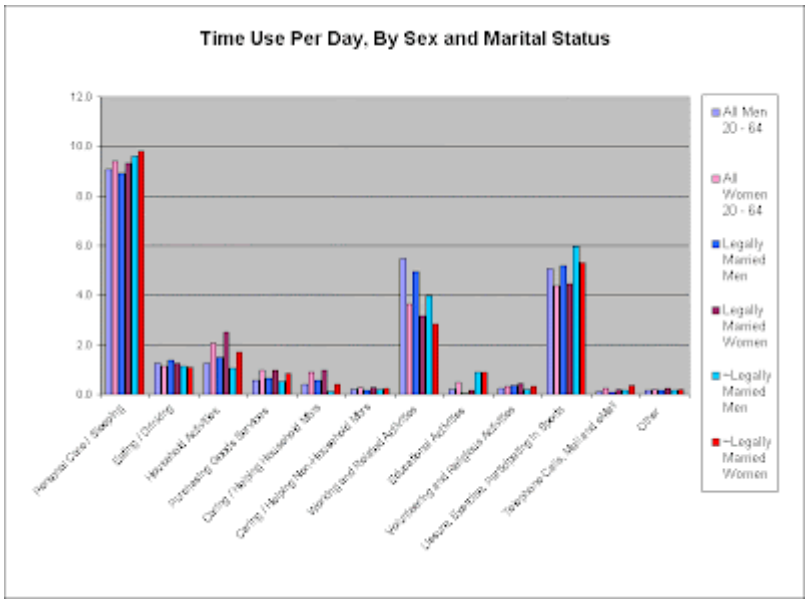
I do acknowledge that there is a sizable fraction of men who, for whatever reason, do not pay the full amount that some judge says the hapless NCP must pay under penalty of imprisonment. Yet I am not quick to label these fellows deadbeats, as we know that chilimony bears no resemblance to the costs of raising a child and in some cases can take more than half of his gross income, interfering with his ability to find a place to live or to eat, much less visit his kids. Another fraction–two-thirds according to the GAO, if Glenn Sacks is to be believed–are not deadbeats in any sense of the word but are "deadbroke" dads who cannot pay because they had no job.

Fact Check #4: The Second Shift and Shiftless Men

Of course, any discussion by a woman regarding how much men and women contribute to the well-being of their families would not be complete without a reference, obliquely or otherwise, to Hothschild's Second Shift in which women are painted as selfless Boxers who toil thanklessly all day long while their Peter Pan husbands come home and play after an easy, leisurely day in the office:

> Inside the home, men continue to do less (usually much less) of the housework and care work than their wives–even though the number of hours they [men] devote to work around the house has risen

Oh dear. Once again we see how a feminist takes a nugget of truth–a smaller man's contribution to the household inside the four walls of the home–strips it of the larger context–a man's household contribution performed outside the four walls of the home, and uses it to paint a false picture. The reality however is much different, and a touch less friendly to the feminist fem-positive discourse.



Source: Personal analysis of 2008 BLS Time Use Survey data, Table 3. I compared and contrasted data from each sex in the age cohorts 20 – 64.

As one can see from the above graph, the reality of household life for men and women is different

from what feminists like Boushey would like us to believe. Far from being weighted in favor of women, when one adds up the hours invested by married men and women in whole of household support (the "household activities", "purchasing goods and services", "caring and helping household and non-household members", and "working and related activities" categories–those that make up the effort required to support a household), lo and behold, one finds that married men invest an average of 7.82 hours per day and women invest an average of 7.94 hours per day, a difference of 7 whole minutes.**** Widening the aperture to include between men and women not legally married to each other or single/divorced Americans yields a shocking 9 minutes in favor of women. Clearly, the data suggests that the feminist "second shift" narrative is a lie.

But the dissonance between the reality and the propaganda doesn't stop there. Drilling down into the notes that accompanied the BLS data, one acquires even more nuance. Specifically, one discovers interesting nuggets like this:

> Primary childcare activities include time spent providing physical care; playing with children; reading to children; assistance with home-work; attending children's events; taking care of children's health needs; and dropping off, picking up, and waiting for children. **Passive childcare done as a primary activity (such as "keeping an eye on my son while he swam in the pool") also is included** [emphasis mine]. A child's presence during the activity is not enough in itself to classify the activity as child-care. For example, "watching television with my child" is coded as a leisure activity, not as childcare.

So here we see that activities that involve significant amount of leisure for women have the potential to be coded as "work" by statisticians, a bastardization of the concept of work. Indeed, Glenn Sacks points out that

> both men and women list housework as one of their least enjoyable tasks and, since women do more housework than men, this shifts the advantage to men. However, while people may not enjoy cooking or folding the laundry in and of themselves, they are usually much happier at home and in casual dress (and perhaps talking on the phone or watching TV while they work), than they are in a supervised and regimented work environment. Also, while housework may seem like drudgery compared to middle-class white collar jobs, it doesn't when compared to blue collar or "pink collar" work.
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> In addition, both the ISR [University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research] survey and The Second Shift count only hours worked, without noting the special contributions of men who do dangerous and physically demanding work. Of the 25 most dangerous jobs listed by the US Department of Labor, men comprise at least 90% of the labor force in all of them. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, nearly 50 American workers are injured every minute of the 40-hour work week, and every day 17 die–16 of them male.

In other words, what housewives consider to be "work" and what the reality of "work" is for blue-collar men and pink-collar women are very different things indeed. Given that folding underwear is obviously not equivalent to physical work like, say, sulphur mining, one must be careful about conflating them all together under the same rubric of "work". There is a world of difference between women's work…the work that women are willing and able to do…and men's work, the hard, dirty, dangerous work that men must do to support their families. This is the very same work that enables

women to choose to stay home and engage in the half-work/half-leisure of childcare and home-making, or choose to work in cushy little white collar offices.

There was also this snippet from the BLS technical notes attached to the time-use survey:

> Secondary childcare. Secondary childcare is care for children under age 13 that is done while doing an activity other than primary childcare, such as cooking dinner. Secondary childcare estimates are derived by summing the durations of activities during which respondents had a household child or their own nonhousehold child under age 13 in their care while doing activities other than primary childcare. It is restricted to times the respondent was awake. Secondary childcare time for household children is further restricted to the time between when the first household child under age 13 woke up and the last household child under age 13 went to bed.

It does not take much imagination to see how this provision can be used to artificially inflate the time a housewife spends performing "secondary child care" while she is executing–and receiving full credit for–time spent on a different primary task. Thus we see quite well how essential it is to read the fine print in such statistical reporting, and how in this case the fine print reveals how a housewife's contribution to the home is double-counted to a certain unquantified degree.

While we are on the subject of men and women's contribution to the home, I'll digress for a moment and discuss a topic not addressed in Boushey's essay but one that bears mentioning here…the notion that a woman's household contributions are worth six figures. I'm sorry, 38,000 is more accurate a figure. If God were to call Mrs Wapiti home tomorrow, while I and my children would miss her terribly, and while the economic value of her contribution to my home and to my children is much lower than the intangible and priceless contribution she makes, I wouldn't have to pay six figures for child care or meal preparation or home cleaning. Moreover, given the loss of my wife and the fact that I would once again be a single dad, I would no longer be able nor be inclined to work as hard or as long (housewives being the enabler that permits married men to be the highest-earning, most productive, longest-working population subset), thus my need for long hours of child care or meal preparation or home cleaning would be less than what Mrs Wapiti currently provides.

Analysis

One trend that becomes clear in reading AWN is how the femosphere, in their drive to achieve complete independence***** from men, completely ignores the not insignificant social costs that come from the transition of both husbands and wives to the world of paid employment. Boushey dutifully reports that, as result of education and work, women delay marriage, that is if they marry at all (33). Child-bearing and -rearing are similarly delayed, oftimes to the point that technological intervention is needed to coax a conception and gestation for older women who have passed their prime childbearing years, or who have missed the fertility boat entirely. She also reports that fully two-fifths of women over age 25 are unmarried, and that two-fifths of children born in 2007 are born to unmarried mothers, to which I add that there is a growing industry to fill the needs of choice moms who pursue man-not-included reproduction or single-woman adoption. And it should go without saying–for the Spearhead audience, anyway–of the corrosive effect of divorce on the family and society in general. Each year in the United States approximately 500,000 (~1.0M divorces/yr * approximately 50% to 60% divorces that involve children) new choice moms are made, mothers who value their happiness more than their commitment to a man and, like a rock thrown into pond, inflict great instability and lasting and perpetuating harm on their children and on the society around them.

We know where this self-reinforcing socio-cultural death spiral ends. We know that marriage is an institution that protects women and children first and foremost, and by extension, men and society in general. It is the fundamental building block upon which a technologically advanced society is built. It literally ensures the next generation is born in replacement rates or better. Marriage does these things–fosters/reinforces society and encourages natalism–by harnessing the generative energies of men and fathers in a socially productive manner, by constraining women's sexuality in a socially productive manner, and by ensuring that children grow up in the image of God, that is, with both a father and a mother. Without marriage, as imperfect as that institution is, society wastes away as men suffer, children suffer, and–something that one would think that feminists care greatly about–women suffer. Yet instead of promoting marriage and work-family balance, AWN highlights motherhood and child care as obstacles to be cleared from the path of female self-actualization through labor, instead of honorable and necessary functions and occupations in their own right.

Another point that Boushey seems to miss is how women's entry into the workforce has all but guaranteed that a man's wages could not support a family on their own. Like a cynical and opportunistic politician who creates instability so as to profit from it, women's entry into the economic workforce created the economic conditions that guarantee that a woman must then seek outside employment as well if the family's relative standard of living is to be maintained. Yet there is evidence that this is no mistake; that the movement of women from the home into paid employment is but one part of an intent (I won't go as far to say conspiracy) to replace Western patriarchal civilization with a different hegemony.

Another interesting feature of Boushey's manuscript is where the phenomenon she describes fits into the historical narrative that chronicles the changing nature of the family and what activities are accomplished there. Viewed at a macro level, the patriarchal family has been under severe stress since the West industrialized in the 1800s and the father was pulled from the home to go labor in the factories. Suddenly the family itself was subjected to even more of Adam Smith's specialization–both father and mother became more specialized–with the father more specialized in breadwinning and the mother more focused in homemaking and child-rearing. While arguably an economically more efficient model of family organization, this shift also eventually broke the social tie that bound the father into the nuclear family, the key enabling technology of a complex civilization. With the father's role of provider–spiritual, moral, leadership, as well as material–reduced to that of material alone, the family was instantly reverted to a matriarchal family model that featured a mother and her children, the mother's friends, and men/fathers who come and go and can be dispensed with just as easily.

With the bond that tied men to their families broken by dint of his physical absence from the family home, there was scant need to retain the other part of the patriarchal compact that applied to women…their fidelity to their oath to marry one man and remain monogamous. While I won't discuss the steeply negative effects of female promiscuity and serial polyandry as it is outside the scope of this post, I will note that Boushey's contribution to AWN seems imply that her conceptualization of the family is one of women and "their families"…in other words, *their* children, and single mothers. In both models, men are an afterthought except as they relate to income generation or are themselves a hindrance to "progress" as hinted at by the "second shift…shiftless men" or "deadbeat dad" discussion above.

This leads me to my next point, that A Women's Nation is one where government is large and gets larger, as women co-opt the state for their own ends. The choice mother family–the Women's Nation

family–must be propped up by the society at large, as it is economically and socially less efficient than the (patriarchal) nuclear family. This is because the choice mother family requires more resources, more housing, more energy, more child care, more outsourcing of what the "traditional" housewife used to accomplish in the home, just to get by. Yet without the resources that a man produces through his labor, the average choice mother will find her choice-mom lifestyle choice difficult to maintain independently. This is where government comes in, and why government intervention is absolutely essential to the generation and maintenance of Women's Nation families. For without government intervention (read: alpha males parceling out benefits from the public trust to women in exchange for their votes) to provide resources confiscated from lesser beta males, to mandate businesses hire economically less productive women at a wage premium, to pressure businesses to provide on-site child care and to provide flexible working hours, to provide social welfare programs that keep the choice mother from falling through the glass floor (WIC, EITC, child health insurance, subsidized day care, head-of-household tax deductions and the like), an AWN family literally cannot survive. In AWN, the government is the ultimate daddy rabbit, the ultimate husband and provider; why should a woman/mother commit to and stay married to a man with all of his flaws and imperfections when the most alpha of alphas is standing by to lavish his resources upon her. Especially when Big Daddy subsidizes the transition of feminine dependence on a lesser provider to dependence upon himself through VAWA and OSCE?

And even with government patronage, the post-AWN family is still inferior to the pre-AWN family, for if Boushey et al succeed, and both the husband and the wife are gainfully employed full-time in the marketplace, there will still be a need to outsource all of those domestic labor functions, including the rearing of children, that the housewife used to perform. While the debate about day care's dangers to a child's development rages on as part of the Mommy Wars, there is substantial evidence to suggest that day care produces suboptimal outcomes in children when compared to children not placed in day care, much in the same fashion that homeschooled children outperform their public school peers. Institutionalization, be it in a day care, an industrialized school setting, or a prison, has adverse effects on the development and mental health of those placed within them. Moreover, I contend that a society in which the basic human interactions have been made economic transactions is less human, less efficient, and less sustainable than one where this has not occurred, in that there are functions of a civic society that simply cannot be outsourced to the paid labor of others or entrusted to government agents. Boushey herself reinforces this point by admitting that the movement of more and more women into the paid labor force concomitantly reduces their involvement in volunteer work and in care tasks, namely that of elder care. I do not think we as a society are prepared for the fraying of the fabric of civic society that could result from the second- or subsequent-order effects of the widespread replacement of willing volunteers with paid workers. There is something to be said for labors done gratis, out of the goodness of the heart or duty to one's fellow man, that cannot be achieved through appeals to rational self-interest and/or remuneration through the marketplace.

Thus far, in my critique of this chapter of AWN, I have not attempted to refute Boushey's primary thesis, that the wide-spread entry of women into paid employment is a fundamental and society-shifting phenomenon of seismic proportions. And this is because I cannot, that this phenomenon that Boushey describes as revolutionary as it is self-evident:

> At the most profound level, it changes the rules of what it means to be a woman–and what it means to be a man. Women are now increasingly sharing the role of breadwinner, as well as

> the role of caregiver, with the men in their lives. Even so, we have yet to come to terms with what it means to live in a nation where both men and women typically work outside the home and what we need to do to make this new reality workable for families who have child care and elder care responsibilities through most of their working lives.

Here Boushey is correct: we have yet to fully come to terms with what it means to live in a nation where most or all women work outside the home and where the size and scope and role of government is expanded as necessary to effect this vision. Not that I have any issue with women in paid employment; on the contrary, it was in keeping women from remunerative work that permitted spoiled upper middle class white women like Freidan to complain about how comfortable her pedestal was. No, I think women should work, and in fact I think that a reasonable read of Scripture, particularly Proverbs 31, indicates that, contra some of my fundie bretheren, a woman should work and it is a sin for her to not be productive for her family.

Instead, it is the transition to a matriarchal family model and a matriarchal society that promises to sideline or even enslave the vast majority of men that must be opposed bitterly. And I am convinced that A Woman's Nation is one that is not at all sympathetic to men and men's issues at all in the way that the man's world was concerned with the well-being of men, children, and women alike. In fact, I contend the reverse…feminists like Boushey are not in any way concerned with equality. Rather, as Novaseeker recently put it, their goal is the domination, if not outright subjugation, of men. We have hints at what is in store for men as a sex should this trend continue, in the Napoleonic treatment of men accused of sex crimes, falsely or otherwise, in the facile enslavement of non-custodial fathers run through the divorce mills, or in the preferential treatment given to women in government-run schools or in women-only payouts from the public trust. This is not a condition that I think the majority of men will appreciate.

That we as a society haven't quite yet come to terms with this phenomenon also tells me that this issue is still contested ground, and I do not think we men, alpha or otherwise, should continue to sleep as our adversaries gain more ground on this issue. How may we resist? One way to do so would be to ape the manner employed by the victors of this Gramscian Long March through the society. Boushey herself is a prime example of how our adversaries operate. Likely raised in a liberal family, she was schooled in a Femarxist institution and now consults for think tanks that provide influence government policy. She has even testified for Congress. We men need to start growing and grooming men to become the Bousheys of the future, to populate think tanks and educational institutions****** and push legislation in a symmetrical manner. In this way, we men would be able to advance the male and patriarchal perspective to government and to the media in a manner that the Bousheys of the world have done. Our row will be comparatively tougher to hoe; unlike the feminists one hundred years ago (who enjoyed the support of moneyed interests), we will have strenuous opposition from the vast majority of women and apex-dwelling men. But I see little alternative–other than expatting, and I don't think that is a feasible solution for most men–if our sons are to be saved.

* an unlawful taking of business property by the government that punishes the most productive in favor of the least. In fact, in reading this chapter of AWN, it was clear to me that the author sees the responsibility of businesses is to provide jobs and as a vehicle through which to implement social policy, rather than create/add value for profit. Thus is exposed a fundamental philosophical difference between capitalists and Marxists.

** how much sense does it make, in a globalized world, for an employer to hire and retain more

expensive labor when equivalent labor is readily available for cheaper rates? Thus the pay gap myth apologists display their economic illiteracy.

*** unfortunately the definition of family is so wide and so broad now that the same word is used to refer to households headed by single mums as well as two-parent families. The data strongly suggests that one form of domestic organization is superior to the other, yet referring to both of them as different variants of a "family" is an attempt to obscure this fact.

**** the BLS time use survey averaged time expended across a seven-day week; thus the average married man works 4.94 hours per day in a seven-day week, while the average married woman works 3.16.

***** the irony is that the fully feminist woman is far from independent, dependent as she is on a social infrastructure constructed by men, funded by taxes expropriated by men, and often on chilimony confiscated from men under penalty of imprisonment.

****** programs such as this one don't sound terribly promising…replacing one variant of Marxism with another is not what we should be working toward.

Passing the Hat

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Now that *The Spearhead* has been up and running for a while, I've finally got some indications of where the site is going and what I think it will become. *The Spearhead* started out very well, thanks to the excellent articles and link support from its contributors (not to mention the hubbub over PMAFT's scifi article), and has started to stabilize. However, while I was out of commission with the swine flu a couple weeks ago, it became pretty clear that without my frequent attention to the site its traffic drops very rapidly. *The Spearhead* is a content driven site, which is the best kind, but this means that it needs steady content and maintenance, so I've found myself putting a whole lot of work into it.

I do expect the site to continue to grow for some time. The goal from the beginning has been to create an outlet for content concerning men's issues, and that's what it has come to be known for. I'd like *The Spearhead* to be one of the first places people go when they want to know how men across the Anglosphere and beyond feel about the issues affecting them, and what their opinions happen to be. This is why I intend to continue offering a broad spectrum of opinions, news and experiences from men from many walks of life.

In order to continue to accomplish our goals, I'd like to offer more than a simple website. What I have in mind is publishing books that deal with what is discussed on *The Spearhead*. Fortunately, the technical side of book publishing, with which I have a lot of experience, is a lot better suited to small-scale publishing now than it was a mere decade ago. Writing and editing are still hard work, but thanks to digital publishing, publishers are no longer constrained by economies of scale to anywhere near the extent they were with offset printing. Small runs and even one-offs are now possible with very little overhead, and ordering and fulfillment can all be handled online.

However, despite having little overhead, it still exists. For starters, before I got sick we started hitting the memory limit for my shared hosting account, and the site was overwhelmed to the point of severe slowdowns, backend server errors and periodic crashing for a couple of days. What this means is that I'll have to get a virtual private server with adjustable memory capacity to grow beyond a certain point. I'm not sure how much extra this will cost, but it shouldn't be too much. Next, I plan on integrating the forum with the WordPress CMS. This won't cost me anything if I do itself, but that's something I'm a bit hesitant to do, because although I'm fairly competent with the technology, I am not by any means a professional programmer. Whether I do it myself or not, it will be a tricky job. Finally, I would like to purchase a block of ISBNs (International Standard Book Numbers) so that I can set up an account with Lightning Source (anyone interested in publishing should check this company out — very innovative business model) and get started with the publishing venture. The ISBNs, which must be sold in blocks due to the racket large publishers have set up, will be the largest expense, costing hundreds of dollars.

Now, for a little bit of disclosure about myself, I am recently divorced (April of this year) and despite having significant custody of my children (I wouldn't have it any other way) I'm still obliged to pay child support, which means that I am feeding my kids while they are with me and expected to do the same while they are with my ex — this is the price you pay for being an involved father, I suppose. I am self-employed, and business hasn't exactly been humming along lately, to put it mildly. On the positive side, this has given me the opportunity to put a lot of work into *The Spearhead*, but that

doesn't support me — not by any means. Fortunately, I am not a materialistic person; if I were, I wouldn't be a very happy camper right now.

Despite the fact that I don't like asking for money, it's something I have to do if I want to keep *The Spearhead* running and growing. At this point, I can accept donations through the Paypal donate button on the right sidebar. I'll probably get a PO BOX soon, but for now I'll have to accept Paypal nicking me for a couple percent for each donation.

So, for those of you who find *The Spearhead* a valuable resource and can afford to spare some funds, I'd really appreciate a donation. I'd like to thank all those who have already contributed to the site, including both writers and donors, and to offer my gratitude to those spreading the word.

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Think Twice, Young Man

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While I was in school in the 80s and early 90s, we children were given a great many warnings about the dangers of drugs, unsafe sex, talking to strangers, drunk driving, smoking, etc. We'd get literature about how we should always wear safety gear when bicycling or skateboarding, and we were frequently lectured about how our choices would affect our future. Sometimes older recovered addicts were brought in to tell us their stories, and we were subjected to graphic descriptions of drunk driving accidents. I'm not sure how much these programs helped steer kids clear of risky behavior, but I suspect they had some effect on the normal, obedient kids. Of course, their parents probably would have done the job just as well, but that's for another post. Today, kids are probably even warned about internet safety and the dangers of video game addiction. They really try to cover all the bases. Or do they?

For all the warnings of dire consequences for making incorrect choices, schools never bothered to mention a thing about marriage. Sure, it was OK to talk about sex and drugs, but not the most important choice most people make in their lives, and this despite the fact that the American family was disintegrating at a record pace during those unfortunate years.

Today, young men are probably better informed than we were back in the 90s, before the internet really took off, and due to the fact that the devastation of the traditional family is no longer swept under the rug (as it still was when I was a kid), they are probably a lot more skeptical of marriage. I have seen some evidence of this, as young men appear to be a lot more wary even of long-term relationships with young women than they were only ten or fifteen years ago. Of course, the sluttiness of young American women is off the charts these days, so there isn't much motivation for the young men to hook up long-term. This has a lot to do with why Italians were so shocked by Amanda Knox, who at one point boasted of doing a stranger in a train.

However, despite the stories I'm sure many young men have heard from friends and relatives, or the disasters seen first hand in their parents' marriages, I doubt they really know just how bad it can be when a marriage goes south. For example, I don't think very many of them know about VAWA, and that they can be thrown out of their own house on the basis of a single accusation without any hearing at all. Unlike earlier generations, they may be aware that plenty of wives cheat, but I doubt they know that getting upset about that and yelling insults can get them ordered into a domestic violence program that they must pay for, possibly as a condition for seeing their children, even if they never laid a hand on anyone. Do they know that if their wife gets physical with them and they attempt to restrain her, and then a neighbor calls the police, that someone is going to get arrested — probably the man? Additionally, they are probably unaware of just how merciless child support enforcement is, and how they can end up treated like a criminal – in fact, made a criminal – for losing a job. Did anyone tell them that their credit can be ruined or their passport revoked for falling behind for as little as a couple months?

In addition to the ruthless nature of family law, young men probably aren't aware of just how nasty the women they loved can be in divorce. Has anyone told them about how a wife can go from apparent emotional detachment to all out war in an afternoon? Or that many, many women think nothing of ripping children away from a father, even when they mean more to him than anything else in his life? No, people are usually too cowardly to tell the truth.

People may argue that these are adult issues that shouldn't be foisted on children. They may say that it would unduly traumatize and frighten young men to tell them this may happen, and anyway marriage is a private matter. They may say that, but the problem is that marriage is so heavily legislated that its dissolution can be far more consequential than being caught by the police with crack cocaine, and don't we tell young men stories about guys who lost everything and ended up in prison for drug offenses? Girls are taken aside and warned about teen pregnancy; why aren't boys taken aside and warned about it, too? They'll be on the hook for child support even if they are 13 years old and the woman who ~~seduced~~ raped them is 25!

The failure of the state to inform boys and young men about the dangers of marriage goes beyond neglect, and gets into the realm of willful malevolence. Not even an Army recruiter would withhold the fact that soldiers are killed in war, so why would the state make no effort to inform potential husbands of the risks of marriage, if not from callous cynicism? Parents who fail to do so are acting negligently, although I'm sure many fathers who have never been through divorce are intentionally ignorant about the dangers; who wants to contemplate such horrors, after all? But every mother in the United States surely knows how easy it is to divorce a man, take the children and receive monthly payments for doing so. This being the case, the burden falls more heavily on mothers with sons. Mothers who do not explicitly tell their sons what other women can do to them are failing their own children, and in all seriousness they should be ashamed of themselves for holding the interests of strange women above those of their own flesh and blood.

Unfortunately, the job is probably up to us — at least for now. Until our society confesses to its abominable treatment of men, we few rabble-rousers will be all there is to warn boys of the perils ahead. Ours may be a lonely voice in the crowd, but it's getting louder, and people are starting to fall silent and listen. We can only hope that the young hear us before it's too late.

In the Name of Science

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Lies, untruths, misconceptions, deception, propaganda and misinformation. These are all primary characteristics of our modern mass media "news" and "info-tainment." Of course, the best way to pass off all these illusions as reality is to always make these claims on the basis of unquestionable authority. It used to be the rulers of any given society used the concept of "GOD" or "GODS" to utilize the appeal to unquestionable authority to get their subjects to do what they desired of them.

Whether you believe in religion or not, one cannot look at human history and ignore the role of religion as social and behavioral control by the power structure of the church/state. Indeed, the rulers of any society have always understood the role of playing to people's beliefs to manipulate and control their behavior.

The biggest illusion that has been effected by the rulers of our current dystopia is the delusion that we live in a secular society that has separated church from the State, and that we are all better off for it.

No, what has actually been done, was to delude the masses into accepting a NEW church and State power structure…and that "church" is the idea of SCIENCE playing the role of being the ultimate arbiter for guiding human behavior.

Where the rulers of the past wielded authority "In the Name of God," we now live in a world where the dynamic is exactly the same – but now the appeal is "In the Name of Science."

But it's all a grand lie.

There are observable truths and reproducible results to testing hypothesis, that most of us recognize as the foundation for the "Scientific Method." Indeed, you won't find me trying to argue that there are many things mankind understands, and many technological advances that have been engineered and invented thanks to the rigid application of the Scientific Method by intellectually honest scientists.

The "grand lie" that is promoted by politicians, Government agencies, corporations, foundations, and of course the mainstream media, is to get the masses to believe something has been proven by scientists using the scientific method. In many cases, it's really just a rhetorical sleight of hand…a shell game.

Here are some common phrases used by the media/Government/Corporate Commercial interests to play this game of subtle mind manipulation:

> *"Research has shown…"*
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> *"Studies indicate…"*
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> *"The latest research…"*
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> *"A brand new study…"*

The real problem here is that in many cases, a very real study using a very rigorous application of the scientific method to produce a testable result that either proves or disproves a hypothesis has been done. Many great discoveries, inventions and revelations have helped mankind by doing exactly this. But in many of these cases, the scientific method was NOT used.

Actual research using a control group and double-blind studies have NOT been conducted. Many times, what IS done, is to use "statistical analysis" of data and information that either was gathered

for some other study, or a deliberately misleading study designed to reach a predetermined conclusion was conducted.

Then, when the latest corporate press release, or public service announcement by the Government or some non-profit foundation is made, it uses those types of aforementioned phrases…and the average, dumbed down sheeple consumer mindlessly accepts those pronouncements as "SCIENTIFIC FACTS" and they unwittingly and naively change their behavior based on what becomes conventional wisdom…

…all IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

If you recognize the truth in what I just wrote, you can actually step back and look at so many assumptions, ideas and things that you "just know" and realize that this subversive mind control has in fact been carried out on us in virtually every aspect of our modern, 21st century lives. It IS the defining zeitgeist of our Brave New World Order.

I've come to this realization through an intensive personal effort to research dietary truths out of a desire to attain better health and physical well being for myself. Doing my due diligence in researching this, I do believe I've seen exactly just how far this rabbit hole does go.

Before I was able to comprehend the scope of the deception and manipulation, I had to first wake up to the fact that by following the "conventional wisdom" was making me become exactly what I was trying to avoid in the first place – fat, overweight, out of shape and in poor physical health.

Throughout my entire 20's and early 30's, I was what I THOUGHT was a conscientious, healthy eater. Yet over those years, a slowly but surely kept gaining weight until I reached the point of either figuring out how to lose weight…or begin to start shopping for a new wardrobe to fit my expanding waist.

That truly was the very beginning of my journey into awareness, culminating in the realization that we do in fact live in a world of deliberately promulgated delusion to lead us all astray for the benefit of those who would promote such lies.

Here are a few of the lies I unquestionably accepted and followed when I thought I was eating "healthy:"

– Red Meat is bad for you.

- Saturated Fat is bad for you.

- A Plant-based diet, or being as "vegetarian" as you can - is optimal.

- That "Greasy" food is why so many people are obese and sickly.

To summarize what I learned — before I delve into the details here –

THE biggest corporate business interest in the world besides "BIG OIL" is "BIG AGRICULTURE."

And their influence on the Government, the mass media and society as a whole and their beliefs regarding diet and nutrition is far reaching and ubiquitous. It has hopelessly corrupted the medical and healthcare industries. It has hopelessly corrupted the Government. And a wide variety of interests have profited immensely from this, while literally millions of people have suffered ill health, disease and death because they THOUGHT they were following the dietary wisdom promulgated IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

To make a long story short, my research on the internet lead me to the principles of a "Primal" or "Paleo-lithic" diet. Lots of animal meat, and loads of saturated fat, no processed foods, no sugars or

vegetable oils, and limiting carbohydrates to lots of deep green vegetables.

The idea that I could eat bacon and eggs and cheese and ham and sausage every day, along with generous heaps of full fat sour cream, full fat yogurt, lots of butter, and heavy cream in my coffee and LOSE weight blew me away. I couldn't get passed my indoctrinated programming at first. Everything I read was counter to all of the accumulated "wisdom" of dietary conventional wisdom I'd been indoctrinated with over the years. I used margarine instead of butter. "Lite" coffee creamer. "Lite" sour cream or sour cream substitute. Everything I bought and ate was "Low Fat" or "Non-Fat" or "Lite." I would eat Turkey Bacon, and use ground turkey for any food recipes that called for ground beef, under the notion that lean, low-fat meat was healthier. And I would go for days at a time eating vegetarian meals, eschewing meat and fat, thinking I was eating healthy.

And yet I kept getting fatter and fatter.

And it's not that I was a lazy gluttonous slob either. I've been physically active my entire adult life…I work out a minimum of 4 times a week, often times 6 days a week. And yet the more "plant based" I tried to make my diet, and the harder I worked out, the fatter I continued to get.

So at first, upon discovering "Primal" dietary advice, I was very hesitant to try it out…but I eventually did. I began to eat a high protein/high saturated fat diet, while limiting my carbohydrates, sugars, vegetable oils and eschewing almost all processed, packaged foods. And I lost over 40 lbs. in a 3 month period.

And yet…I STILL couldn't believe what I was seeing on my bathroom scale or in the mirror. Part of me would think "Ok, I lost all this weight…but aren't I clogging my arteries and setting myself up for high cholesterol, heart disease cancer and diabetes?"

Than I REALLY began to do my research…and here's where we really get to the meat of the matter (pun intended!)

Let's start with this idea often cited by articles, PSA's, and news stories – that Red Meat causes cancer: From the National Cancer Institute

The first graph displayed on that page purports to show the amount of meat eaten by individuals that participated in the survey. From the reference to that first graph, I'm able to google up the website of the source of that questionnaire used to generate this graph…which is the basic means of gathering information used for the statistical analysis that eventually lead to "experts" promoting the propaganda that red meat causes cancer.

Here's the actual questionnaire (PDF) used to gather the data.

The food frequency portion of the questionnaire begins on page 176 of the PDF document.

Here's the standard question structure used for all of the questionnaire's survey on food:

> *During the past year or so, how many times per day, week, month or year, did you usually eat/drink {food or beverage}:*
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> *____ Times per (check one) __ Day __ Week __ Month __ Year __ Less than 6 a year or never*

How can such a study take a generalized question structure like this and even hope to get "accurate" data, to recommend making such life changing behaviors to people? Can YOU remember how many times you ate steak in the past year? Hot Dogs? Pizza?

Furthermore, there is almost no distinction between quality of food! It asks about fried foods…but no

distinction about what oils it is fried in nor at what temperatures (who could remember that anyways? Do you know what kind of oil your french fries were made in a year ago at that one McDonalds you had lunch at?)

It asks about food like Pizza. Is there not substantial difference between cheap, frozen pizza versus home-delivered vs. home made? And is not the toppings of a pizza, and the ingredients for the crust extremely variable?

It asks about how many times a year a person ate "Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers or Meatloaf." Again, the ingredients used to make these food items could be extremely variable.

And I didn't even get to the validity of bias selection in this survey. Look at the entire size of this survey. Frankly, I'm stunned that they supposedly found 500,000 people that willingly sat there for the amount of time required to fill out this questionnaire in it's entirety.

Finally, no matter how accurate these self-reported results are, can you not see the very fundamental flaw regarding the methodology?

That one could supposedly look at the sum totality of a reported diet, and point to red meat as the culprit?

Yet this is PRECISELY how all of those claims you encounter that red meat or saturated fats are bad for you…they do not conduct a scientific study using a control group and feed one group a lot of meat and saturated fats, while another group eats a vegetarian diet for a long period of time and than figure out which group had higher rates of cancer and/or heart disease. No, that would be an actual scientific experiment.

No, what we have here is essentially a marketing style survey and a statistical analysis. What was that saying again about there are lies, damn lies and than there are statistics?

This is precisely why every time you hear/read/see reports that promote the idea that red meat or saturated fat is a health hazard, they always use weaselly qualifiers:

> *"Researchers have **linked** high intake of fat from red meat and dairy products with **increased risk** of pancreatic cancer, in a study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute."*
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> Or
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> *"Research **has shown** that people who eat a diet free of animal products, high in plant foods, and low in fat have a **much lower risk** of developing cancer."*

So remember folks…the next time your in the grocery store, don't forget your plant-based high fructose corn syrup, your plant-based soybean oil margarine, your plant based, fortified cereal and your plant-based soymilk and your plant-based potato chips fried in plant-based cottonseed oil…you wouldn't want to eat real food like meat or dairy and get cancer!

Anyone interested in finding out just how far I've actually dug into this particular topic, you can find much more details on the following posts at my blog:

The Hammer and Sickle Diet

"A Plant Based Diet"

Our Brave New World Order's Dietary Wisdom

The Source of Dietary Deception

Sheeple Watching – FUPA

Suffrage Succotash

December 10, 2009 | by Jack Donovan | Link | Original Link

Every American man reading this grew up in a nation where women were expected to play a role in governing our nation by casting a vote that was equal in value to every man's vote.

Women make up almost 51% of the total population.

In a republic that employs democratic means to elect its governing representatives, more than 50% of the vote is a controlling interest. Assuming that women now cast their votes as individuals and not together with their husbands as they probably often did early on, the 19th Amendment effectively ceded a controlling interest in the government to women.

If men and women are more or less the same and share the same basic interests, the fact that there are more women exerting influence on government is utterly meaningless.

If, generally speaking, women behave differently and have interests that differ from the collective interests of men, then the fact that women are collectively able to exert a controlling interest at all levels of government is extremely significant.

It also follows that these differences in interests and behavior will have a cumulative impact on governance and culture.

If women are generally more collectivist in nature, unless there is some check against collectivism, it seems likely that over time the state will become progressively more collectivist.

If women are generally prone to any way of thinking, it seems likely that over time the state will progressively begin to reflect that way of thinking.

A seemingly slight derivation from a given path will, over a long distance, become a very significant derivation from the given path. It will ultimately lead to a different place entirely.

If all nations allow women to gain a controlling interest in their governments at the same time, the differences between nations in this regard will be minimal.

If one nation is governed with a male controlling interest and another nation is governed by a female controlling interest, and male and females have different tendencies, what are some possible outcomes?

Very few successful societies have ever allowed women to gain a controlling interest in governance.

This post advocates nothing in particular.

It is a mix of statements, thoughts and questions related to offering women the right to an equal vote or say in governance.

Some of those statements and thoughts may be incorrect, confusing or misleading.

Please feel free to make corrections or add additional statements related to the potential impact of women's suffrage on Western civilization, taking the long view.

What current trends seem to be the result of a female influence on the shaping of culture and government?

Why Men Should Avoid Women Writers

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There are a few obvious reasons as to why exercising caution with women who write for a living is essential, including the fact that they are the kind of women who not only are compelled to make their opinion heard by the entire world, but also have a great *volume* of opinions, of which one is likely to never hear the end. Another fairly simple fact is that a lot of writers are vain and drink a lot, which is often a recipe for adultery. Then, of course, there is the megalomania, the possibility that she will be a cruel mother with a tendency to run down her children in hurtful ways, and the arrogance that comes with any audience and tends to be exaggerated in females.

However, perhaps the most important reason not to have a long-term relationship with a female writer is that, inevitably, she will write about YOU, and the larger her audience the more uncomfortable and potentially humiliating that will be. There is nothing that says "beta" quite like a guy who allows his wife to humiliate him – even if unintentionally – in front of a multitude of strangers. And trust me, she *will* do this, because women, especially artistic or opinionated types, are moody and do not have a steady temperament.

Of course, I am not saying to avoid these women entirely. Perhaps some of them are great lovers, and one may find their company intellectually stimulating and spiritually enriching, if only for the opportunity of a case study. But the man who commits to her is throwing himself into the Colloseum to feed both hungry beasts and the amusement of the jeering, plebean horde.

Roissy recently posted a photo of a depression-era couple, remarking on the cheery disposition of the husband, who was waiting for work picking beans. As a comparison to the mood of the photo, in which the man's bashful wife graces the background, he linked a very long article from the NY Times in which the writer wife launches into an epic spiel against her husband. It is a painful read, but worthwhile if you are a man and want to get a good feel for the mood of American women.

Additionally, Whiskey recently posted an article on *The Spearhead* about the author of Julie and Julia, who openly discusses her choice to pursue an extramarital affair as though it was no more than hiring an independent contractor, trashing her poor, cuckolded husband in the process.

Throughout the ages, there have been many male writers, most of them married at some point. I can't think of one single famous male writer who explicitly trashes his wife in his published works, but now that women are happily publishing away, spouse-bashing in print has become the norm.

Is there anything more disgusting than a woman who exposes her intimate life to the entire world? Is there anything more humiliating to a man than to have his most vulnerable self reluctantly hoisted onto the public stage?

Shame is a forgotten concept these days. Women who write will have none of it, and they revel in the power of public display. Just as Mackenzie Phillips found glory in the revelation of her alleged consensual, adult sex with her own father, the new generation of female American writers like nothing better than to dissect their husbands in front of a drooling crowd.

If ever a woman tells you she is a writer, it would be best to reveal as little as possible to her. If you are foolish enough to conjoin your life with hers, in the end, you'll be no more than an unsympathetic character in a sensational, but ultimately forgettable, romance novel at best.

From Tiger Woods to Phil Hartman

December 11, 2009 | by Pro-male/Anti-feminist Tech | Link | Original Link

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What happened to Tiger Woods isn't being taken seriously by most of our society. This is no surprise. One example of this is a skit from the most recent episode of Saturday Night Live. (The skit can be viewed on Hulu, which may not work if you are outside the US, or on Youtube.)

The only reaction to this video has been that it was in "poor taste" because Rhianna was the musical guest for that episode. However, the sketch itself is very interesting for what it tells us about the societal view of female on male domestic violence. In the skit, Elin is set off by very small things, such as Tiger Woods' cell phone ringing. As it goes on, we are supposed to accept explanations for what is happening to Tiger Woods that are more and more implausible, such as Tiger Woods falling down a flight of stairs and throwing himself through a window, to Tiger Woods driving a car that he ran himself over with, etc. There is also a throwaway line about not blaming Cadillac for what happened with the car. Since female on male domestic violence isn't taken seriously, someone else (Tiger Woods, General Motors, etc.) has to be blamed no matter how absurd. Throughout the skit, Tiger Woods makes comments about how strong Elin is, because supposedly she must be strong for any type of domestic violence to happen. This is not the case.

One reason that domestic violence against men is not taken seriously is that men on average are stronger than women. There are many problems with this idea. The most obvious is that men are afraid to defend themselves against women because they will be thrown in prison regardless of the actual circumstances. The advantage of strength can be nullified. One quick way of doing that is to pull out a gun. No matter how strong a man is, he isn't going to stop a bullet. Knowledge of martial arts is another. Recently, there was the story of a "Mr. Zhang" in China who was constantly battered by his wife. She battered Mr. Zhang using Kung Fu, the martial art that she had practiced since she was a child. Evidently, domestic violence against men isn't taken seriously in China either. Mr. Zhang was only able to get a contract stating that his wife would only batter him once a week. This contract was to be enforced by his in laws. Such a thing is absurd (but what can be expected from a woman who says that "she can't help herself") and shouldn't be necessary. I'm not familiar with the Chinese legal code, but I'm certain assault and battery is illegal in China. Thus, this proves that domestic violence against men in China is treated in a similar manner as in the West.

Another example is Carolyn Brown of Louisiana, who poured boiling grits on her boyfriend while he was sleeping. As he was asleep his strength advantage was nullified. There are plenty of others, including Lorena Bobbit's attack on her husband.

All the men I have mentioned so far have one thing in common: they are still alive. Phil Hartman wasn't so lucky. You may remember Phil Hartman from TV shows such as Saturday Night Live and Newsradio and movies such as Three Amigos. Hartman had many problems with his poorly-behaved third wife, Brynn. She had been addicted to drugs and in and out of rehab several times. Brynn was known for having trouble controlling her anger and losing her temper to gain attention. This came to a head in 1998 when Brynn, while drunk and on coke, committed an act of domestic violence murdering Phil Hartman. With all of her problems, why didn't Phil Hartman leave? Only Phil Hartman knows that, but some possibilities are that, despite the fact that Brynn had major substance abuse problems, a divorce court would have sided with her in distribution of assets. Even if that was the case, wouldn't that have been worth it for Phil Hartman? He would recover. Probably, except

they had two children. Given that women typically receive custody of children in divorce unless they're eating the children, the children would have been stuck with Brynn and all of her problems. Phil Hartman wouldn't have been there to protect his children. I would not be surprised if this is the reason that Phil Hartman never divorced Brynn, and led to his tragic death.

These men I have written about are all well known. Many men are suffering in silence as victims of domestic violence. It is now known that women are perpetrators in 50% of domestic violence incidents. Given that men aren't likely to report women committing domestic violence against them, it's safe to say that women commit more domestic violence than is reported. This is a deadly serious issue for millions of men, famous and ordinary alike.

The Long Reach of The Spearhead

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While perusing my favorite Google Analytics feature – the map overlay – I thought our readers might be interested in knowing where their brothers in arms come from. To put it plainly, pretty much everywhere. 108 countries in all. From Hafnarfjordur to Harare, Hamburg to Novo Hamburgo (Brazil), and from Sapporo to Swansea we have a nascent international brotherhood forming around The Spearhead. Of course, most of our readers are in the US, but can anyone guess which city reads *The Spearhead* more than any other? London England claims that honor, beating out even New York City, which comes in at number two. Canada, for its part, provides more readers per capita than any other English speaking country, while Australia makes a very strong showing in that department as well. Outside of the Anglosphere, pound for pound, the most avid readers of *The Spearhead* of all are the Finns, those tenacious denizens of Europe's frozen north. If anything should give us cause for hope, it is that the same men who fought Stalin's Red Army to a standstill, despite being vastly outnumbered, are apparently really pissed off about feminism.

I noticed with some pleasure that we have readers in Beijing, where I spent a couple of years blissfully free from American feminism, and we have a contingent in Istanbul, a place I'd love to visit. I was curious when I saw that we have readers in Iran; what must they think when they read about what it is like to be a man in the West? Are they relieved not to be a part of it, or just bewildered by it all? A reader in Lagos, Nigeria has spent a good deal of time reading our site, and quite a number of hits have popped up in South Africa.

Of countries with no direct link to the West through population or geography, India and Japan have contributed the most readers. In Japan, at least, I suspect that most are expatriates, but I really don't know — maybe the Japanese find our subjects relevant as well. As for India, I know that feminism is a modern form of Western Imperialism, which is still alive and well in that long-exploited land, and it seems a few far-seeing Indian men are beginning to wake up and educate themselves about the new menace.

In general, one finds the most hits from countries in which feminism has become a serious problem. As one moves from Western to Eastern Europe, readership declines precipitously. It also declines markedly from north to south in Europe. Most of Africa is uncharted territory, but there are hits in unlikely places, such as Kampala and Harare. The Middle East, surprisingly, yields a decent number of readers, but that is likely due to Western enagagement with its people, who are being force-fed feminist ideology, in many instances at gunpoint. We have a number of fellow readers in South America, in fact, surprisingly many in Colombia and Venezuela, and quite a few in Brazil. Chile is blank, at least in the last week. Men must be very content in Chile — perhaps it would be a good place to visit.

It is very interesting to see that men all over the world are interested in the same issues that affect us right here at home in the belly of the feminist beast. That we can reach out is encouraging; maybe we help men in other parts of the world avoid our grim fate, and perhaps they can offer a helping hand to their fellow men who are languishing in the West under the scourge of rampant feminism.

In this comment thread, it would be great to hear from people from all over the world, and I'd especially like to encourage those who are not from English speaking countries to chime in (don't be bashful about your English). What brings you here, and after reading *The Spearhead*, how do you feel

about Western feminism? Is it an unstoppable juggernaut, destined to gain dominion over the entire planet, or can it be smashed like the other evil, totalitarian ideologies of the last century?

A Note on Commenting

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I've noticed that there has been a minor debate about the comments on The Spearhead. That's fine; that's part of what the comments are for — hashing things out.

I'll explain why I am as liberal about commenting as I am, but first, I'd like to point out that there *is* a commenting policy, and that it is enforced. Fortunately, people are, for the most part, pretty good about adhering to it. The main point of the commenting policy is to keep people on topic and prevent out-of-control flame wars. So far, it's been fairly effective, but when it fails and certain people can't can't suppress their tendency to start conflagrations, I'll step in and break out the fire extinguisher. Of course, any cheap shots such as "outing" people or exposing others' private personal details (e.g. job, family, address, etc.) on this site will be dealt with first and with alacrity.

However, as the internet has become an established part of our lives, I've developed the philosophy that fighting its nature is pointless. I would rather take a Daoist approach, and allow the information to flow through its natural channels. Not everything that everyone posts is entirely accurate or relevant, and some of the streams of thought can be pretty murky, but there's often gold dust in silty water all the same. Maybe it takes a bit of work to sluice it out, and naturally we don't all have time for that, but it's there for the taking if you care to put in the effort.

Back in the early 90s, when the militia movement came to prominence, many people were operating in an information vacuum, especially those in the rural areas, who were largely ignored by an arrogant, all-powerful media. All sorts of conspiracy theories popped up, and people in cities were often quick to dismiss them as the ravings of ignorant, mentally imbalanced rednecks. Some of the ideas were bunk, but not all. I remember the jokes about "black helicopters" that journalists in big cities often made. Well, you know what? There *were* unmarked, black helicopters flying around the wilderness, and they were a part of the government's intrusion into the lives of citizens. Anyone ever heard of the DEA? For all I know, there were other government agencies flying around out there as well. Our government had all sorts of creepy programs that people weren't supposed to know about. Hell, they still do. Remember the "renditions" where we'd fly people all over the world to avoid torture laws? That was, what, five years ago?

The point is that the internet filled in a lot of information gaps that led to crazy conspiracy theories. That was a good thing for two reasons: first, it exposed clandestine domestic operations, and secondly, it allowed people who would otherwise have been in the dark access to *more plausible and realistic explanations*, because although the crazy ideas continued to be out there, people had much more to choose from, and in the light, truth tends to win by attrition.

When a contributor posts something to *The Spearhead*, they are putting out an idea or opinion in the plain light of day. People are free to question it, find flaws, and generally remark upon it. If it is a good idea – even if it has a few flaws – that will strengthen it. If it's just plain wrong, then all the better to find out quickly and move on to the next one. For my part, I don't mind being wrong. That's just the way I am. Sometimes, I love ideas so much that simply coming up with them is the greatest pleasure. In those cases, I count myself as fortunate when someone else comes along and offers critique; that's work I didn't have to do myself. In fact, some ideas I come up with have such terrible implications that I *want* them to be proven wrong. Finally, a writer without an editor is going to have a hell of a lot more work on his hands, and the end result won't be as good. Commenters are like

editors, or quality control inspectors, etc.

If a feminist or other dissenting commenter wants to put some effort into challenging the posts, that's a good thing. Either our ideas hold up, or they don't. If you say you've got a flying machine, it had better go airborne when you start the thing up. If it doesn't, it's back to the drawing board. So as long as critics adhere to a few rules to keep the discourse relevant and relatively civilized, they are free to fire away. As for those who come up with their own ideas or opinions in the comments, they should expect to be held to a similar standard. And critique is subject to its own scrutiny; if it is misdirected or ridiculous it will only backfire and discredit itself.

All in all, truth is the goal, and although sometimes it can be hard to pick out in this age of roaring torrents of data, nevertheless there is more of it than in a trickling stream, and men have a genius for finding the eddies and lees where it settles to the riverbed.

Marital Insurance: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

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Men are resorting to increasingly desperate measures to protect themselves from the huge risks inherent in marriage. Prenups have exploded in popularity, and despite Tiger Woods' recent cop-out and capitulation, are proving effective. Men are becoming more discerning when it comes to choosing a wife, which probably goes a good ways toward explaining the rise in illegitimacy rates — many women are having to resort to tricking men into impregnating them out of wedlock to have children at all. Society is awakening to the fact that women are far from the morally unimpeachable angels that white knighting old fools fantasize about. However, none of this is enough. Given the miserable state of millions of divorced men, it is obvious that men need a lot more.

One thing that could definitely gain some traction is marital insurance. People have always sought out health and life insurance, because everyone knows that a disaster or accident could strike from out of the blue, cutting down young or old, healthy or sick and rich or poor alike. It's just a fact of life that adults accept. But what about divorce? This catastrophe is far more likely to cut a man down in the prime of life than cancer, a serious car accident, or even falling and breaking a leg on an icy sidewalk. A wife can go from calculated pleasantries to blitzkrieg divorce war while a man is at work, entirely unaware of her scheme, and he can come home to flashing lights, armed men and an order to collect his "personal belongings" and immediately leave and stay at least one mile away from his home and family.

In these cases, far too many men are left with no help, no options, and literally nowhere to sleep. No man is safe; I have heard from policemen who were forced to sleep at the station because their wives had seized their bank accounts and obtained orders throwing them out of the house. Many men must sleep in their cars, and others in their offices if they are lucky. There are no shelters for these men. In fact, the only shelter always open to them is jail, because they are commonly labeled "perpetrators" whether or not they have been convicted of crimes.

An innovative solution to the acute crisis of marital separation is an insurance policy to cover the short-term costs in such an event. A man with marital insurance, upon being ordered out of his house and thrown into the cold, unforgiving night, could obtain temporary lodging pending finding a new place to live, funds for food and gas, and enough money to pay a retainer to a good family law attorney. More comprehensive forms of marital insurance could include counseling, private investigator services, and temporary backup for any bank accounts seized or liquidated by the wife.

Not being an attorney, I'm not sure exactly what the laws are surrounding such forms of insurance, but in a search I found that a number of patent applications have already been filed for marriage insurance. Obviously, I'm neither the first nor the only one who has thought of it, and people are apparently taking the idea seriously.

In addition to protecting men in the event of a sudden divorce, divorce insurance could prevent a number of men from making the wrong choice in the first place. Just as an insurance rate varies according to the value of the asset and risks involved, a method could be developed to calculate which women are good bets and which ones are not. The more statistically likely a woman would be to divorce, the higher the insurance rate. Knowing how much a wife would cost to insure could give men a much better idea of whether marrying her is a good idea or not. If, for example, a young female intern in a family law firm cost, say, $500/month to insure, many men might opt for a new car

instead of marriage and save themselves from a future catastrophe.

Complicated times call for extraordinary measures, and this might be one that could tide over men until we can finally do away with the current mess and try something better.

The Cultural Devastation of and By Feminist Women: Tell Your Stories

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In 2006, social commentator Nancy Levant came out with a book titled "THE CULTURAL DEVASTATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN: The Strange and Frightening Decline of The American Female (and Her Dreadful Timing)." In it she said many things that American men had been saying for decades, against very pervasive and systematized resistance to, and denial of, their message. Men's criticisms had long been dismissed with accusations of "misogyny" or "backlashing" or claims that the men were just "angry" or "bitter" or "threatened by losing their power."

The social movement of the last half of the 20th Century started out being called "women's liberation" but eventually came to be termed "2nd Wave Feminism." While many who call themselves "feminists" will point to a dictionary definition of feminism as being about something like "equal rights for women", their idea of "equality" always seems rooted in a presumption of victimhood and the pursuit of "equal rights" always translates into actions taken to seek ever expanding special privileges and entitlements for women. With this as justification, any restriction on women's behavior is seen as coming from their historic "oppression" and any validity it might have in protecting other people and the culture as a whole from unrestrained infantile self-indulgence is simply ignored and refuted.

The result of this has been a couple of generations of women terribly stunted in their emotional development and maturation, and given to the most unbelievable excesses of behavior under the rubric of "empowerment". Any observation of this has been attacked by women, feminists, and feminist apologists twisting legitimate criticism of socially destructive and pathological behaviors into ridiculous strawmen arguments like "wanting to send all women back to the kitchen, barefoot and pregnant."

This is what makes Levant's criticism of the same selfish, excessive, and anti-social behaviors so refreshing.

> "The Cultural Devastation of American Women is a factual investigation into American women's misunderstanding and abuse of liberation. Levant burrows into the psyches and habits of American women. She exposes over-spending, over-decorating, obsessions with beauty, weight, social climbing, and the hiring of traditional female functions, demonstrating a rejection of biological instincts and behaviors.
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> Levant exposes demanding, unreasonable, and incompetent mothers. She delves with brutal frankness into women and marriage, child rearing, divorce, hypochondria, self-absorption, and vanity – challenging the assumption that political feminism liberated women from social bondage.

The "social bondage" she mentions is, of course, simply those restraints on impulsive, thoughtless, selfish, behaviors which are necessary to allow people to live together in a civilized manner without destroying each other's lives. Since the mid-20th century women, as a group, have indeed been freed from having to show any concern at all for the effects of their own actions, and "choices", on the lives of others – to the extent that the right to terminate the lives of their unborn children remains the

flagship issue for feminists.

Where Levant fails is that she still holds on to the illusion that feminism ever had any other purpose or intent. As a movement and ideology, feminism desperately grasps at the work done by the suffragettes in securing the right to vote for women. Levant dismisses this notion, but puts forth another equally idealistic and unrealistic one given the actual observed behavior of women today.

> "Many Westernized women took a wrong turn, and particularly so in the United States. American women allowed for the corruption of feminism – the complete and total corruption of feminism – and the results have devastated our nation.
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> **Feminism was not born in the Suffragette Movement.** The Suffragettes were women who fought, and mostly with dignity, for the right to vote and higher education. They were not culture-damaging women. They were mothers and wives. They fought for representation and fairness and nothing more. Feminism, as defined by today's standards, was born during the Sexual Revolution, which was born from widespread recreational drug use by American teenagers. Why no one ever made the connection is beyond me, but that is the truth of the matter. When youths in high schools and colleges were high, widespread sexual activity was the fallout. It's the same phenomenon as the bar mentality – get drunk and sleep with anybody who is willing. Once American youth were openly sleeping with all their friends, including ones of the same sex, and at the same time under the influence of a one or two decade-long marijuana, cocaine, LSD, hashish, amphetamine party, a mindset kicked in, which perverted the very essence of feminism.
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> **The resulting politicizing of feminism all but destroyed what it means to be a natural and biological female. In fact, feminism became a movement based upon anger, demands, and a demand that women think and believe in a prescribed and documented agenda.** Political feminism actually worked to recapture the free will of women. Try disagreeing with a political feminist and discover what a dumb ass your free will has become. Try disagreeing with anything a political feminist has to say about anything.
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> Feminism is not brute-force politics. **With bated breath, I will tell you what feminism is. Feminism is the result of women who feed and grow their spiritual and biological gifts. That is its sole definition.**

(Hm. In my entire life I have never met a "feminist" who fit that definition.)

But, she does go on from there to lay it on the line –

> Many, many contemporary **American women are emotional messes. They are pathologically vain, materialistic** as clearly demonstrated in their overly decorated, sterile home, and landscaped yards; are **grossly self-involved, horrible and mean-spirited mothers and wives, and they are constantly, incessantly, angry and neurotic. American women are shallow.** They openly accept television, Hollywood, and magazines as role models for their daughters and themselves. **They abuse money and spend thousands upon thousands of dollars annually for beauty regimens, diet supplements, day spas, trinkets, and gym memberships. Many are addicted to a whole array of over-the-counter drugs and beauty aids.** This is liberation?

Unlike Levant, the vast majority of women in feminist countries remain either unaware or in complete denial of the wholesale breakdown in civilized behavior by women. Even with signs everywhere one looks, any attempt to draw attention to the magnitude and pervasiveness of the problem will be met either with the same old denial and personal attacks, or the meaningless dodge "but NOT ALL women are like that." The net result has been to provide cover, aid, and succor to a group of women that truly is an enemy to the preservation of a functioning civilization.

Every time the subject comes up, the story is always the same – someone, most often a woman, will attempt to "kill the messenger" and silence him. However, as time has gone on, the behavior of women has become so outrageous and destructive that even women are starting to take notice – such as the example of Levant, above, or this piece in the Daily Mail in the UK: "The ego epidemic: How more and more of us women have an inflated sense of our own fabulousness" by Lucy Taylor -

> Us women are more egocentric and narcissistic than we ever used to be, according to extensive research by two leading psychologists.
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> More of us have huge expectations of ourselves, our lives and everyone in them. **We think the universe resolves around us, with a deluded sense of our own fabulousness, and believe we are cleverer, more talented and more attractive than we actually are.**
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> **We have trouble** accepting criticism and **extending empathy because we are so preoccupied with ourselves.**

One bit of insight on the reason for this strange cooperative denial by women, despite the vast amount of evidence right in front of their faces, is referenced in a recent article on the popular men's website Men's News Daily – The Making of a Men's Rights Activist: A Letter to a Departed Friend

> At the conclusion of our discussion, when you finally, and brutally honestly, declared that **you didn't care if women's advancement meant that men would be treated unequally and unfairly — that they would have to unjustly suffer, even as they would be expected to fully support women's interests** — I was stunned, to say the least. It was a devastating epiphany to realize that **you placed the interests of women that you would never know ahead of whatever affection you felt for your own male family and friends – and ahead of any sense of justice. Instead of fairness, justice, and family, you acknowledged that it was all about grabbing power.** Perhaps I was naïve, and perhaps I overreacted, but to a significant degree, **my general affection for women was shattered by what you told me, and was replaced with a sense of wary distrust. My view of women as men's "better half" was destroyed. I saw that women were intent on being men's competitors in a "winner-take-all" competition.**

The writer's friend, about 30 years ago, obviously had the same inability to extend empathy due to being so preoccupied with herself and the concerns of women. And, it was about this same time (being about the same age as Jay Riggs) that I began to notice that same obsession with self and fundamental disregard for all others among women.

Against the backdrop of the pervasive cultural mythology that women are the "relationship experts", and are "caring and nurturing", this self-centered willingness to exploit anyone while at the same time demanding support from everyone sounds very much like the observation of women made by Florence Nightingale –

> Women have no sympathy . . . And my experience of women is almost as large as Europe. And it is so intimate too. **Women crave for being loved, not for loving. They scream at you for sympathy all day long, they are incapable of giving any in return for they cannot remember your affairs long enough to do so.**
> - Florence Nightingale

Now, recently, we have had a woman here wanting men to write a "manifesto" about what men want, which she will toss from the rooftops in NYC and DC. And, it somewhat baffled her that her initial suggestion to ""wipe the slate clean" and start over on better terms between men and women was rebuffed in a fairly cold, and sometimes hostile, manner.

On the one hand, it is difficult to maintain a hard enough heart to hear someone who gives every impression of being completely sincere and reject her message. But, on the other hand, years of experience with women who have made every bit as compelling a pitch, then the moment they got what they wanted turned around and seemed as if they had promptly forgotten that getting what they wanted was viewed by the other person as the beginning and only part of an exchange that would involve some reciprocity on the woman's part, have made many men skeptical, wary, and distrustful – just like Jay Riggs above.

My first take at coming up with an answer to what men wanted, and testing the water to see if more women than just her were interested, was titled "Do Western Women Want Gender Peace?", because after years of one-sided exploitation, and being lied to by women, one non-negotiable demand by men for engaging women again is sincere effort on women's part to have a relationship based on reciprocity rather than solely on exploitation of the man for her benefit and entertainment.

But, from the responses by men to the thread, maybe I should have also asked the question – do western men want gender peace with western women? Because, it seems like a lot of men who responded to the question "what do you want from women?" answered with "For them to go the hell away and leave me alone." Sometimes relationships reach a point where they are damaged beyond repair.

It is quite baffling to a lot of men – at least until their positive view of women is completely destroyed by women's selfish exploitation – that women seem to be so unwilling to give even the tiniest bit of consideration to the man's point of view and experiences. Men who post on internet boards, blogs, and discussion lists are well aware of an absolute stone wall of resistance which exists any place women are allowed to be present. And in the face of this it becomes very difficult for a man to believe a woman who seems to be asking to make peace because it comes across as "why don't you just forget about everything bad I have ever done to you and start giving me what I want again so that I can keep using you and jerking you around."

While "forgiveness" is a wonderful thing, it can also be a foolish thing when that forgiveness is used for nothing more than an opening to repeat the same exploitive and destructive behaviors.

The excessive, neurotic, behaviors discussed by Nancy Levant, and the selfishness and utter comtempt for others discussed by Jay Riggs and Lucy Taylor, have left a trail of wreckage of other people's lives of unbelievable proportions in its wake. The so-called "liberation" of women has freed them from all legal and social restraints against destroying people's lives with their selfishness, so men are left on their own to deal with that.

Anoukange suggested that we create a collection of stories of the damage women have done to others, and she has promised to throw them from the rooftops. Whether or not that actually does any

good, I think it would be useful to have a compendium for readers of the Spearhead to tell their own particular stories of female destructiveness.

So, use this as an opportunity to tell your story – what sort of trail of destruction have feminist women left in your life?

And the Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize is…

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Nobama:

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2009/press.html

Color me surprised *rolls eyes*

In other US news: Monday, December 7 was the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Pearl_Harbor

Funny that nobody talks about that.

Spearhead on Twitter

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Although I really don't care much for the name "Twitter," it seems to be a fairly popular social networking service, so I obtained a Twitter account for *The Spearhead* and installed the Twitter Tools WordPress plugin, which creates a tweet each time a post is published.

I'm not sure whether we'll take to twittering anything besides posts, but evidently Twitter does make it easier to share links, so it should have some value.

So if you tweet, come on over and follow *The Spearhead* on Twitter.

The Right Woman

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One idea I've seen put forth by a few female commenters on *The Spearhead* is that if only men were wise enough to choose "the right woman" they could avoid the catastrophes that so often afflict them in marriage and divorce. There is probably an element of truth to this, but as with so many cure-alls, it is missing the bigger picture.

First, we should ask what is the "right woman?" If we are to take a woman's opinion, she is intelligent, educated, independent, self-confident, capable, attractive and in control. How do I know this? Because this is how women are always portrayed in media designed to appeal to them, and we know it works, because women consume a great deal of material that is designed to cast them in that light.

If we were to ask a man, we'd get a significantly different ideal. Men – at least most of them – want women who are pretty, kind, caring, not stupid, modest and helpful. Not opposite, but a pretty big difference from what women think of as the ideal woman. A couple of these qualities are mutually exclusive, such as self-confident and modest, and others, such as in control and helpful, are quite different from each other. Even pretty and attractive are distinctly different concepts; attractive suggests the kind of woman who gets a lot of looks on the street, while pretty describes the girl who gives a man a feeling of a more privately shared desire. Finally, there is a pretty big difference between not stupid and intelligent: studies have shown that the more intelligent women are than average, the less likely men are to marry them.

Obviously, not all guys want the same thing, and fortunately human diversity does a great job of offering plenty of options. However, there is a looming archetype that casts a shadow over relationships between men and women in our culture, and it does a great deal of damage to the real partnerships that men and women create. This archetype is a product of the darker aspects of femininity — the drive for social dominance in particular.

Men are often unaware of the brutally competitive nature of women, who are far more conscious of social hierarchy than men. Men create hierarchies in order to get things done; they recognize that abilities and talents differ, and that each man therefore has a different place. They choose their leaders for qualities such as courage, charisma and righteousness. As Jack Donovan recently pointed out, men follow those they admire for their inherent qualities, and then they grace them with external honors. With women, this is inverted: women tend to view the inherent qualities as products of the external honors. The queen is superior *because of her crown*, and the prince more desirable because of his castle and fine steed. Men can only understand the appeal that a fairy tale such as Cinderella holds for women on an intellectual level after a good deal of life experience; for women the story hits them at a visceral level that they can feel from a very young age. The poor stepdaughter is scorned by by her privileged stepsisters until her fairy godmother comes to the rescue, and suddenly she is surrounded by finery and assumes social superiority over all other women. For boys, it is internal qualities, such as super powers, that allow them to rise above. As we know, most superheroes are ordinary guys when off the job, and refrain from using their powers in a social context. This is a profound difference.

It is this difference that makes women better consumers than men, and in our consumerist society the cultural emphasis has naturally shifted toward encouraging consumption by the most effective means.

In the case of women, this is an appeal to the most basic components of the desire for elevated social status. Being a consumer is about more than simply buying things; it is also about *buying into things*. We all know that women account for the vast bulk of consumer spending in the West, but there is a reason they are coming to dominate university enrollment and high status professional jobs as well. For years, the message that having a degree or a job as, say, a doctor, confers social superiority has been rammed down people's throats through popular entertainment. Men have long known that being a physician is a lucrative job, and quite a few have been attracted to the profession for that reason among others, but few boys become doctors because they idolized the hunks in white coats who so often appear in soap operas and TV dramas. For a woman, however, making the rounds and declaring herself a doctor at social events is a satisfying exercise. Likewise, boasting about her degree from a good school is a great pleasure. The social credit she gets from these honors is a reward in and of itself.

Women's natural focus on social hierarchy combined with their overrepresentation as consumers has inexorably pushed us toward a more socially hierarchical society that is alien to most men. In a way, we are living in a world that increasingly reflects daytime soap operas, and many boys and men simply don't understand the logic of this new society. It truly has become a woman's world, and the characteristics that men find attractive in women simply aren't relevant to it. In this world, a woman who wants to achieve her natural, instinctive goals will have to adopt a persona that is inherently unattractive to men. A woman of inherent quality and capability, therefore, will often be more repellent to men than a rather unremarkable girl, because her very ability to fulfill her desires will lead her to resemble an archetype that makes her a poor choice for a mate. This probably explains why highly intelligent women find it so much more difficult to find a mate than their dimmer sisters.

Most men are thus left with a difficult choice: either partner with a woman of inherent quality who has become unappealing because of her ability, or settle with a second-rate woman who has not only because she lacks the wherewithal. Neither choice is likely to lead to happiness.

We have created a society that virtually precludes girls from becoming the "right woman." Few men in my generation will have the opportunity to find the right woman, and most of those who manage to make it through with an intact marriage probably won't ever know what such a woman is. Perhaps that is for the better; what good could it possibly do them to know what women were like before the great cultural shift of the late 20th century?

Perhaps the most tragic thing about this is that the few women who really are the right women for men, those scattered renegades of their sex, are the ones most likely to suffer at the hands of dominant women. They are the real Cinderellas in a world dominated by evil stepmothers and stepsisters. Perhaps the old fairy tale is the best metaphor for our modern society: the gracious diligent woman is consigned to the ashy hearth while the harridan and her ungainly brood rule the roost.

Writing in Tongues: Feminist Language

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> When women's experience is made intelligible in the communications of consciousness raising we can recognize that it is in the structures of men's stories of the world that women don't make sense — that our own experience, collectively and jointly appreciated, can generate a picture of ourselves and the world within which we are intelligible.
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> -*Women, Knowledge and Reality*, Ann Garry and Marilyn Pearsall

When it comes to language, I am something of a conservative. There is little that annoys me more than the propagation of ugly, obtuse and unintelligible writing. This is one of the reasons I admire Orwell, who vigorously protested the degeneration of the English language in essays and books, most notably 1984.

Feminists, for their part, often appear to have taken it upon themselves to wage war on the English language. The style and language they use, which employs a number of neologisms and, dare I say, "neosemanticisms," could be described as having some attributes that mimic classical philosophy, but the effect is more what one might expect from a gang of axe-wielding orcs set loose upon an ancient, wooded grove.

Hallowed academe, once the keeper of the classics, has been invaded by a new form of literature; one that has metastasized throughout the stacks of libraries, shoving the beautiful old books full of clear, delightful language to the margins. Here, I'd like to offer a few examples of what kind of text can be found in a typical humanities class in the 21st century, and leave it up to the reader to determine why boys and men are fleeing these institutions:

> "The power of the Marxian critique of class domination stands as an implicit suggestion that feminists should consider the advantages of adopting a historical materialist approach to understanding phallocratic domination."
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> –Nancy Hartsock in *"The Feminist Standpoint"*

This is the first sentence of Hartsock's essay. The term "phallocratic domination" is a euphemism for patriarchal society, i.e. rule by men, which is the norm throughout most of the world. Hartsock reduces this to rule by penis. Both Hartsock and I live in Washington state, which is largely ruled by women. Our governor and two senators are female. How would feminists react if men were to call that a "vaginocracy?" Essentially, Hartsock is reducing men to their genitals, which is a very primitive slur. This is easy to do when one has a guaranteed position at a university, and contradicts her fundamental premise that penises rule.

Nancy Hartsock is a tenured professor of Political Science at the University of Washington in Seattle.

> "The relation between ourselves as practicing sociologists and ourselves as working women is continually visible to us, a central feature of experience of the world, so that the bifurcation of consciousness becomes for us a daily chasm which is to be crossed, on the one side of which is this special conceptual activity of thought, research, teaching, administration, and on the other the world of concrete practical activities of keeping things clean, managing somehow the house and household and the children, a world in which the particularities of persons in their full organic immediacy (cleaning up the vomit, changing diapers, as well as feeding) are inescapable. Even if we don't have that as a direct contingency in our lives, we are aware of that as something that our becoming may be inserted into as a possible predicate."
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> –Dorothy E. Smith in *"Women's perspective as a Radical Critique of Sociology"*

Here, Dorothy Smith, who also published *"Feminism and Marxism: a place to begin, a way to go"*, expresses in convoluted terms her anger and frustration about how her maternal duties imposed upon the "conceptual activity" that she apparently cherished. In fact, her grief is shared by plenty of women who are not conceptually capable, and she is simply a more verbose (although far from eloquent, as the quote clearly demonstrates) example of the woman who just doesn't want to be bothered by motherhood. Note how she uses "predicate" where she clearly intends "predicament."

Dorothy Smith is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

> One phenomenon feminist historians have focused on is the rape and torture metaphors in the writings of Sir Francis Bacon and others (e.g. Machiavelli) enthusiastic about the new scientific method. Traditional historians and philosophers have said that these metaphors are irrelevant to the real meanings and referents of scientific concepts held by those who used them and by the public for whom they wrote. But when it comes to regarding nature as a machine, they have quite a different analysis: here, we are told, the metaphor provides the interpretations of Newton's mathematical laws: it directs inquirers to fruitful ways to apply his theory and suggests the appropriate methods of inquiry and the kind of metaphyiscs the new theory supports. But if we are to believe that mechanistic metaphors were a fundamental component of the explanations the new science provided, why should we

> believe that the gender metaphors were not? A consistent analysis would lead to the conclusion that understanding nature as a woman indifferent to or even welcoming rape was equally fundamental to the interpretations of these new conceptions of nature and inquiry. Presumably these metaphors, too, had fruitful pragmatic, methodological, and metaphysical consequences for science. In that case, why is it not as illuminating and honest to refer to Newton's laws as "Newton's rape manual" as it is to call them "Newton's mechanics"?
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> –Sandra Harding in "The Science Question in Feminism"

The assault on men in this instance becomes so ridiculous as to accuse Sir Isaac Newton, a lifelong virgin, of surreptitiously writing a rape manual while publishing one of the most influential scientific works of all time. Keep in mind that this woman is a tenured professor at a public university, and actually gets paid taxpayer money to write these kinds of things. "Phallocracy" indeed!

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Gloria Steinem: 65 More Years of Feminist Revolution

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Today, by chance, I saw the following interview with Gloria Steinem on my local public television station, KCTS 9. The interview was hosted by Enrique Cerna, who is an insufferable kiss-ass. Watch the video and you'll see what I mean.

Male Unemployment and Crumbling Infrastructure

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By now you have already heard about the "mancession", and you know that men are disproportionately losing their jobs compared to women in this recession. Since the official unemployment rate in the US is already in the double digits, President Obama did the only thing he knows how to do: talk, by holding a jobs summit. All that came out of the jobs summit was undeniable proof that all the attendees at the summit should probably be unemployed.

Originally, the "stimulus" (which was supposed to keep the official unemployment rate well below its current level) was supposed to be spent on infrastructure. The I-35W Mississippi River Bridge collapse in Minnesota in 2007 and the DC Metro crash earlier this year in June (which was also covered by our own Roissy on his personal blog) showed that spending on maintaining current and building new infrastructure has been insufficient for a long time. The stimulus would have been a good opportunity to begin to correct this massive error as solid infrastructure is necessary for long term economic growth (not to mention safety), but womens' (such as NOW) groups objected. They called the original stimulus "burly", "macho", and "sexist" demanding that the stimulus be spent on women. This was despite the fact that millions of men were losing their jobs, and education and health care added jobs primarily benefiting women. NOW and the other womens' groups were successful with the stimulus was skewed towards education and health care leaving infrastructure in the same dangerous state it was before. In addition the gap between male and female unemployment is the largest in the history of unemployment data going back to 1948 when such data began.

This "women oriented stimulus" along with other things has caused the federal deficit for this year to surpass 1.8 trillion dollars, far beyond the deficit of any previous year. This causes more men to be unemployed since this massive federal debt is sucking capital out of the private sector which destroys jobs. Literally, there is no capital for new business creation and business expansion that would create jobs. Given all of the other factors here, effectively the stimulus and other ballooning government spending is causing millions and millions of more men to be unemployed. At least if the stimulus was spent on infrastructure jobs doing badly needed work would be created that would have provided a solid foundation for long term economic growth. Instead we have infrastructure that continues to crumble plus more and more men losing their jobs.

Since government policy is now driving the problems of male unemployment and crumbling infrastructure, only a significant change in government policy will solve these problems. Until then millions more men will become unemployed and there will be more bridges collapsing, metro crashes, electrical grid failures, and other disasters that should never have happened.

Men With Pens Anything But

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I'd seen the "Men With Pens" site before, and although I didn't pay too much attention to the site, because it didn't seem to be relevant to my interests (now I know why), I thought it was nice to see guys who were proud of being men in this age of utter female domination of writing. I didn't read the site too closely, so I never suspected what was really going on. It simply seemed like a project that I could support, on the face of it at least.

Turns out that there is often more than one face of things. It's now clear that women will tell any kind of lie to get what they want, including usurping our gender for their own business purposes. Not that this should surprise anyone, but as men we don't tend to expect these kinds of lies. It is a huge disadvantage for us; we just *don't think to lie* like these women do. We are totally outclassed when it comes to dishonesty and subterfuge.

Toosh, a poster on Roissy's site, alerted me to the truth, which was spilled on copyblogger.com, in all likelihood in a moment of drunken hubris. After reading this awful piece, I have lost an immense amount of respect for copyblogger, which ~~is~~ was one of the premier online writing sites on the web.

The author claims that being a woman put her at a huge disadvantage in the writing business, despite the fact that women utterly dominate mid-level writing positions across corporate America. She offers up a sob story about going on welfare and coming up with a number of alternate personas to get work. According to this woman, portraying herself as a man did the trick and got her better jobs.

One thing I'd like to know is whether she claimed she was a man when she applied for welfare and small business loans. Somehow, I don't think so.

She took to calling herself "James Chartrand," and founded "Men With Pens," a masculine-themed site, banking on masculinity to sell herself. Now Ms. "Chartrand" is riding high, portraying her success as some kind of feminist coup. Wonderful. With men in prison and out of work all over the country, we have to face the theft of our very identity as well. I suppose that's just what we've got to expect in the current feminist regime, but it doesn't mean we have to be happy about it. When an intersexual, Caster Semenya, tried to compete in international track and field, it was promptly thrown out. However, we have to accept that women can usurp us in fields in which we, as men, are already disadvantaged and underrespresented.

Women have tremendous advantages these days. Not only do they dominate university enrollment, they are given preference in business loans as well. Everywhere they turn they are being given unfair advantages, so it's really no wonder that some people might prefer to hire a man in the same business. After all, if a man established himself, it's pretty obvious he did it on talent, rather than loads of undeserved help. But that means nothing now — women can simply take advantage of all the programs geared to help them and then claim to be men. So simple, so unfair.

I urge all readers of *The Spearhead* to spread the news about "Men With Pens" and both expose and boycott the site. It is run by a lying, freeloading woman who is dedicated to using all the advantages women have while she destroys masculine identity. Also, let Copyblogger know what a scummy thing it is to encourage this.

Children of the Soy

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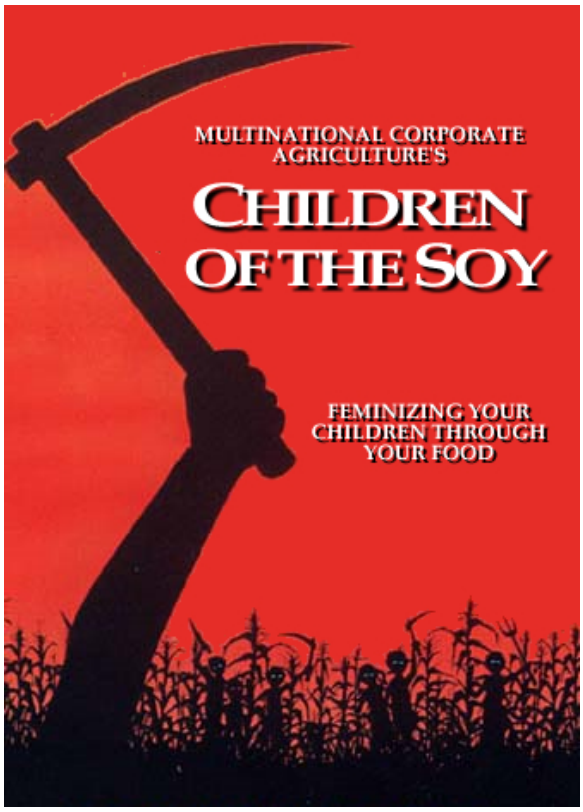

Learn to fear *She Who Walks Behind the Rows.*

There is a lot of confusion when it comes to the health effects of Soy in the human diet. There are some things people need to realize before they conclude whether or not they should include this substance in their daily diet….but for most of you, it already is.

Unless you read labels religiously to purposely avoid eating soy products, chances are you have eaten some form of soy in just about every meal you've eaten – especially if you regularly eat at restaurants (fast food or not) or any kind of food that comes boxed, wrapped or pre-prepared for convenience.

First thing to consider is that the Soybean plant is similar to all other legumes: in their natural state, right from the plant, all legumes have a host of anti-nutrients in them. Traditional cultures around the world have intuitively understood this, which is why preparing legumes in traditional cuisines almost always involved pre-processing of the legumes to neutralize these anti-nutrients.

This is a very important point to remember – the traditional uses of Soy by Asian cultures was almost exclusively based on soy foods made through fermentation, which rendered most of the anti-nutrients harmless and even beneficial. Miso, Shoyu (traditionally brewed soy sauce), Natto and Tempeh are all examples of traditionally fermented soy foods that were a part of traditional Asian cultures diets.

So what anti-nutrients are a part of the Soy legume, and how do they affect the body? From Soy Online Service:

- High levels of phytic acid in soy reduce assimilation of calcium, magnesium, copper, iron and zinc. Phytic acid in soy is not neutralized by ordinary preparation methods such as soaking, sprouting and long, slow cooking. High phytate diets have caused growth problems in children.

- Trypsin inhibitors in soy interfere with protein digestion and may cause pancreatic disorders. In test animals soy containing trypsin inhibitors caused stunted growth.
- Soy phytoestrogens disrupt endocrine function and have the potential to cause infertility and to promote breast cancer in adult women.
- Soy phytoestrogens are potent antithyroid agents that cause hypothyroidism and may cause thyroid cancer. In infants, consumption of soy formula has been linked to autoimmune thyroid disease.
- Vitamin B12 analogs in soy are not absorbed and actually increase the body's requirement for B12.
- Soy foods increase the body's requirement for vitamin D.
- Fragile proteins are denatured during high temperature processing to make soy protein isolate and textured vegetable protein.
- Processing of soy protein results in the formation of toxic lysinoalanine and highly carcinogenic nitrosamines.
- Free glutamic acid or MSG, a potent neurotoxin, is formed during soy food processing and added to many soy foods.
- Soy foods contain high levels of aluminum which is toxic to the nervous system and the kidneys.

SOY INFANT FORMULA — BIRTH CONTROL PILLS FOR BABIES

- **Babies fed soy-based formula have 13,000 to 22,000 times more estrogen compounds in their blood than babies fed milk-based formula.**
- **Infants exclusively fed soy formula receive the estrogenic equivalent of at least five birth control pills per day.**
- Male infants undergo a "testosterone surge" during the first few months of life, when testosterone levels may be as high as those of an adult male. During this period, baby boys are programmed to express male characteristics after puberty, not only in the development of their sexual organs and other masculine physical traits, but also in setting patterns in the brain characteristic of male behavior.
- Pediatricians are noticing greater numbers of boys whose physical maturation is delayed, or does not occur at all, including lack of development of the sexual organs. Learning disabilities, especially in male children, have reached epidemic proportions.
- **Soy infant feeding—which floods the bloodstream with female hormones that inhibit testosterone—cannot be ignored as a possible cause for these tragic developments. In animals, soy feeding indicates that phytoestrogens in soy are powerful endocrine disrupters.**
- Almost 15 percent of white girls and 50 percent of African-American girls show signs of puberty such as breast development and pubic hair, before the age of eight. Some girls are showing sexual development before the age of three. Premature development of girls has been linked to the use of soy formula and exposure to environmental estrogens such as PCBs and DDE.

Yet if you look in mainstream media sources, all you ever hear, see or read is how Soy is a health food, how it can help prevent cancer, is good for heart health, is healthier to eat than meat, etc.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

What is really going on is this: Soy is the second biggest crop being farmed by Big Agriculture. It's a multi-million dollar crop, and industrial food processing corporations have found innumerable products, by-products and additives can be created and used from this legume. The multiple uses of this crop are precisely why it is so profitable to grow and market it to the food processing industry. And the soybean producers have certainly spent a pretty penny to fund research to promote their marketing efforts.

The important point of using methods like fermentation to neutralize the anti-nutrients in soy IS THE KEY TO THE BAIT AND SWITCH used by the Soy industry that they use to produce biased research results to promote Soy as a "health food."

Here's what Soy Nutrition (a pro-Soy website, most likely funded by the Soy lobby) says regarding Soyfood and Cancer:

> *Current views on soy and breast cancer stem from several comprehensive statistical analyses of epidemiologic studies. Epidemiology is the science of studying populations in order to determine the frequency and distribution of disease and measured risks. In the epidemiologic soy studies, investigators ascertained the quantity of soyfoods consumed by study participants to determine if high-soy consumers were more or less likely to have (in case-control studies), or to develop (in prospective studies), cancer.*
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> *In the most recent analysis, which was conducted by Anna Wu and colleagues from the University of Southern California, high-soy consumers were found to be about 30% less likely to report having breast cancer than Asian women who consumed relatively little soy.[67] This second study purposely included a high percentage of vegetarians, who typically consume more soy than non-vegetarians. However, in a separate large study in the United Kingdom, there was no evidence that soy intake was protective.*
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> *What might account for the protective effect of soyfood intake in the Asian studies but not in the UK study? One explanation is that soyfoods are protective against breast cancer only when consumed early in life – during childhood and/or adolescence.[8] In the UK study, it is likely the vegetarians adopted their dietary behavior as adults, and may well have consumed little soy prior. In contrast, because soyfoods are part of the traditional Asian diet, it is likely that Asians who consume soy as adults also did so as children.*

That's a deliberate misdirection.

The real reason is because Asians who eat soy, generally eat soy foods prepared in their traditional methods – fermentation to render the anti-nutrients harmless. The majority of soy consumed in the US and the UK…not so.

No, here in the west, the majority of Soy that we consume comes from all of the additives created by soy and put into the food supply.

Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein
Textured Vegetable Protein
Soy Protein Isolate
Hydrogenated or Partially-Hydrogenated Soybean Oil
Soy Lecithin
Soy Flour

Soy Milk
Soybean Oil (if you ever see a listed ingredient as "Vegetable Oil" it's almost a certainty that Soy is the "vegetable.")

These are some of the products created from the soybean that are in nearly EVERYTHING you buy from the grocery store nowadays. If a food product has an ingredient list of more than 5 things, chances are, there is some soy derivative in it somewhere. Also, unless you're eating fried or sauteed foods from restaurants that specifically state the oil they are using to make it, you can assume the oil they use is "vegetable" oil…the cheapest cooking oil in mass production.

Also, soy protein isolate and hydrolyzed soy are often used as meat filler. Public School lunches, and cheap fast food often have soy-filler in their meat. Ever wonder how a fast food Mexican restaurant could sell you a half- pound burrito for a $1 and still make a profit?

But I digress…

So these "researchers" can than look at a culture, and do an epidemiological study (see my previous post here, In the Name of Science, to see the other means of misleading the consumer through such study methods), than make statements like "Studies Show Higher Soy Consumption Can Help Prevent Cancer!"

Except they make NO distinction between traditional soy foods in Asian countries versus the manufactured, processed and toxic sources of Soy that predominantly are the source of soy consumption in the West.

To summarize – the amounts of Soy products in our food supply were almost non-existent prior to the 1980's. It's now in everything.

Some scientists wonder if that has anything to do with the rise in girls who enter puberty at very young ages, the rise in male babies with genital birth defects, and perhaps even in the rise in homosexuality…

If you ever do some research into body-building and sports nutrition, you can also find a lot of different weight trainers and sports nutritionists that explicitly advise limiting your soy consumption and to avoid using soy protein isolate in your protein shakes, as it inhibits your bodies testosterone production…which is what every body builder needs in order to see any kind of results from all of that hard work in the weight room.

While many of us here at the Spearhead focus on the myriad of ways in which the media, pop culture, and the educational establishment have worked to "feminize" society, bet you never thought the most subversive way was to sneak some food on your plate that would boost your estrogen and suppress your testosterone…eh?

Here some excellent reading on the topic for you to peruse should you care to:

Soy Alert

The Whole Soy Story

Newest Research on Why You Should Avoid Soy

Soy Online Service

Female Arousal May be a Simple Matter

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Joleen Baughmann, a 39-year-old New Mexico woman, began to experience strange, new sensations following severe injuries sustained in a bad traffic accident. Ms. Baughmann, who suffered a broken back in the accident, began experiencing an insatiable desire to copulate some six months following recovery. She described intense arousal from day to day activities that "would come out of nowhere and completely engulf [her]."

Sex did not appease her strong urges, but only served to amplify them. When the symptoms first appeared, her husband was quite pleased, and so was she, as she had very little sex drive prior to the accident. However, she soon found that sex did not relieve her of her symptoms, and could be quite painful, despite the fact that it left her wanting more.

Ms. Baughmann has been diagnosed with "Restless Genital Syndrome," a newly named condition that seems to affect only women. According to Dutch physician Marcel D. Waldinger, RGS has numerous causes, including pelvic varices, hormonal changes, PMS and menopause, among other factors. It also often occurs along with restless leg syndrome and an overactive bladder.

In Ms. Baughmann's case of RGS, it is suspected that a malfunction in the pudendal nerve is the culprit. The pudendal nerve branches out to the bladder, the perineal region and the penis in men and clitoris in women.

Although this must be a source of embarrassment and frustration for Ms. Baughmann, it is a rather revealing condition that debunks some of the mystique surrounding female sexuality; apparently women are aroused as easily as men, and perhaps even more so, given the absence of RGS in men.

As I read the Telegraph article, I recalled Roissy's "tingleginaceptor," a hypothesized nerve he suggested was responsible for female sexual arousal. It appears that, once again, Roissy's intuition was correct, and the tingleginaceptor does indeed exist. Further research into the condition may better reveal its pathways and regions of control in the brain, which could give us a clearer idea of the mechanics of female arousal.

Delusions of Masculinity

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I recently watched *American Psycho*, a movie based on the novel written by Bret Easton Ellis. The movie is about the descent into madness of a delusional psychotic named Patrick Bateman, who is a serial killer either in his head or in reality — the story is intentionally vague on that point. There were some very curious political intrigues surrounding the book and film, beginning with a successful protest by NOW against the book's publication by Simon & Schuster (Vintage ended up publishing the novel in 1991) due to its allegedly misogynistic nature, and continuing through the production of the film in 2000. This led to a deal whereby production of the movie was handled both directly and indirectly by feminists, which was probably accepted by Ellis as the only possible way to get the story onto the big screen.

Feminist director Mary Harron and lesbian writer Guinevere Turner collaborated to write the screenplay. Harron directed the movie, and Gloria Steinem lobbied actors to influence who should be cast as Patrick Bateman. Ultimately, Christian Bale got the part, and right around the same time Steinem married Christian's father, David Bale. It is undeniable that a feminist clique had a great deal to do with the production of the film, and this can be seen quite clearly in the end product. Although this may have profoundly changed the nature of the story, the resulting film is valuable for the insight it gives us into feminist psychology regarding men.

One thing I noticed while watching the film was an uncanny resemblance to the *Mad Men* TV series. The attention to clothing and grooming, the uniform corporate atmosphere, and the callous, sociopathic behavior of the men all reminded me very much of Don Draper's life. *Mad Men*, which is also written largely by women, portrays men in essentially the same light as *American Psycho*, that is, as soulless beasts driven only by lust and greed.

As I am not a woman, and can merely imagine what goes on in the female mind, I can only speculate as to whether this is actually how women view men. Perhaps it is a uniquely American phenomenon, but amongst women there seems to be something approaching worship of this twisted masculine ideal – veneration at the very least – and I don't think men in general are aware of this, because they are too preoccupied with another cult.

The film opens with an elegant and very effeminate dinner, at which the impeccably dressed and clean-shaven men of Pierce & Pierce (where Bateman is VP) make crude, politically-incorrect jokes while blowing hundreds of dollars and eating exotic animals. They are caricatures of men operating against a feminine backdrop of elegant dining, replete with dapper waiters, exquisite dining linens, cutlery and artistically arranged dishes. In the next scene, Patrick Bateman goes through his daily routine, which includes applying cosmetic concoctions to his body and face, doing exercises to improve his appearance, and grooming himself for another day at the office. This scene borders on pornographic, as Christian Bale's nude, toned, and waxed body is constantly on display. Again, the backdrop is distinctly feminine, with a gorgeous bathroom, a tanning booth, and an array of cosmetic products. One gets the sense that Bateman, the serial killer, embodies everything that women desire.

Aside from his preoccupation with his appearance, Bateman is obsessed with 1980s pop singers, such as Phil Collins and Whitney Houston. When he isn't obsessing over trivial details and trivial culture, he murders people and has sex, often at the same time. Patrick has no personality to speak of, nor does he have any real humanity. His emotions all stem from two basic instincts: a drive for status and

an insatiable lust for both sex and blood. In the narrative, Bateman states that he is flesh and blood, but he *is not really there*. He can be felt and seen, but beyond the material, there is no substance to him. It is here that I suspect we might find the greatest divergence between the feminist interpretation of the tale and Ellis's intent. To feminists, Bateman is the patriarchy; a mechanical, inhuman force, devoid of warmth or human frailty, but incorporating all the forbidden desires of women. Perhaps it is the story of Eve, and Bateman himself is the serpent, but if so Adam is strangely absent from the narrative.

In *The Spearhead* many of us have commented on the issue of Victorian ideals and how they have had a profound effect on our culture. We often write of the pedestalization of Western women, and how this has directly led to many of the problems afflicting us today. The ideal of the blameless, chaste woman, who is neither real nor human, remains a potent cultural icon. In fact, outsiders might even suggest that there is an element of religious veneration inherent to this cultural trait. Many men and women have discussed this aspect of the Anglo psyche, but there is another side to the Victorian ideal that we too often neglect. There is the necessary complement, and I am starting to understand that women, too, have an idealized vision of men that is every bit as unnatural and inhuman as the Victorian doll on the pedestal that has led to our reluctance to treat women as the flawed, fallen human beings that they are.

If anything offers a counterpart to the woman on the pedestal, it is the depraved, dangerous, bestial man portrayed by Patrick Bateman. His dark, compulsively acquisitive, violent and sexual nature is the nemesis, and also the consort, of the asexual paragon of virtue and light that we have fashioned as the essence of femininity. If Lucy Manette, the angelic heroine of Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*, is the archetypical female goddess as imagined by a male artist, then Mary Harron's Patrick Bateman, dripping with bloody murder and raw sexuality, is the male god as imagined by the female artist. He is insane, soulless and hellbound, yet Bateman is more demon than damned, for he is not a fallen human so much as he is the recrudescence of hell on earth. It is an oddly similar, yet sexually inverted, theme to the Hindu relationship between Shiva and Kali.

The more we delve into feminism and its elemental concepts, the more apparent it becomes that we are struggling against a meta-religion that is deeply ingrained in the Anglosphere's psyche. Perhaps we will have to accept that we dissenters are actually heretics who are leaning on pillars that support the entire edifice of our civilization as it has emerged following the 20th century. We are, after all, challenging the fundamental concepts of ourselves as men and women, without which we would have to start over with something entirely different. Perhaps, therefore, it is our responsibility to make some effort to articulate a replacement. More and more, I see feminism as a challenge to us men to do just that, and at this point I don't see that we have an alternative.

Feminists Infuriated by Composition of New Seattle Mayor's Staff

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Seattle's mayor elect Mike McGinn ran on a progressive platform, beating incumbent Greg "cheeseburger" Nickels and corporate egghead Joe Mallahan. Jan Drago, feminist City Councilwoman, was annihilated in the primary, suggesting that Washington State's feminist juggernaut is running out of steam. However, as you might imagine, this hasn't reduced the volume of feminist complaints, and now the composition of the incoming McGinn administration is under fire from the poorly-constructed foxholes of Seattle's feminist media, which is run by former employees of The Stranger, namely Josh Feit and petty thief Erica Barnett. The Stranger was hoisted to prominence by sex advice columnist Dan Savage, who pretty much runs the publication at this point. I would like to commend Savage for dispensing with Barnett, although I doubt it was a very difficult decision.

Erica Barnett looks – and writes – like a chipmunk on meth, and she is heavily larded with feminist cred, so read the article with that in mind, and remember that every feminist is morally impeachable.

To fire up her feminist legions, Barnett "exposes" McGinn with the following:

> One thing jumps out of the list of new appointees Mayor-Elect Mike McGinn has announced so far: Only one of the seven new appointments announced today—executive assistant Allison Burson—is a woman. That brings the total number of new female McGinn appointees to two (for a total of four women on his staff, including two who are already members of Mayor Nickels' team), compared to eight male staffers.
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> Moreover, those eight men are all in top-level positions (State Legislative Director, Director of External Affairs, Director of Communications, Office of Intergovernmental Relations Director…); the women, in contrast, include two city liaisons (the two Nickels reappointments) and McGinn's executive assistant. Chief of staff Julie McCoy, in other words, is the only woman in a high-level position in the McGinn administration.

Keep in mind that Barnett is whining in a state that has a female governor and two female senators. Washington state might as well be a gynocracy, which might be exactly why feminists are so emboldened as to demand more than parity. Nickels, an obviously unpopular mayor, appointed a significant majority of women to his staff, two thirds to be precise. Perhaps they didn't do the job, but to feminist crooks like Barnett, none of that matters — they just want to shove their snouts in the

trough.

Seattle has long been a feminist stronghold; the City Council was dominated by a plurality of radical feminists in the 90s. The King County courthouse, with which I have unfortunately had some experience, was, and still is to an extent, a hotbed of misandry. Seattle is a strange town in that it combines a lot of working-class men with a lot of professional types, and it doesn't take much effort to figure out who loses in that situation. However, things are starting to change.

Although I am somewhat suspicious of the San Francisco style "progressive" politics that McGinn practices, he's a lot better than the feminist commissar types like Jan Drago. A lot of young men were inspired by McGinn, and that, I hope, says something positive about the guy. In any event, I'll hold him to it. A liberal progressive is better than a "conservative" feminist, and if it takes some shilling for the usual liberal BS to oust a hard-core feminist, I'll play along. Hell, in this town we have no choice.

The Price of Domestic Privacy

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A murder can be a sudden, unexpected event, but sometimes you can sense it coming like a train hurtling down the tracks at night. There is something about the darkest human passions that strikes us at our very core, and nothing has such a strong emotional effect on social creatures such as ourselves as the arrival of death.

On one gray afternoon years ago, I was walking to the local convenience store when I heard a commotion from a house across the street. A man had burst out of a side door closely followed by a woman, and something about the scene immediately drew my attention. It was a working class, middle-aged black couple, the man fairly tall and and the woman stout, neither out of the ordinary in any way.

The man's head was down and he was taking long, quick strides away from the woman, who was on his heels like a harrier. The man's hands were spread out from his sides as though he was desperately imploring someone unseen; the woman's hands were in front and up high, pointing, gesturing, taking an aggressive posture. In a voice that was half moan, half scream, the man shouted in a rising tone "why won't you just LEAVE ME ALONE?" His voice was so anguished and tortured that I stopped in my tracks, staring at the couple. My first thought was to tell the woman she'd better listen to him and leave, but there's something about a domestic dispute that gives one a strong feeling that getting involved at all is a very bad idea.

I stood watching for a moment, near a payphone on the corner of the street. I was prepared to call the police if it got any worse, but at that point I hadn't seen any actual physical violence. Nevertheless, I felt very strongly that there was something desperately dangerous and dark about the scene I saw unfolding before me. The drama was so intense that it looked like an overacted play, but it was undeniably *real*, and I could feel the anguish welling up in the man through his tormented cries for relief.

Not all men have felt the black clouds of desperation and despair that blot out the light of reason, or the buzzing crescendo of insanity that overwhelms one's senses like an angry swarm of hornets, but when a man has been stricken it is plain to see, although not easy to understand. It is something one feels, yet cannot readily explain, so I stood there watching with no real comprehension, but a deep sense of unease.

Soon, the scene appeared to calm, and the couple, perhaps sensing my attention, went back inside the house. I lingered for a minute, warily watching the house until I heard no more. I then continued on my way to the store, made my purchase, and headed back home, my eyes still on the house as I passed it again. For some time, the scene preoccupied my thoughts, but it soon passed out of mind and life went on as usual.

A few days later, while skimming a newspaper, I noticed a story about a murder. When I saw the address I stopped cold and read the story. There it was: same house, same date, same time of day. It was a short story; a simple notice of a small tragedy, such as happens every day in the city. A man strangled his wife, and then called the police to confess and turn himself in.

So I had witnessed the prelude to murder, and instinctively I had seen it coming, but I still couldn't consciously believe it even as I watched it unfold. It struck me that violent crime can be an intimate

act, often one in which the victim is very much a participant. As an outsider, I felt somewhat indecent and uncomfortable for having witnessed such a passionate exchange between two intimately-connected people who were strangers to me. For me, this posed a quandary: was my failure to intervene a moral lapse on my part? Had it been my duty to get involved?

In the abstract, of course, if I had known that the man would strangle his wife, I should have called the police. And in a sense I *did* know, or rather felt, that something very bad could happen. If I hadn't, I wouldn't have stopped to watch or positioned myself near the payphone. However, every bit of urban propriety and my sense of common decency had also told me that it was wrong to interfere in the intimate lives of strangers, especially in a case that was clearly not one-sided as a mugging or purse-snatching.

It is this lesson, this simple murder I saw coming, that makes me wonder whether, in our society, a private, intimate relationship between two people can exist in the framework of contemporary public morals and laws. If, as the feminists say, the person most dangerous to a woman is her intimate companion, and statistically speaking this is true, can an institution such as marriage survive laws that make interpartner violence a more serious crime than other, physically similar crimes? Can it survive a campaign to eradicate conflict between intimate partners?

Clearly, it was the ancient sense of the sanctity of such relationships that prevented me from getting involved, and possibly stopped me from preventing a murder. If it had been a conflict between two strange men or women I wouldn't have felt any qualms about intervening or calling the police immediately, in fact, right around the same time I did break up a mugging. However, despite my reluctance to get involved, modern discourse and policy would never suggest that, at times, it is best just to stay out of it, because it has become our philosophy that the prevention of violence in relationships is a far more pressing concern than respect for or preservation of such relationships.

On the face of it, there is a strong moral case for taking preventative measures to head off interpartner violence, and for interfering whenever one has the sense that trouble is about to begin. If I had called the police right then, a woman might still be alive, and a man free. It is exactly those kinds of incidents that argue strongly for better domestic violence enforcement and more public vigilance.

But sometimes the face of things is not the entire picture. If we interfere in every domestic dispute that comes to our attention, regulating and sometimes destroying relationships, might there be some unintended consequences? Can we legislate an end to the passions that sometimes explode in the confines of an intimate relationship, or will they simply be set off in public, exposing others to the conflagration?

If we do gradually legislate an end to the sanctity of private relationships, there will eventually emerge a vagrant kind of passion, where people's intimate lives are displayed in the open, as in a troop of baboons.

Perhaps marriage was originally conceived as a means to confine passions to private space, so as to preserve the integrity of the community by isolating the fires of passion. Our taboo against involving ourselves in the domestic disputes of others is a cultural relic of this peacekeeping practice, and we break it at our own peril. However, we have to recognize that the case for interference can be very strong, and many people, both men and women, have paid a heavy price for the survival of marriage, that oldest of all civilizing institutions. As always, we humans are ever weighing life and peace on the balance.

Swedish Feminists Applaud Elin Nordegren's Domestic Violence, American Feminists Nervous

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Sweden epitomizes "progressive" — so much so that the Nordic country is held up as the ideal by American progressives such as Matthew Yglesias, who idolizes the place. One thing I'm not sure these people understand is that Sweden is very different from the United States. In fact, culturally speaking, Sweden is even quite different from its neighbors Norway and Finland, both of whom absorbed heavy blows in the troubles of the 20th century. Norway was a staunch supporter of the Anglo-American alliance during both WWII and the Cold War, and despite its sparse population resisted Nazi occupation with more vigor than any other Western country. Finland, for its part, stood up to the Red Army virtually alone during the Winter War, humiliating Stalin and stopping the northern advance of Communism in its tracks. In the meanwhile, Sweden experimented with socialism, continued to supply Nazi Germany with vital raw materials, and stayed out of the fighting.

Isolated by geography and shielded by its neighbors, Sweden has managed to avoid war for 200 years. This prolonged peace has led to a culture largely isolated from the realities of international conflict, allowing Sweden to develop an idealized society that is viewed as a paradise by American leftists. Needless to say, this has resulted in an enervated masculinity in Sweden, where men have taken to attempting to breastfeed and sitting down to urinate. Swedish women, for their part, have taken this to mean that they are every bit the men that their brothers are. Indeed, never having faced anything to tell them otherwise, they may be correct in their isolated northern enclave.

However, things are different down here in our somewhat less ideal American society. In America, violence, poverty and ethnic conflict are realities that no sane American can deny. Even feminists are aware that certain self-righteous behaviors are just plain stupid. So as Swedish women have been cheering Elin Nordegren for attacking Tiger Woods with a golf club, some American feminists have voiced concern about whether it is really wise to take it that far. It appears that American women are still aware that they might not come out in such good shape following a free-for-all.

Single mother Katarina Andersson, a New York-based Swedish blogger, has covered the Swedish media's response to the Tiger Woods incident, highlighting the fightin' spirit of Swedish feminists:

> "Swing it again, Elin!" wrote Jan Helin, editor in chief of Aftonbladet, the country's biggest newspaper, on his personal blog. One of the paper's top reporters, Ann Söderlund, proclaimed, "Thank God for girls like Elin. Next time, I hope she uses a bigger club."
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> Britta Svensson, a well-known columnist at the tabloid Expressen and a former U.S.-based correspondent, commented, "Our Swedish hearts are overwhelmed with pride, because our very own Elin didn't take any s—. Just like a tough Swedish girl shouldn't. Elin is our heroine."

In response to this, "The Sexist," an appropriately named DC-based feminist blog, raised the point that must be on a number of cheating American women's minds:

> If Swedish cultural commentators want the world to know that Swedish women stand for divorcing cheaters, I think that's fine—if a bit odd. If they want the world to know that Swedish women stand for beating the cheaters and then divorcing them, I think that's a

> fucked up standard to set for an entire country of girls and boys. Plenty of Swedish girls will grow up to be cheaters, too—do we want their future spouses to grow up thinking it's empowering to physically assault them for screwing around?

For once, a feminist actually thinks of consequences.

If it suddenly became standard practice to clobber cheating spouses, ERs across America would immediately be filled beyond capacity with bruised and bleeding women. As commenter The Fifth Horseman has observed before, feminists will eventually take things too far. It looks like they already have in Sweden.

Breaking News: Tragedy in Dublin as Guinness Brewery Burns

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Dublin fire brigades have finally managed to quell the flames that were consuming the contents of a warehouse at Guinness Brewery's headquarters this afternoon, but the extent of the damage is apparently quite severe. Brave firefighters risked life and limb to salvage what they could, but a great deal of beer may have been lost despite their valiant efforts.

The mood on the street was somber as Irishmen contemplated the prospect of a Guinness shortage on New Year's Eve; some openly wept as the black smoke billowed skyward from the flaming storage facility. Members of a roofing crew suspected of accidentally setting the fire have reportedly been keeping a very low profile.

As far as we know at *The Spearhead*, Guinness has not yet indicated what effect the conflagration will have on beer supplies and distribution. Men around the world await word with bated breath.

Patriarchy Works

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Before feminism, men got along just fine.

Some men succeeded, others failed. Collectively, men built and re-built social structures that they preferred, structures that worked best for men and served their proximate interests. Whatever your feelings are about the "rights" of women in society, one thing is undeniable: *patriarchy works*. It's not an academic theory. It's historical fact. Some patriarchal societies have worked better than others, for a wide variety of reasons. It has been proven that a patriarchal society can rise to international prominence. Few, if any real matriarchal systems have ever succeeded. Virtually all of the great achievements of mankind—from the aqueduct to the steam engine to the great works of Western and Eastern arts and literature—are the products of men who worked within patriarchal systems.

There is no matriarchal or feminist society with a comparable track record. Feminists have only "what if" to offer. They can say only that "maybe women would have done great things if they would have been allowed to." Perhaps they would have. We'll never know what might have happened if any or every major successful human society had come to different conclusions about the most reasonable and appropriate division of labor between men and women.

What we do know is that as a group, men did not demand feminism. Men did not clamor for women to join them in the workforce. Men did not cry out to be relieved of their burdensome responsibilities as providers. Men did not complain that they were the ones who went to war, or who did the most dangerous work. Men were physically and mentally better suited to certain tasks, and they did them because *someone had to do them*.

Men did not demand feminism. They made way for it. Men acquiesced to the demands of a minority of demanding women, because men were collectively swayed by appeals to their sense of moral justice and fairness. Machines made equal participation in the workforce *conceivable*. The resulting surplus of wealth and goods, population growth, advances in medicine, lower infant mortality and longer life spans made it *possible.* The novel idea that labor offered personal fulfillment and happiness—and that individual happiness and personal fulfillment were more important than what was best or most practical for a civilization as a whole—made work *desirable.* Because work seemed *more desirable*, and because in a thriving materialistic society financial freedom offered greater opportunity for happiness, men were convinced that it was morally unfair to keep women from joining them in the workforce. **The success of feminism has always depended on the benevolence of men.**

It is important to remember that patriarchy did not *fail* or *collapse.*

Patriarchy works.

Does feminism work?

It seems to be good for women, at least on the surface. Others have written about the seamier side of women's liberation—free-for-all whorishness that often leads to abuse, fatherless children, disease, loneliness, depression and so forth. But women can pursue exciting careers and buy lots of *stuff.* These things make them feel *important*. And feeling important is something. Studies seem to suggest that none of this has made women happier, and men are blamed for this unhappiness because they haven't acquiesced to the demands of women thoroughly enough. But to truly answer whether or not

feminism really *works* requires more than a moral argument about how things *should work* or a social inquiry into the *happiness* of women.

For a society to *work*, it must first *survive.*

In nations where feminism has had the most influence in shaping social policy, and where women have succeeded in the workplace and ascended to positions of political power, birth rates of non-immigrant populations have dropped below replacement levels. The largest immigrant population in Europe, (Muslims) and the largest immigrant population in America (Mexicans) both have high birth rates and patriarchal cultures. When the family is devalued and women seek happiness and fulfillment in the working world, they have fewer children, and they have them later in life.

If a population that embraces feminism necessarily ages and dwindles, as competing non-feminist cultures surrounding it grow and thrive…*does feminism work?*

Patriarchy Works II

December 21, 2009 | by Novaseeker | Link | Original Link

Fellow Spearhead contributor Jack Donovan wrote a fantastic article earlier today about how the system known as "patriarchy" actually works better than competing theoretical (or even practical) systems. It's well worth a read and reflection and comment.

In my own reflections, I posted a long comment there which probably should be a post of its own, both so as not to distract further from reflections and comments on Jack's article, but also because my own take on the same issue is a bit different and touches on some disparate points of reference. So, without further ado, reposted here, with some formatting changes, is my earlier comment.

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Indeed, Jack. There is no historical precedent for a non-patriarchal society thriving in the long-term.

However, this does appear to be a cycle in the course of human history. Oxford anthropologist J.D. Unwin penned a book at the beginning of the 20th century titled "Sex and Culture" which explains this dynamic fairly well. Following a rather exhaustive survey of human cultures around the world, Unwin concluded that societies which restrain female sexuality tend to thrive, but eventually, as a result of their prosperity and success, tend to erode these restraints, due to women demanding this and men acquiescing. In other words, the societies thrive, and this gives rise to demands from women to participate in the success and prosperity, and men generally acquiesce (at least the powerful ones do) at some stage — and that acquiescence pretty much always takes the form of relaxing the strictures of marriage and allowing women to exist "independently" from men — sexually and otherwise. The history here is revealing and, in the broader world, largely unknown. For example, very few people are aware that ancient **Babylon**, prior to its collapse, instituted civil reforms to family law such as no-fault divorce and child support. Or that **Sparta**, which is widely known for its military tradition, had liberated women to such a degree that they ran the Spartan economy, and as a result had below replacement rate birth rates, leading to a collapse, eventually, to surrounding patriarchal states. Or that marriage in late **Rome** had declined so precipitously that the Empire tried to encourage men to marry by instituting a bachelor tax (to no avail, mind you, because men did not *need* to marry due to the relatively freely available sex after women were "liberated").

The historical record is quite clear: at some point in prosperity and power, it appears that a common trend in civilizations of Europe and the Middle East is that women get, to some degree, "liberated" from having to be married to men in order to have access to the good things of life — in other words, they get *liberated from sexual restraint*, because one of the main points of marriage has always been to sexually restrain men and women so as to coaxe men into forming lasting pair bonds with women for the benefit of the tribe/civilization. Once the civilization gets sufficiently fat and happy, this seems to be less needed, as the whole thing seems nigh on invulnerable — so the rules are relaxed, women's sexuality becomes liberated (and, living in the age we do, we know very well what that

looks like when it happens), family life breaks down, birth rates drop, sexual immorality becomes rife, and the whole house of cards comes crashing down faster than anyone would have thought when they made the reforms to family law and social mores around sex.

What has happened in the contemporary West in the last century is simply a reprise of this pattern. The West is, by definition, the "fattest and happiest" civilization ever on the planet. The strictures of monogamy, sexual restraint, and marriage seem quaint and unnecessary to the vast majority of people living in the West. And so the laws were reformed (in ways very similar to how they had been in Babylon millennia ago), the social mores on female sexual expression were relaxed, and the West entered a period of utter sexual saturation, loose sexual mores, devalued monogamy, devalued family life, lower birth rates and so on — all following a familiar pattern. The distinctive characteristics of this particular iteration of "female liberation" are technological — abortion, contraception, the rise of non-labor-based work as the staple of the economy –> these changes made the current iteration of female liberation more robust than the earlier ones, more like "cooking with gas" than the earlier ones, and are what has made this version of it change things as fast as it has. And, the West is, in relative terms, much stronger, for the time being, than the rest of the world. This will change as the economies of the West gradually soften (already happening), requiring diversion away from military spending (already being called for), and proliferation equals the playing field in terms of tactical weaponry. *Citadel West* seems impregnable now, and it very well may be for the time being, but things change fast in the current environment, and the economic decline of the West, in relative terms, seems unavoidable — and this, in turn, will result in a military decline for the simple reason that there will be less money to spend on the military, relatively, than there was in the past. All of this is taking place in the context, of course, of the contemporary version of female liberation: sexually "empowered" women who live lives "independent" of men, if they wish, with the full backing of the state power, increasing numbers of unmotivated, underperforming men who are dragging down the social productivity rate, and a less than replacement birth rate when compared with birth rates of people from cultures that are not exactly embracing the values of the "contemporary West". It's impossible to look to the future with a crystal ball and predict what will happen, particularly due to technological advancements which are true game changers, but if the script keeps going in the direction it seems to be going, Unwin's book may well prove to be a prophetic vision describing the decline of our own civilization in our time.

But more fundamentally, the real deal here is that, as Matt Ridley points out in his book "The Red Queen", men and women are in competition within our species. Normally this is a kind of collaborative competition, but it is a competition nonetheless. That competition is to get the "leg up" reproductively, on the other — in other words, at the most reductive level, men and women are reproductive resources to each other, and each exploits the other. The pair bond is a way of making this more of a *win/win*, but there are always incentives to cheat the pair bond to make it a better deal for either partner. However, every now and then, women get the opportunity to get the "leg up" on men, reproductively, by gaining "liberation" *from the pair bond itself* — exploiting male reproductive resources without having to commit to sexual loyalty in a pair bond. This allows women to access "higher gene" reproductive resources among the men (see: Lysistrata), and is a short term benefit for women as a class. As with any imbalance, however, it is not sustainable in the long-term. In the longer term, men become disincented to pair bond with women, and become relatively debauched

(see: Late Rome, Late Babylon) and women tend to have fewer children, even below replacement rate (see: Babylon, Rome, Sparta). So in the long-term there is a correction, as we see in the histories of Babylon, Rome and Sparta — namely, the society cannot sustain itself with one sex having the "leg up" on reproduction due to the demotion of the pair bond from being the most sacred social institution to being an optional lifestyle choice. That can only last for so long — it cannot last in the long term barring technological changes that fundamentally transform our species. But, importantly, it is very much a part of the endless warfare between men and women in our species. Sometimes men have the upper hand and sometimes women do. We live in an age when women have the upper hand, and we are not alone historically in that. However, we also know that the societies that have thrived the longest are the ones where men have had the upper hand by having regimes of enforced monogamy (i.e., restrictions on sexuality, especially female sexuality), while societies that have relaxed these restrictions have eventually declined under their own weight and decadence. So the war of the sexes never really ends, folks, and we are simply living through a reprise of a chapter that has played itself out in the history of other great civilizations — a downward chapter, to be sure, but not a final one.

Don’t watch Anime or Read Manga: It Will Rot Your Brain.

December 22, 2009 | by Gx1080 | Link | Original Link

If you want to know a civilization, just watch their culture. There is a reason why culture is always researched; it allows people to understand the dreams and ambitions of the people of said civilization. Since this popular culture is one of the few that is exported in massive amounts (Around 120 million dollars in 2006, hat tip: Wikipedia) it is necessary to wonder about the message that it brings. This one in particular is disturbing because of a common factor, no matter what the piece is:

Men must submit to women

There are so-called herbs in Japan, and this message that is disseminated from childhood isn’t helping much. The skeptic or the fanbois will say “You are full of BS, where does it say that?”

Damn, how do I start?

First, this stuff is read mostly by nerds in Western countries for a reason. If you want to see totally batshit insane stories that have less sense than American comics (and that’s something), then by all means go ahead. If, on the other hand, you want something that teaches manhood and how not to be a loser, then look somewhere else, because you won’t find it there.

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I could say that all this stuff promotes the idea that women can physically attack and otherwise harass men and leave it at that, but let’s be more specific: the poison that is fed through all kinds of magazines has many varieties.

- Shounen (Young boys):

In this falls the typical boys series, Dragon Ball Z, Naruto (barely) and One Piece for example. It

promotes the value of friendship, loyalty and courage by having children and adults fight a lot versus all kinds of villains. So far so good. What irks me is the fact that no matter how strong and powerful the male protagonist, he is always getting manhandled by the designated female tamer, I mean, "romantic prospect."

Come on, these guys fight and beat all kinds of WTF villains and save the female tamer of said villains, but still she punches them through a wall? Am I the only one that doesn't see the logic in it? (yeah, I ask for logic in a work of fiction).

- Ecchi (Pervert):

This one is for boys when they get to the teen years and realize that: a)They won't save the world, b)Girls make their dicks hard, and c)They are losers, but don't know why (mainly because they let women walk all over them). These are basically stories about a guy (who looks AND acts suspiciously like the author) who, for some reason, either lives and/or studies with a lot of girls that are attracted to him because of his kindness, but they are just shy and express it by beating the shit out of the guy or having catfights for him. Also known as Harem (heh).

It shouldn't be a surprise to regular readers of this site, but, for starters, Nice Guys ™ repulse women. The male protagonist does good stuff out of the kindness of his heart, but the real Nice Guys ™ just do it because they are begging for vag. And women know it, and are repulsed by their lack of testicular fortitude.

Second, quoting Roissy "The paradox of femininity is that it is often, both the ultrafeminine and ultramasculine women who have racked up big numbers of men." Perhaps in Japan their families have tighter control over them, but shyness isn't something that you usually find in any woman who is the center of attention or who occupies an extreme position on the gender balance.

- Shoujo (Girls and Women):

These are written by women, and are love stories between an ordinary girl (that, once again, looks a lot like the author) and the most dominant alpha male, with whatever bullshit story that they cram in the middle.

Haven't seen one that cannot be reduced to this:

*Girl goes around.
*She finds alpha male.
*He treats her like any other of his conquests, but he tries to go too fast with her (true alphas don't do that).
*She walks away or is saved by an unimportant character and goes complaining that "he is such a jerk". Well, chicks dig jerks, so it's pure rationalization.
*She finds herself in a tough situation (kidnapped, bullied, attacked, etc).
*Alpha male goes to the rescue (don't know why).
*She's about to give herself over him, but then she starts to feel like a slut and she screams at him or hit him while he just takes her shit (again, no true alpha does that).

Same stuff over and over (with different junk crammed in the middle) until finally she gives herself to him *before* making him take her shit. So it is basically an overextended Twilight, just with more rationalization.

- Hentai (Porn):

Here's a couple of links (NSFW, obviously. Courtesy of Google) in which you can see a lot of them. Go and then get back.

Ok, back? What we remember (besides the hard-on):

*Disproportionally huge genitals and tits, lots of body fluids and porn actress screams. I know that it needs to look interesting, but these just scream that whoever produced these comics has little experience with sex.
*Most of it concerns a regular boy (or boys) finally growing a pair and screwing a hot girl (or girls). Basically the classical "No, no, no, yes, Yes, YES!!!" false rape that is a typical women's fantasy. Like all porn, let's remember that both men and women watch it.

Ok, those cover the usual ones. Now the really messed up stuff.

- Shounen-ai / Shoujo-ai (Gay comics)

First, reading something about guys with other guys is icky. Need to say it.

Second, both are written by women. Both have divorced parents and/or and strict upbringing (in the ones for teens and adults) and prostitution, alcohol and drugs (in the ones for adults) way too many times to be a coincidence. The kind of women who write this stuff would be in a LGBT PRIDE parade in a Western country, so there's a correlation in there. Put that with the usual shoujo story with both protagonists of the same gender and bam, there you got it.

- Seinen (Male Mature)

These ones, represented by Neon Genesis Evangelion, are usually fucked up stories with a lot of existentialism questions covering a lot of emo. Also, if I wanted to see a bunch of teens and adults with deep psychological traumas with no capacity whatsoever of trusting another human being, I would go to the closest rape therapy group.

- Josei (Female Mature):

Drawn versions of drama series, with the same usual quality of drama series. Nothing to see here (but couldn't put it anywhere else).

Well, the guys in this stuff are as fancy as the typical Japanese herbivore, so they copy that motif. Unfortunately, just like women who believe that a career makes them attractive to males because they are attracted to males with a career, males believe that the appearance is what attracts women to the protagonist when it was their social dominance. Appearance is secondary.

However, what kind of social dominance can have guys that are brainwashed since children to believe that women like chumps? The lack of preparation for a free sexual market is often cited as a cause for low birth rates in Japan, but I would bet that this set of expectations held by both men and women has something to do with it.

More Cops Shot in Greater Seattle Area

December 22, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

More and more men in our society are becoming unglued, and the results have not been pretty in my neck of the woods. Following Christopher Monfort's alleged Halloween assassination of a policeman on the same block I used to live on (here I am at the scene of the crime some years before it happened), Maurice Clemmons gunned down four officers in the Lakewood Massacre.

Those two incidents were enough to mark 2009 as an exceptionally bad year for local police, but this morning two more cops were shot in a domestic violence call near Eatonville, a town in rural Pierce County, just west of Mt. Rainier National Park. The suspect in the shootings, David Edward Crable, was shot and killed at the scene, but he left one deputy in critical condition and the other with a serious gunshot wound. Officer Kent Mundell, who was shot multiple times, is on life support. It doesn't look good for him.

Crable had been in trouble with the law over domestic issues on and off for a couple years. So far, these seem to have revolved mainly around his immediate family, including his daughter, brother and mother. Could he have grown up in a single-mother household? If so, this would put him in the same company as the previous two cop-shooters.

These attacks are of interest to me because the three shooters are all of my generation, which was the first test case for our new, matriarchal society. There is little doubt that the men involved are extreme examples, Clemmons having shown signs of psychosis prior to killing four police officers and Crable having a history of heavy drinking combined with domestic violence and a tendency to make threats, but it is often the borderline cases that indicate the trends.

The incidents raise the question of what relationship marginalized men will have to the state in a highly feminized, matriarchal society. Washington state – and Western Washington in particular – is perhaps the most feminized region in the entire United States. Feminism is unquestioned at the highest and lowest levels of authority, and unlike feminist regimes in Europe, Washington retains the draconian American methods for dealing with men, including imprisonment for poverty (CS arrears jailings), violent arrests, social shaming and the like.

The attacks on police, I suspect, are inchoate manifestations of a general enmity between a certain class of men and the state. If the economic situation does not improve and social trends continue along the lines of the previous three or four decades, we ought to expect more and more of these tragedies.

American Father to be Reunited With Son, Brazilian Grandmother Opposed Based on "Moral Foundation"

December 24, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

David Goldman, whose Brazilian wife abducted their child to Brazil to start a new life with a lover in 2004, is finally set to regain custody of his son. Mr. Goldman has been battling the Brazilian court system for years to regain access to his own child. His ex-wife expired during childbirth last year, after which the boy, now 9 years old, was "adopted" by his wife's adulterous lover without Mr. Goldman's consent.

This is the kind of nightmare that fathers usually don't dare to consider, and it underscores the dire need for family law reform. Allowing the removal of children from their home country without the father's consent constitutes kidnapping, but in these days of widespread international travel it is a fairly frequent occurrence, and women get away with it all the time. Although it is almost never reported, the vast majority of international kidnapping cases each year are perpetrated by women. Sadly, they almost always get away with it, and fathers rarely see their children again. Some feminists, as might be expected, have been struggling to enshrine a woman's right to abduct children.

Mr. Goldman is one of the lucky ones: he will be reunited with his son. Hundreds of thousands of men are not so fortunate, and must carry the pain of a lost child throughout their lives. It is a widespread injustice that cries out for drastic action, but far too many are reluctant to even address the issue.

In Goldman's case, the most revealing thing so far is a letter written by his son's maternal grandmother to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. In the letter, she writes: "Our moral foundation values the mother's role. In the absence of the mother, the raising should be done by the grandmother. That's how it's done in Brazil, from north to south, regardless of race, religion or social class. It's natural that foreigners, with a different foundation, would not understand these authentically Brazilian feelings."

I'm not sure whether this is actually the case – perhaps our Brazilian readers can verify her statement – but it is about the same thing one might expect from an American woman. In fact, I don't think it is a matter of national tradition so much as it is a universal female sense of entitlement. Women instinctively feel that they *own* children, and that fathers have no real claim to their own progeny. This is the law of the jungle, and as firm a refutation of patriarchy and civilization as any opinion.

As we have stripped fathers of their place in the family, we have been deconstructing civilization, and sadly now we even have so-called "conservatives" who would lead us down this path to ruin. That a man has to fight for five years for the right to raise his own child speaks volumes about the state of our society. It is absolute proof that there is no patriarchy in the West, as patriarchy, first and foremost, is about the man's legal and socially recognized stewardship of his own home and family. If that is trumped by his mother-in-law, there is no family as we know it, and we are already well on our way back to savagery.

Is a Disabled Mother Better than an Able-Bodied Father?

December 26, 2009 | by Jack Donovan | Link | Original Link

ABC News: "Quadriplegic Mother Fights for Custody of Son"

My father is handicapped. He had polio when he was extremely young. But he wasn't babied, and he followed the Man Law that I believe a Spearhead commenter or writer recently summed up: "If you can do it, do it." **

As a result, he's a fully functioning adult with a limp, and most of the time I forget that he has a handicap at all. My dad and I have a great relationship and I obviously have no axe to grind with the disabled or handicapped. In fact, he has my admiration for having achieved more than many who had fewer disadvantages–and with less whining along the way.

But quadriplegic? That should be a no-brainer. If you've ever watched a kid under 10 years of age for over 15 minutes you know that this mother will need someone else's assistance to care for this child on a daily basis. If the father wants custody and he's not a complete fuck-up, he is hands down better equipped to care for a child than the quadriplegic mother. This should not be an issue. But apparently, it is.

This story–*the fact that it's even a story at all*–seems to be a perfect mix of victim politics and mother-preference. It's also a story designed to invoke empathy and emotion to trump common sense.

***This is so fundamental and concise that I'm likely to repeat it, so thank you and please feel free to take credit when it is due.*

Post-Christmas Update

December 26, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

I hope all our readers have enjoyed the holiday so far. For my part, I've had my kids and parents over, and we've all been enjoying ourselves. The weather in Seattle has been glorious — a little cold, but sunny and clear.

We'll probably be a bit spotty with the posts until after the New Year. I expect our readers and authors alike to enjoy themselves as they please with friends and family, and of course we should all be availing ourselves of the opportunity to bond with those we love. I hope every reader, no matter what religion (or lack thereof), gets the most out of this most important of Western holidays.

I just learned that there will soon be another baby in my family, and despite the twisted state of the family today that's always a cause for celebration. I have faith that things will get better in time, and in this Christmas season I am reaffirmed in my efforts to make that happen. The happy children, the family I love, and the general goodwill have all given me some optimism.

There is something about holiday cheer that replenishes us, and that is something we need, because there is such a big fight ahead. So eat, drink and be happy! In the New Year we will be well-rested and committed to the utter destruction of totalitarian feminism, the greatest evil of our time.

Obama Has Subverted Our 4th Amendment Rights

December 27, 2009 | by Hawaiian Libertarian | Link | Original Link

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While I was on the road for the past few days, I've been disconnected from the internet. Since I do not watch regular TV except for NFL Football and MMA, and do not read newspapers or magazines (i.e., I do my best to avoid the instruments of propaganda meant to herd we the sheeple), I did not find out about Obama's latest action that certainly lends credence to the claims that he is nothing more than a puppet for a Globalist elite working to implement Global Governance…our Brave New World Order.

What am I talking about here?

Check out this executive order he signed last week…

> Office of the Press Secretary
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> **Executive Order — Amending Executive Order 12425**
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> EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 12425
> DESIGNATING INTERPOL AS A PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ENTITLED TO
> ENJOY CERTAIN PRIVILEGES, EXEMPTIONS, AND IMMUNITIES
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> By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 1 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288), and in order to extend the appropriate privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 12425 of June 16, 1983, as amended, is further amended by deleting from the first sentence the words "except those provided by Section 2(c), Section 3, Section 4, Section 5, and Section 6 of that Act" and the semicolon that immediately precedes them.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 16, 2009.

So what does this mean?

From Threatswatch.org:

> Last Thursday, December 17, 2009, The White House released an Executive Order "Amending Executive Order 12425." It grants INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization) a new level of full diplomatic immunity afforded to foreign embassies and select other "International Organizations" as set forth in the United States International Organizations Immunities Act of 1945.
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> By removing language from President Reagan's 1983 Executive Order 12425, this international law enforcement body now operates – now operates – **on American soil beyond the reach of our own top law enforcement arm, the FBI, and is immune from Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests.**

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> Through EO 12425, President Reagan extended to INTERPOL recognition as an "International Organization." In short, the privileges and immunities afforded foreign diplomats was extended to INTERPOL. Two sets of important privileges and immunities were withheld: Section 2© and the remaining sections cited (all of which deal with differing taxes).
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> And then comes December 17, 2009, and President Obama. The exemptions in EO 12425 were removed.
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> Section 2c of the United States International Organizations Immunities Act is the crucial piece.
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> > *Property and assets of international organizations, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, unless such immunity be expressly waived, and from confiscation.* ***The archives of international organizations shall be inviolable.***
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> Inviolable archives means INTERPOL records are beyond US citizens' Freedom of Information Act requests and from American legal or investigative discovery ("unless such immunity be expressly waived.")
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> Property and assets being immune from search and confiscation means precisely that. Wherever they may be in the United States. This could conceivably include human assets – Americans arrested on our soil by INTERPOL officers.
>
> **International police agency just granted powers of immunity from the US Constitutional law.**

Obama's Christmas gift to the nation was to sign away our 4th Amendment Right protections to an International police force entity.

How much more hope for this kind of change must we be forced to believe in?

Eddie Bauer: From Manly Store to Bankruptcy

December 28, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

Eddie Bauer is a regional icon in the Seattle area. Along with REI, I have been familiar with its products since my childhood, much of which was spent outdoors. Founded in 1920, the store made a name for itself as a supplier of quality outdoor clothing and gear to military, scientific and exploration expeditions.

Founder Eddie Bauer started out at 21 years of age selling sports equipment on a seasonal basis. As he matured and developed his business sense, Bauer began to patent useful designs, such as the quilted down jacket, which became standard government issue for airmen in the Army Air Force during WWII (my grandpa, a WWII B-17 gunner, was a big fan). He also sold a great many backpacks, pants and sleeping bags to the US military, which were used in campaigns from the snowy Aleutians to steamy Guadalcanal.

Eddie Bauer's popularity with American soldiers and airmen during the war carried over to the postwar years, as former military men signed up in droves for his mail-order catalog. Up to that point Eddie Bauer's growth and popularity was fuelled entirely by men, who were his sole customers. However, he soon began to produce women's clothing as well, which was probably a logical choice at the time given the maturity of the company. Little did he know at that point that he was sowing the seeds of the company's eventual downfall.

During the 1960s the company continued to hold to its tradition of providing rugged gear to real men who worked and played hard. The first American to scale Mt. Everest wore Eddie Bauer gear, and it continued to be a favorite amongst explorers and scientists on expeditions to such inhospitable places as Antarctica.

However, after Eddie Bauer sold his company to partner William Niemi in 1968 to retire at the age of 69, the company took a decided shift in another direction. Niemi set out to broaden the appeal of Eddie Bauer by greatly expanding the emphasis on women's clothing and casual wear. This trend continued after he sold the company to General Mills in 1971. Dropping the emphasis on outfitting expeditions, General Mills focused on branding, forming a partnership with Ford to put the Eddie Bauer logo on Broncos and Explorers. I distinctly remember particularly wealthy women driving these things around during the late 1980s and early 90s.

Spiegel bought Eddie Bauer in 1988, opening hundreds of additional stores. Soon, Eddie Bauer was selling table linens and comforters to a growing female clientelle. The company's rugged origins were increasingly obscured by the softer, gentler products that filled the greater part of its stores. Eddie Bauer became a brand detached from its roots, and many began to see it as the preserve of middle-aged housewives.

While Eddie Bauer's transformation to the Martha Stewart genre was still in full swing and close to completion, I often visited the corporate headquarters. I was a courier at the time, and it was 1994, before the digital revolution. Back in those twilight days before the internet took off, couriers were used to ferry proofs, photos and designs back and forth between model shoots, photographers, corporate design teams and printers. It was a fun job, despite the danger and lousy pay, and I enjoyed being on my own out on the road. I probably visited Eddie Bauer about three times a week, spending many an idle minute waiting for someone in corporate to sign off on the delivery. What I remember is

a heavily female staff. Not only the receptionists, but the managers and designers as well. The entire atmosphere was soaked in estrogen — the only affiliated men I dealt with were the photographers and the guys in the print shops downtown, and they weren't even employees.

Eddie Bauer, for all intents and purposes, had become a women's apparel store by the late 1990s. The stores were all filled with soft, synthetic clothing made in China for pennies and then marked up on the strength of the Eddie Bauer brand. The company was selling junk from the point of view of the typical man, but for a time it was a very popular trend. However, like all trends that lack substance and are feminine in nature, it was bound to go out of fashion sooner or later, and sure enough sales started to slip badly about seven years ago. Faced with competition from Abercrombie and Fitch, another former men's clothing store that actually outdid Eddie Bauer in selling cheap, effeminate junk, quarterly sales declines in the teens became common.

Finally, the recession delivered the coup de grace, and Eddie Bauer declared bankruptcy in July of this year. Now struggling to recapture some of the essence of the company in its virile, younger days, Eddie Bauer has teamed up with real mountaineers to once again sell products worthy of real men. Their new line, First Ascent, is the centerpiece of this effort. Perhaps there is still hope for Eddie Bauer, but if the girl with the pastel helmet and pink climbing rope on the header is any indication, maybe not.

Stewed, Screwed and Tattooed

December 28, 2009 | by Jack Donovan | Link | Original Link

Hori Smoku is a cantankerous collection of salty tales, practical jokes and tattoo lore, all centering around the life of American tattoo master Norman "Sailor Jerry" Collins. As unpretentious and straight shooting as its subject, Erich Weiss' documentary delivers a 77 minute vacation in a Hawaii where men lined up to get "stewed, screwed and tattooed" as they stopped over on their way to an unknown fate.

Sailor Jerry had several nicknames, and "Hori Smoku" is half honorific—after the Japanese "Hori" title for tattoo masters—but also a playful jab at the Japs. (It's a corruption of "holy smokes.") Some of the stories in *Hori Smoku* have a certain *Gran Torino* flavor about them, and that's half the damn fun. Collins comes off as one hell of a character; he slapped a giant sausage on King Kamehameha and pissed daily on a toilet seat plastered with a photo of one of his rivals. Sailor jerry Collins was no bleeding heart hipster. He was a right-wing libertarian patriot, suspicious of Nixon for being a little too "liberal."

If you know anything about tattoos, you know his work. His trademark designs feature themes of "Man's Demise," a brand of manly nihilism that recalls the lyrics of the Hank Williams song "I'll Never Get Out of this World Alive." Likely owing to his war-bound clientele, Sailor Jerry's man is tough and scrappy, but ultimately just another one of Fate's marionettes. You owe it to yourself to check this one out for its manly, earthy humanity.

Hori Smoku (Official Film Site)

Sailor Jerry, Ltd. (Commercial Site)

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Spearhead Store

December 29, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

I've been thinking about setting up an online store on The Spearhead for some time now. In fact, writing about Eddie Bauer's demise made me more determined to do so. From what I understand (and really, it is self-evident if you think about it), the best way for a website to support itself is to offer products that its readers want. Third party ads, although capable of providing some supplemental income, are rarely enough, and as I'm sure my readers have noticed they still haven't perfected the art of tailoring ads to readers through keywords.

Of course, I've already been offering books for sale on The Spearhead, so I'll probably start with a bookstore. We'll feature the books that are already on the sidebar plus quite a few more. Most of them will be offered through the Amazon affiliate program, because Amazon sells pretty much every book in print these days. However, I'd like to offer more self-published books that are relevant to our interests, such as Roosh Vörek's e-books, but I'll need to go out and find them (any readers who know of such books, please let me know so that I can contact the authors). Eventually, as I've mentioned previously, I plan to publish some here through *The Spearhead* and sell them directly from the site.

But books are not the only things worth selling/advertising online. As I see it, there's a big gap in marketing when it comes to men. When we turn on the TV, even products that should appeal to men are often sold with the same offensive message, that is, the "stupid husband clever wife" type ads that are ubiquitous on TV. Rather than do nothing but complain about this, I figure I might as well make my own effort, however small, to change this and advertise/sell goods that men like in a positive way.

Because I know that my own tastes are not shared by everyone, I'd appreciate it if readers would let me know what they like so I can get a good idea of what to offer. Personally, I am something of an electronics enthusiast, and I like well-made clothes and shoes, like Danner boots, Alden shoes, Jonathan Richard hats, etc. If I could have my way, I'd also be perfectly happy to sell things like this, this, and this, but I'm afraid I might run into some trouble with the boys at the ATF, so our selection will necessarily be limited by certain legal realities.

So with that in mind, suggestions from readers as to what they would like to see for sale and might consider buying would be most appreciated. Once I get a good idea of what appeals to our regular readers and visitors alike, I'll begin building a store worthy of our readership here at *The Spearhead*.

Girl Uses MySpace Hookup to Rip Off Lonely, Desperate Man

December 31, 2009 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

An Everett Washington man met 19-year-old Ashley Dawson through MySpace, inviting her over to his place for what he hoped would be a night of passion. Instead, Andrew Scarbrough found himself stark naked and soaking wet as his Ford Mustang disappeared into the night along with his mobile phone, wallet, and laptop. Dawson had told him to get warmed up in the shower and wait for a "surprise" — in his excitement, Scarbrough apparently shed his common sense along with his pants.

Scarbrough says he would have chased her down, clothed or not, if he'd had a chance. It's probably a good thing he didn't, because we all know the likely result of a naked man chasing a young woman — even a thief — down a street at night.

As for Dawson, she showed up in court with a smirk on her face, probably because she got off easy on her last burglary two years ago. Dawson was arrested after stealing the car a *second* time — she was so bold that she went after the car again, at its owner's workplace this time, even after police had located it and towed it back to Scarbrough.

It appears that Dawson lives in Lynnwood, Washington, and this is her MySpace account.

Anti-Domestic Violence Activist, Singer Mary J. Blige, Assaults Husband at Club

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Mary J. Blige, singer and prominent women's advocate, started a fight with her husband over his alleged wandering eyes, punching him in the face and leaving him bleeding in front of shocked onlookers.

According to the New York Post, she unleashed her rage in club M2 at her record release party on Tuesday night:

> Mary J. Blige punched husband Kendu Isaacs in the face at her record release party at club M2 Tuesday night. The singer slugged Isaacs, drawing blood, after she thought he was flirting with a waitress.
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> "They got up in each other's faces before someone tried to separate them, at which point she shoved the guy aside, pulled back and popped [Isaacs] in the face."
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> [...]
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> "She was yelling at him, 'What are you gonna do, Chris Brown me?' Four of her bodyguards and two of the club's kept them apart."

Ironically, Blige recently opened a battered women's shelter in New York, and claims that her father, who left before she was five years old, was abusive to her mother. Perhaps her father did beat her mother, but it is just as likely that her mother exaggerated stories of abuse as revenge for the failed relationship, as many women are wont to do, leaving Blige with a lingering hatred of men that erupted into interpartner violence on Tuesday night.

It remains to be seen whether Blige will face any consequences for her public display of aggression, but if the Tiger Woods affair is any indication she will get off scot-free, with a green light to perpetrate further domestic violence against her husband.

Blige's punch was caught on tape on the following video at about 1:08 (view partially obstructed by someone's head):

The End of the Gender Wars?

January 1, 2010 | by Jack Donovan | Link | Original Link

This sounds a bit hopeful, and I'm inclined to think the gender wars have only begun…

But Barbara Kay's commentary here is commendable and deserves a link.

> **The end of the gender wars**
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> "The notion that female victimhood is more tragic than male victimhood has long been widely accepted. But those days are over…"

Drunk and Disorderly: NZ Women Live It Up in Feminist Utopia

January 2, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

New Zealand is the progressive capital of the Anglosphere, and naturally that includes a strong dose of radical feminism. As we have been pointing out at The Spearhead since its inception, feminism leads to rather loutish behavior on the part of women.

During the "Rhythm and Vines" festival, a three-day party in Ginsborne, NZ, culminating on New Year's Eve, hundreds of revelers drank and drugged themselves into a medically significant stupor.

Paramedics were astonished by the hordes of inebriated, disoriented women who ended up in their "detox tent" — a sort of impromptu drunk tank they set up in the field. According to Shane Clapperton, who was in charge of the 30 medics working the tent, 90% of the casualties struck down by the Bacchanalian plague were women.

Lest randy young men think it was all sweetness and ecstatic abandon, the side of effects of intoxication were not all that alluring:

> "They [drunk women] have pretty much just got to a point where they can no longer look after themselves," Mr Clapperton said.
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> "A lot of times their friends are concerned about them, so have brought them … to make sure they're going to be okay and to provide a place where they can have a lie-down."
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> Mr Clapperton said staff dealt with 300 patients over New Year's Eve.
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> [...]
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> These included injured people and others who had become unwell after consuming alcohol and Ecstasy, with side-effects including vomiting and diarrhoea.

New Zealand's radical "equality" has brought the world a preponderance of stumbling, barfing "ladies" who couldn't even prevent themselves from crapping their pants at a music concert (if, indeed, they were still wearing pants at all at the time).

Yet still, men like Clapperton brave the carnage to provide them with help and protection despite their self-inflicted shame.

The greatest irony of all is that our so-called civic leaders will demand and enforce their version of gender equality, and then in the same breath insist that men boot up and attend to the mess created by these infantile, "liberated" women.

Lifeboat Feminism

January 2, 2010 | by Elusive Wapiti | Link | Original Link

Author's note: Today's column is a slightly edited re-post of an article that I had penned over at my blog back in May. I wrote it after a decade or two of observing the modern female's persistent affinity for the privileges as well as the rights that come with being a franchised citizen in an egalitarian society. This having-one's-cake-and-eating-it-too phenomenon is dubbed "lifeboat feminism", and it is part of my "Evils of Feminism" series. Enjoy!

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> Back from the boats…the first man that touches a boat, I'll brain. Women and children first, men

Quote from W.D. O'Connor's *Harrington*, 1860.

I am not a wymmin's studies major. Nor do I have much formal schooling in the theory and history of feminism. As such, I do not know with much certainty if the first wave feminists advocated true equality (equal rights and equal responsibilities) between men and women. They may very well have done so, but whether or not they did is irrelevant today because the successors to First Wave feminism most certainly do not strive for *de jure* and *de facto* equality between the sexes.

As the quote above indicates, the chivalrous among us–usually men, but women play a key supporting/reinforcing role–value women and children more than themselves. In this view, men are disposable, and men should sacrifice their time, wealth, comfort, even their very lives, so as to ensure that women, the women's (note, not the man's) children, even society in general, benefit from their gallantry.

As it so happens, women, feminist and non-feminist alike, generally are in agreement that that men should bear the brunt of boosting women onto a pedestal. The non-feminist thinks that this is just the natural "just so" order of things, and the second- and subsequent-wave feminist lobbies for the acquisition of political privileges over the disposable male because she knows that it isn't. The result, then, is that feminism is not a political movement that seeks the legal and social equality of women in which women and men are legally equal in all respects, but is instead a political movement that seeks to accrue advantages to itself while attempting to bestow new disadvantages upon, or cement existing disadvantages for, men. It is a movement of, by, and for chauvinists, looking to make their position all the more superior, and no never-mind is paid to the male corpses left strewn in its wake. What's more, to the disappointment of men searching for allies in this political death match, the non-feminist woman isn't bothered much by the feminist's agitations–in fact, while she may tut-tut at the methods, she herself gladly reaps the benefits from feminist jockeying for political power over men on her behalf, all while ignoring or rationalizing away the deleterious effect that such political acquisitiveness has had on the men around her.

I've commented upon this phenomenon before, in a post over at my blog entitled "Boats and Votes". While I certainly understand how feminists can adhere to this hypocritical viewpoint, in that post, I sadly observed that even women that profess to be Believers, appear to have drunken the fembot kool-aid and demand entitlements and advantages over their brothers while simultaneously demanding that their brothers serve them, even die for them. And as far as I can tell, nothing has changed wrt women's attitudes in this regard. The message is: serve us, placate us, cater to our

neuroses, or we won't bother with you. You are a fish to our bicycle.

These attitudes appear to be set in stone, anchored in the bedrock of our culture, immovable.

Or maybe not.

While it is possible that it is wishful thinking, perhaps I am detecting a minor foreschock on the cultural seismograph, in that this obtuse notion, this chivalrous hangover, of feminine entitlement to boats (a literal and euphemistic reference to the privileges afforded women in Western patriarchal cultures) and votes (privileges and advantages bestowed upon women by a government in transition to matriarchy) is now starting to be critiqued in in the wider media. As an example, I give you Kevin Myers, writing in the Irish publication the Independent, about the Lifeboat Feminism he witnesses in his own country:

> So…we see what the official, government-sponsored version of Irish feminism has mutated into: the cry of the officers on the deck of the foundering Titanic — "Women and Children First". But at least in those days there was a coherent moral order behind that command. Children were children, and women were seen to be weaker and inferior and thus voteless; gentlemen of all classes would naturally stand back and give them places in the lifeboats first.
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> If there is a coherent moral order to the present thoughts of the National Women's Council, it is that words no longer mean what they used to. In the Council's prospectus for the year 2009, the word "equality" is used 38 times. Yet clearly, in the sisters' deviant vocabulary, "equality" does not mean equality of pain, or hardship or suffering or poverty. No: it means the opposite of equality. It means a protection from these conditions, regardless of what men are enduring. In other words, lifeboat-feminism, surely the most ignoble and unprincipled of all the many liberal political creeds which dominate our ethos today.
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> And no, the NCWI press release doesn't mean "mothers", it makes no mention of mothers, not even once. Though interestingly enough, it refers to "women and children" four times, and to "women" just three times. Psychologically, this is simply placing women at the protected level of children, just as was done on the Titanic: quite an achievement for a state-subsidised feminist body in 2009, if a largely unsurprising one.

One need only to look around to see that this sort of lifeboat feminism is all around us. In the USA, feminists consistently wrap their rhetoric in "women and children" terms, get pissed when programs are set up for the ostensible benefit of men while crowing about programs and government money spent for the exclusive benefit of women, and even have their own council on women and girls in the Executive Branch. They have multiple federal offices dedicated to improving their health. And they bray incessantly about the pay gap, which I have shown repeatedly works in favor of women instead of against them, and in any case is a direct result of their own choices.

All this while men die earlier at far higher rates from every class of disease, and spending on men's health lags significantly lags spending on women's health. In addition, women are routinely let off the hook for crimes (scroll to bottom) (also here)–that is, if they are even arrested at all–which send men to jail for comparatively longer terms. Furthermore, only men are required to register for the draft…interestingly enough, legislation that would probably have required women to register as well was defeated by a conservative woman–and cheered by her conservative sisters who didn't want responsibilities to come with those rights–in 1973. And men are routinely evicted from their families

for no other crime than allowing his wife to become unhappy, and have their children stripped from them with the full cooperation of the state (which takes its cut of the largess that women garner from the transaction). As Robert Franklin of Glenn Sacks's blog writes, it is noteworthy that the biggest opponents to a father's equal status in the family often hail from the feminist camp.

Fellow Spearhead author Novaseeker was absolutely spot on in his observation that feminism has operated to permit women to invade the male social and legal spaces, without ceding any territory of their own. As such, women are now able to vote and be breadwinners, soldiers, pilots, politicians, housewives, and play against men in sports. But men are rarely permitted female privileges such as being a homemaker, taking time off for family, or being exempt from military service on the basis of sex and / or young children at home, or, increasingly, to occupy the same floor as women in hotels or the same car in subways in several countries.

This is what feminism, a movement that, if one ignores its misbegotten nature, may have had some shred of well-intended nobility of egalitarian purpose, has boiled down to: the crass acquisition of privileges for women at the expense of children, particularly boys, but also the male half of society in general. Thinking more of themselves than the others in their midst, they embody the opposite of love as they heave their corpulent solipsistic (thanks FB!) egos into the lifeboats while snickering at everyone else's misfortune.

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Canaries in the Coal Mine

January 3, 2010 | by Jack Donovan | Link | Original Link

In 2008, two men in the UK had their houses raided, their papers and property seized. They were prosecuted and convicted of "inciting hatred." They were sentenced in absentia. They fled to the United States, where their controversial web site was actually hosted, to seek asylum. They waited in jail for over 80 days, and were denied asylum by a judge who had granted it to an IRA member who participated in the *beating, stripping and murder* of two police officers. These two men are *writers.* They have not committed any acts of violence or theft. These two men, known as the Heretical Two, were deported back to the UK, where they were immediately jailed. They remain in prison today.

Their website, containing much of the material that was used as evidence against them in court, is still online.

http://www.heretical.com/

Some of the material on the site is inaccurate, skewed or distorted. Some of it is funny, some of it is crude, some of it is angry, and some of it is mean. Some of it is racist. Some of it is sexist. Some of it is true. Some of it is in direct conflict with my own beliefs and writings, and some of it is offensive to me on a personal level. Some of it would be denounced by most people. Almost all of it would be denounced as unacceptable by cultural Marxists, feminists and other leftists.

Many of the same things could be said about the posts and comments published on *The Spearhead*.

You don't have to agree with everything these men have written or published to agree that it is *wrong* for them to be in prison for THOUGHT CRIME. If you say, write and believe things that could be selectively identified as "hate speech" by the powers that be…*one day, this could be you.*

I *know* it could be me.

This story needs to receive much more attention than it is getting. It needs to be told over and over, because it is a sign of things to come. In America, protected by the United States Constitution, we still have the ability to say what we like and face mostly social and professional consequences. We take this for granted. We shouldn't. We currently have hate crimes laws—our President recently expanded their scope—and many on the left believe that our Constitution is "a living document" to be altered and reinterpreted according to prevailing whim. "Progressives" and liberals in the US idolize European and Canadian systems, many of which have and defend the same kinds of hate speech laws that put these men behind bars.

Women—as many of you know well—will be happy to tell you what you can and cannot say. Women are ascending to power. How long will they continue to allow you to freely and openly question them? How many feminists would defend your right to free speech if they found what you wrote threatening, insulting or "politically incorrect?"

If my characterization of feminists here is incorrect, I challenge five pro-feminist sites to post blogs demanding the release of "The Heretical Two," who were vehemently sexist as well as racist. Otherwise, I will continue to characterize feminists—and a large percentage of women—as enemies of free speech.

Release The Heretical Two!

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Is There A Female Brain?

January 3, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

The Following article was submitted by Charles Martel:

The concept that "gender is a social construct," that men and women differ only in their social conditioning, is the sine qua non of second-wave feminism.

It's puzzling that "anything a man can do, a woman can do," is so self-evidently untrue, and yet is widely accepted among Western women. I have long thought that the explanation for this may lie in brain structure. Perhaps there are important differences in the way that the brains of men and women perceive and process information. Is it possible that men and women can look at the same information and genuinely reach different conclusions, for reasons of neurochemistry?

How often have you seen women characterized in the manosphere by the words "me, me, me, me, me?" To a man, this behavior is evidence of narcissism and is not highly regarded. But perhaps this kind of female behavior is not so much a conscious choice, but more an outward expression of female brain structure. I'll call this phenomenon the "Locus of Consciousness" and propose that the most important difference in perception resulting from differences in physical brain structure is that the female locus of consciousness is primarily internal while the male locus of consciousness awareness is primarily external.

In my opinion, a second key difference between the male and female brain lies in what I will call "Time Awareness." I suggest that the female brain is wired to live "in the moment" to a greater extent than the male brain. The female brain discounts future consequences of current actions not out of obtuseness or stupidity, but from a genuine neurological incapacity to consider them.
OK, all of the above is speculation. So…..is there any evidence that male and female human brains are different?

Here's the view of one typical second wave feminist.

"Newsflash: there is no "female brain" – the latest cutting edge research on sex, attraction, arousal, etc focuses on the HUMAN brain not on the male or female brain."

Predictably, this is not true. In fact, to the male brain it is an outright lie, but is perhaps more understandable in the context of my proposed female neurological "Locus of Consciousness." What the female writer is really saying without conscious awareness is that "it's not in my interest to acknowledge that there are brain differences between men and women."

There is a female brain, and it is very different to the male brain. Of course, advancing this idea has been about as career-enhancing for a neurologist as researching racial differences in IQ is for a sociologist. Ann Moir and David Jesse made this clear in their 1992 book, Brain Sex, when they wrote: "Doctors, scientists, psychologists and sociologists, working apart, have produced a body of findings which, taken together, paints a remarkably consistent picture. And the picture is one of startling sexual asymmetry. Some researchers have been frankly dismayed at what they have discovered. Some of their findings have been, if not suppressed, at least quietly shelved because of their potential social impact."

Despite the de facto suppression of gender-based neurological research these inconvenient truths are emerging, thanks primarily to the introduction of highly sophisticated medical imaging devices. There can be no doubt about the structural and functional differences in male and female brains seen

in MRI and fMRI images.

This article, by Michael McCarthy of The Independent, provides an interesting and highly politically incorrect overview of recent neurological research: “Men and women show differences in behaviour because their brains are physically distinct organs, new research suggests. Male and female brains appear to be constructed from markedly different genetic blueprints. The differences in the circuitry that wires them up and the chemicals that transmit messages inside them are so great as to point to the conclusion that there is not just one kind of human brain, but two, according to recent neurological studies.”

A quick survey of neurological research shows that:

- Men have approximately 6-1/2 times the amount of gray matter that women do, and women have nearly 10 times more white matter than men. Gray matter processes information in the brain, while white matter connects the processing centers.
- Women have about 85% of their IQ-related brain matter—both white and gray—located in the brain’s frontal lobes while men have nearly all of their IQ-related gray matter distributed equally between the frontal and parietal lobes.
- The corpus callosum, the major white matter tract connecting the two brain hemispheres is larger in women (and gay men).
- The inferior-parietal lobule, which is associated with mathematical ability, is significantly larger in men than in women, with the left side lobule larger in men and the right side lobule larger in women.
- The preoptic area of the hypothalamus is more than twice the size in men as in women. For complex reasons that I will not attempt to explain here, this is why men constantly think about sex and women don’t.
- The limbic cortex, which processes emotions, is proportionally larger in women than in men.
- The parietal cortex, which processes spatial perception, is proportionally larger in men than in women.
- The amygdala, associated with emotional memory, is proportionally larger in men than in women.
- The hippocampus, associated with short-term memory and spatial navigation, is proportionally larger in women than in men.

So, is there a female brain? Clearly, yes. There are very significant structural differences between the male and female human brain.

Of course, these structural differences alone do not offer any specific evidence for my proposed differences in locus of consciousness or time awareness. Nor do they prove that male and female cognitive ability and information processing are different. It’s entirely possible that despite these many structural differences, the male and female brain are functionally identical, just as a 140lb female firefighter and 200lb male firefighter are functionally identical.

To conclude, I offer a new way to look at The Gender War. The Gender War results not only from the competing interests of the sexes, but from real and measurable differences in conscious perception rooted in differences in male and female brain structure. We men need to understand that it is not that women will not see our point of view, it is that they cannot.

Amazonomachy: The Art of Progress

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A number of The Spearhead's readers are fans of classical art, philosophy and history, as am I, so I thought I'd bring one of ancient Greece's most popular art genres to attention. Amazonomachy is rooted in myth, but was highly symbolic and relevant to classical Greek society. The main myths portrayed were Herakles' labors, one of which was to retrieve Amazon queen Hippolyta's girdle, and Theseus' seizure of the queen for his concubine. Both of these mythical events sparked battles with the warlike Amazon women, leading to great carnage and Greek victory. Theseus, who according to legend founded Athens, impregnated Hippolyta, who bore him a son he named Hippolytus. When Hippolyta fell out of favor with Theseus, his next wife, Phaedra, eventually fell in love with her son Hippolytus, who rejected her advances. Scorned, Phaedra falsely accused Hippolytus of rape, leading to his death at the wish of his father. It is fascinating to see how the Greeks covered the gender issues that plague us today thousands of years ago in their art.

Symbolically, Amazonomachy was important for its illumination of the Greek ideal of civilization. The Amazons represented savagery and darkness, and the Greeks the light of reason and human progress. There may have been an ethnic component to the depictions of struggles as well; the Amazons are conjectured to be derived from Indo-Iranian tribes such as the Scythians, who were frequently enemies of the Greeks. In fact, some Amazonomachies depict them in Scythian dress, and recent archaeological finds indicate that many Scythian women did, in fact, participate in warfare.

Whatever the origin of the Amazon myth, it played an important role in the Greeks' view of themselves as a civilized people struggling against benighted barbarian hordes. It also highlights some stark cultural differences between the ancient Greeks and ourselves.

In recent years, art and popular culture in the West has increasingly portrayed women as aggressors and warriors of one sort or another. Although this was almost unthinkable when Americans were actually fighting major wars, violence and aggression perpetrated by women has come to be rather commonly depicted in film, graphic art and popular music. Despite the supposedly more egalitarian nature of this new role, in the vast majority of cases the women are both the victors and the sympathetic parties. There are very few incidents in which violence against women is shown as justified, and these are all, almost without fail, between women. Almost every single time a woman attacks a man he is the bad guy, and she wins in the end in one way or the other.

The Greeks saw it differently. Defeating the Amazons was *glorious*. An Amazonomachy was even depicted on Athena Parthenos' shield at Athens' holiest site, and various examples were found at some of the most important archaeological sites in Greece.

For most men there is a visceral reaction to violence against women. Protecting women against harm is a natural sentiment, but for some reason the Greeks portrayed the gender wars in physical terms. Could it be because, for the Greeks, physical art was the pinnacle of expression of our nature?

I think so.

Greek artists and thinkers understood that there was, and always has been, a power struggle between

the sexes. Men and women complement each other, of course, but doesn't the deer complement the mountain lion, and doesn't the sheep complement the wolf? Biology is not a simple matter of cooperation, even within species. It would be stupid to think of it as such, and the Greeks made a conscious decision to prioritize civilization over the barbarism of matriarchy. Nothing better illustrated that concept at the time than the Amazonomachies.

The ancient Greeks were strugging against societies that saw them as fanatics. The supine potentates of surrounding states must have asked: "Who are these men to demand rights and a voice over their rulers? Surely, they should bow down to kings and queens, and relinquish this odd concept of manhood." But they stood their ground, defining their struggle according to what appeared before their eyes.

Despite the misappropriation of the term "progressive" in contemporary America resulting in a warped concept of human progress, surely an irony befitting ancient Babylon, progress was at one time a desperate effort, and the Greeks fought against great odds to leave us with the blueprint upon which we built modern civilization.

If, like today's simpering politicians, Greek men had bowed down before their wives and sisters, debasing themselves and squandering their efforts in order to appease the mother goddess, we would have been left with none of the marble pillars of civilization, but rather the misshapen mud huts of matriarchy.

In this spirit, we should celebrate the victories over the wanton Amazon women. Each stroke of sword and thrust of spear into the defiant, struggling Amazon warriors was another step in the construction of a better way of life. As Theseus plucked Hippolyta from the midst of a frenzied horde of howling women, carrying her off as a reluctant trophy, it was as though he were a fisherman hauling an ignorant mass of savages ashore. Thus was Athens, the seed of Western civilization, planted in victory in the heaving womb of barbary.

Today, as rockets burst forth from a speechless earth, as marvels of medicine save the lives of otherwise lost victims, and as we unlock the mysteries of the cosmos, we still resort to the language and thought of the few brave men of ancient Greece, reaching back to that indomitable spirit that subjugated even the Amazons, those women who still clamor and press up against us in spirit in an effort to shove us back into the abyss of darkness. If we give in and relinquish our patrimony, we have failed our forefathers, and don't deserve to be called men.

Next in series: Male Spirituality as exemplified by the Hebrew prophets.

Dubious Claim from Swedish Feminists

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Sweden's premier feminist political party, "Feminist Initiative," has unveiled a new line of consumer goods to promote their party and their political goals. The clothing and items feature logos proclaiming: "Feminists have better sex."

Party spokeswomyn Veronica Svärd bases this strange claim on American research that supposedly shows that couples who split housework are more sexually satisfied.

Swedish Feminist

It is not clear whether this is really a purely political ploy, or a pathetic, thinly-veiled example of self-delusion. Given the appearance of the party leaders, the latter is most likely. One wonders whether many of these women would be feminists at all if this claim actually has any merit. To further reinforce their point, the party has put together a porn video, replete with cheesy music:

New Study Confirms “Prejudices” About Female Parking Ability

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According to a study conducted by Dr. Claudia Wolf of Ruhr University, women have more difficulty parking cars than men. Dr. Wolf decided to carry out the study to determine whether “prejudices” concerning women’s driving ability are correct. When she found that they are, Dr. Wolf said the study “only proves what previous studies about the spatial differences between men and women have shown.”

Feminist author Germaine Greer dismissed the study as “pointless,” but conceded that men “have a very insignificant advantage in spatial awareness when it comes to parking.”

An Open Letter To Denise Romano, MA, EdM

January 5, 2010 | by Obsidian | Link | Original Link

[A MAJOR Corrective To Her Views On Game, & Other Issues...]

Perhaps as a result of the Internet, among other things, Game and what was once a "secret society of Pick Up Artists" has gotten the attention-and ire, it seems-of quite a few Women bloggers, some of whom seem intent on tearing the House that Mystery & Style have built to the ground. This, I find to be disturbing on a whole host of levels, but perhaps the most disturbing, is the fact that oh so often, these "crusaders" are so misguided, if not misinformed, not only about Game itself, its key thinkers and writers, but most sadly, about where they're getting their source information from.

In the few months that my personal blog, The Obsidian Files has been in existence, I've run across several Women who all have key things in common:

1. They're all bloggers of varying stripe
2. They all have deep issues with regard to Game, however
3. they haven't read the key source material, and almost always use, as their "primary" source info, Roissy in DC, or blogsites like it (such as say, Tucker Max, in the case of Ms. Susan Walsh of HookingUpSmart.com)

Keep in mind here that all of the Women I'm talking about would be, in the minds of the average person, highly educated, even accomplished people; Ms. Walsh for example, boasts an MBA from the Wharton Business School of UPenn while Ms. Romano has multiple degrees from Columbia U. Yet the level of reasoning and simple investigative research into the basic of issues surrounding Game by these and other Women is, I have to say, a slap in the face to all that the Academy stands for. I am NOT arguing that these or any other Woman has to AGREE with Game, but rather, to merely be educated on its basic premise and methodology, as propounded by its creators and key thinkers themselves. I've written in some detail previously here at TOF, about this very disturbing tendency on the part of quite a few ladies I encounter in my Internet travels.

So, with all that said, enter one Ms. Denise Romano, a certified psychologist who specializes in spousal abuse and the like. Apparently, she got wind of my back and forth epic struggle with another (unnamed) Woman blogger who can't get the bee out of her bonnet that is Roissy, despite her multiple goes at the Man, and which I have extensively written about. Like Romano and Walsh, she too has minimal understanding, at best of what Game exactly is, but worse that the former two, she has flatly refused to at least read some of the widely recognized and accept sources of information on Game, such as Style's book The Game, and Mystery's The Mystery Method, dismissing both as the fodder of snake oil salesmen and reality tv show stars. To be honest, I have never encountered such an individual in debate. I suppose the old saw is true, that there's a first time for everything.

Ms. Romano's comments over at the aforementioned anti-Roissy blog struck me as a bit odd, considering the string of letters following her name; perhaps I do give such people a bit too much credit, because I have always been taught that such individuals are by definition, people who attempt to live by Reason, Logic and at least some understanding of and application of, the Scientific Method. It would appear that I was wrong.

For not only has Ms. Romano made what I consider to be comments inconsistent with the core meaning of the letters that follows her name, but her more "fleshed out" commentary on the matter of Game, PUAs and Seduction, which can be found on the Aug 1 2009 entry at her blog eqwithdenise.wordpress.com, only filled me with more dread, for how can such a highly educated and credentialed human being say such outrageous things?

The post referred to above by Ms. Romano is quite lengthy – even for me(!) – and I would highly recommend anyone so inclined to read it to be sure they have an hour or two to kill before settling in to take it up. In it, she lays at the feet of Game and PUAs, charges of patent abuse of Women, and even goes so far as to lump in Neil "Style" Strauss, with OJ Simpson, Mike Tyson, and Scott Peterson. Yes, that's right-Ms. Romano, Columbia U grad twice over, has made such an outrageous remark. Outrageous because it is ridiculous on its face; all of the other Men she's mentioned are convicted felons, and in the case of Simpson, we know, for a fact, that he was indeed abusive towards his then-wife, Mrs. Nicole Brown-Simpson. There are no such convictions, or for that matter, charges, against Style; moreover, given that the Man has written, to date, no less than two memoirs on his life in the Game/PUA community, one would think that by now, if he wasn't on the up and up, quite a few Women-at least one-would have come forward. To date, not a peep from the Sisterhood. That's gotta say something. To me, it says that they're quite satisfied with what Mr. Strauss has had to say.

Speaking of Style, it should also be said, that he goes out of his way in BOTH of his books, to warn Men about the very real Dark Sides of Game; in fact, I attribute a goodly bit of my own "style" to Style, not just in a stylistic sense, but in a moral one, too. No one reading his books can say, with a straight face, that he comes off or sounds anything like the Tom Cruise, Ron Jeffries-inspired, and truly disturbed and sleazy character seen in the film "Magnolia". Style is very careful to chronicle the pitfalls of Game, and I for one am very glad that he did so; of all the many books, dvds and the like out there on the topic, I maintain that his is the most honest-often painfully, brutally so-of the entire genre. He gives Game a human face.

So for Ms. Romano to suggest that Mr. Strauss is in any way akin to Mr. Simpson, Mr. Tyson or Mr. Peterson, it only goes to show how far our educational institutions have fallen; such sentiments are to be expected from the Great Unwashed; its akin to heresy when academics like Ms. Romano does it.

Secondly, her assertions about the methods, techniques and the like within the Game community being deceptive and the like are also laughable, because it just goes to show the degree to which her ignorance of Game truly is. So, once again, unto the breach I go dear friends, to give a quick primer on what Game is, and how it operates:

Game (noun, verb): A corpus of knowledge, and series of behaviors, designed to win the SEXUAL ATTRACTION of the Female. PERIOD. The act of employing Game is often referred to as "running Game" or "Gaming". It is a mating strategy, and ALL living things found on the Earth has one, if not several. Game, is simply a mating strategy for Human Males to use. Game draws its knowledge from the insights gleaned from Evolutionary Psychology, itself considered by some a controversial corner of the Psychology world; PUAs (or "Gamers" if you will) study not only Game-specific materials, but also the work of noted Evolutionary Psychologists, like David Buss, Mat Ridley, and Steven Pinker. In addition, Gamesmen (my preferred term) study the great works of literature on the topic of romance, seduction and Human Sexuality, such as The Story of O, the compendium written by Robert Greene The Art Of Seduction, My Secret Life and others. Many of its core tenets may seem bizarre or counterintuitive to the uninitiated or otherwise untrained eye; but to those well-practiced in

the Game, they know well the efficacy of its use and practical results.

Game can also be said to be an "applied science" in the sense that it relies heavily on trial and error, after periods of intense and lengthy observation. Field reports, detailed accounts of actual, real-time interactions with Women are a staple of Game practice, and much of what is viewed today as the core tenets of Game came from said practice. It remains perhaps the single most valuable aspect of Game today.

Moreover, Game is NOT in itself moral or immoral; in fact, Game is AMORAL, and it is left solely to the practitioner as to how he will use it. This is where methods such as the use of what is known as NLP-and forms the backbone of the Ross Jeffries school of Seduction or Game-comes in, because it uses considerable degrees of hypnosis in its methods. Does it work? I've seen it in action and can say, YES, it does work. But then we are left with the moral implications of such a strategem; is it RIGHT to do it? I say NO, and I am not alone. It is unclear if Mystery himself is cool with NLP, but what is clear, that his school of thought does not include or incorporate NLP in any way; instead his school of thought deals with what has become known as Social Dynamics, how people interact with each other within the context of group activity.

Again: Game is amoral. In and of itself, there is no "right" or "wrong" way to get a Woman into bed with you. The only one to determine ultimately if something is good or bad, is the practitioner himself. In this regard, I view Game in the same light as Niccolo Machiavelli's The Prince-a practical and pragmatic, how-to guide to gaining political power and keeping it. It doesn't concern itself with the moral or ethical implications of Statecraft; it is left to the "Prince" to decide for himself which way to go.

Furthermore, Game is NOT relegated to the niteclub, bar or lounge, although it certainly can be used in such environments; Game can be applied to a whole host of situations and scenarios, from the boardroom and shop floor, to the local taproom or formal events. Basically, ANYWHERE Men and Women get together, there will you also find GAME. Additionally, the idea that Game is designed only as a short term mating strategy is immensely misinformed and shortsighted-Game can be applied to both, a one night stand, and to a marriage, or anything in between. Game can be used to win the affection of one Woman, or a thousand. Nor does one with Game have to actually bed any Woman AT ALL-all of these things are purely up to the Man in question, as to which way he will go. And that, is the true Power of Game-it gives a Man options.

That so many Women are so very concerned about the blatherings of weird guys with funny names in our time – a time where Women enjoy an unprecedented level of advance, freedom, opportunity and largesse – is proof if there ever was any, that Game does indeed WORK. The very fact that Women from Lady Raine to Susan Walsh and now Denise Romano, make such a stink about it all, is again proof positive, that despite all the protestations and denunciations and denials to the contrary, that Game is indeed, highly effective. Understandably then, they would be concerned about the way in which it is applied by its practitioners, and to what ends.

It is important for these ladies to understand that, like any discipline or field of endeavor, there will invariably be many approaches, understandings and stances by many corners of said community; it is not at all unusual to find multiple, seemingly conflicting interpretations of things such as, say, the "Neg" is and how it is to be applied. For example, some say that Negs are indispensable to any seduction; others argue that it plays at best, a tangential role. Some say that Negs are to be employed in "carpet bombing" fashion regardless as to the Target is, others say that Negs should be "calibrated'

for use depending on how "hot" the Target is-the hotter she is, the more you Neg her. Those who attempt to diminish the whole of Game, are akin to those who attempt to diminish the whole of ANY field of endeavor, because within each one is bound to find differing takes on core or key tenets and ideas or principles. Such critics shouldn't see this as a weakness or failing of Game, but indeed a strength, just as we would say, Psychology, and its many differing takes and "squabbles", LOL. Viva La Difference, indeed!

Now – with all the above being said and laid out – it is also important to let Ms. Romano and every other person, Male or Female, reading this, know that YES, there are what I consider to be "Dark Forces" in the Game; who twist and pervert it to their own ends, and has the potential to really damage many lives with their "Black" Arts. For my part, I and others whom I consider good friends, do what we can to act as a kind of check on said behaviors, by speaking out against them and their kind. For example, I liken NLP to Sith Magic, effective and highly seductive, but deeply morally unethical and potentially soul-killing, for both parties involved. While I respect Tyler Durden's knowledge of Game, I refuse to use much of what he's gleaned, because I so thoroughly disagree with his philosophical stances and just overall "vibe". He creeps me out, quite frankly. And, as much as I respect Roissy's deep knowledge of Game, I also deeply disagree with his application in many instances, as well as the overall vibe of his "house," which explains why few if any people have seen me posting there after my own blog launched, nearly three months ago.

While I'm on the topic of Roissy, let me also say, that in many ways, his presence on the Internet is both a triumph and a curse. He is a triumph in the sense that Game has real utility and, quite frankly, power, to change things. His promotion of Game has touched many lives, mine included, and I would to think, at least in my case, for the better.

But he is also a curse, in the sense that because of the way in which he blends his personal views on many topics in with Game itself, people on the outside looking in get the impression that HIS TAKE ON GAME IS "THE" TAKE ON GAME, and that's where they would be sorely mistaken, but by then the damage is done. Women, such as Susan Walsh and Denise Romano, are convinced, based on Roissy and a few others like him, that Game is no good, that it is inherently misogynistic, and that it is also deliberately deceptive and manipulative. That Roissy attracts so much attention to Game on the one hand, yet so much negative publicity for it on the other, is truly sad. It's sad because Game itself has a much harder time getting a fair hearing. I've taken it on as my own personal mission to do what I can to present Game in its best light, since it's been so good to me in meeting my goals in life. The record clearly shows me not only speaking out against what I consider "Sith" applications of Game no matter who does it, but I have also opposed Roissy himself publicly on a host of issues, both on his actual blog and here at my own, and will do so again if the need arises. Let me be clear here: Roissy's understanding of Game is not and cannot be in dispute; it is his application of Game, his undergirding philosophy, that IS in dispute, and that which I take deep issue with. This is the key distinction that I think is lost on many of his critics, many of whom refuse to properly acquaint themselves with key Game source materials, most notably Style's works.

I would also like to address Ms. Romano's charges that to be a Gamesman is to be an abuser-something I take great umbrage with, for a number of reasons. First, despite the presence of Men like Roissy, there has been no reports of Women being abused, and by that I mean, physically abused by PUAs. By the way, Roissy does NOT consider himself a PUA, he's said so himself. Just wanted to be clear on that point. Moreover, as one who has put his livelihood and very life on the line to protect Women from abuse, I find Ms. Romano's slinging out the term "abuse" to BE abusive, and a most

disturbing trend in the popular culture of late-merely call anything you have a personal issue with or otherwise don't like, "abusive", "misogynistic", "racist", "homophobic" and so on. Such abuses of truly powerful terms cheapens their meaning, makes REAL instances of such abuses seem trivial, and makes the whole exercise a joke and a laughingstock, while at the same time throwing the true victims of such practices under the bus. One would think that a Woman of Ms. Romano's statue would be a bit more deliberative with her language, especially the written word.

I also find it most interesting — aw heck, I'm just gonna call it what it is: it is hypocritical of Ms. Romano to, on the one hand, deride those in the Game community who sell their wares to customers as snake-oil salesmen, to then turn around and implore Men to instead spend some $250 on "NVC" training. Mind you, I'm not yet in a position to say whether NVC is worth its weight in gold or lead — just that I find it interesting that she wants to shut down one aspect of commerce in favor of another. Hmm.

Then there's Ms. Romano's seeming indifference, or intellectual dishonesty when it comes to the full range of "abuse", indeed violence. Her Aug 1 2009 post was terribly one-sided in its view of the situation: Women are victims, Men victimizers. And while no one would deny that Woman are indeed abused and victimized, it seems incredibly hard for Women to even acknowledge that the same can happen to Men, too-even when the stats back this up. For more on the spousal abuse side of it, please see such authorities on the matter as Glenn Sacks, a Men's Rights Advocate who has long been known to have his facts straight, just to name but one person in the fight. According to him, nearly half of ALL domestic partner violence, was initiated by the Woman. And, as if to bring heaven sent proof of this fact, we need no other than one Mr. Tiger Woods, who, on Thanksgiving Day, was clocked upside the head with one of his own golf clubs by his wife, Mrs. Elin Woods. To be sure, no one I personally know – and definitely not me personally – defends Mr. Woods' actions. But that doesn't give Ms. Elin Woods the right to physically abuse her husband.

Now, where is the intellectual consistency on Ms. Romano's part here? Hmm? To ask the question is to answer it. If she can take time out of her schedule to write a lengthy hit piece on Game and PUAs and MRAs, if she can find time to log her comments in to anti-Roissy blogs about same, then why can't she find the time to speak out against what Elin Woods did? Hmm? And why is that NO MAJOR FEMINIST WEBSITE TO DATE, has done so either? If anything, it's the exact opposite, a kind of "You Go Girl!" sentiment, not tacitly expressed, by EXPLICITY expressed. If Ms. Romano is truly interested in the fairness she exhorts PUAs to exhibit with regard to Men and Women, one would think she could start in her own backyard. After all, charity begins at home.

What about Mary Winkler-who shot her hubbie in the back with a shotgun, while he was sleeping? The only "proof" we have that she was "abused" comes from Mrs. Winkler herself – there was no independent record of spousal abuse on Rev. Winkler's part, and to add insult to injury, Mrs. Winkler was even feted on Oprah – white platform shoes and all, to tell her story. No one was there to speak for Rev. Winkler. Dead Men tell no tales.

I saw no such denunciation of Mrs Winkler on Ms. Romano's or quite frankly, any other Woman's site who claims to care about "domestic abuse". Seems that they care about it only when it involves Women on the receiving end.

Last month, in specific response to my lady readers, I put up a post taking up the question as to whether Game was inherently deceptive and manipulative. Without exception, excuse or apology, I said that YES, Game can indeed be used this way, that there is a contingent of the Game community

who does this, and that I neither condoned or endorsed it, nor did I want to be associated with anyone who was known to be engaging in such activity. Then I asked the Women who claimed to be so concerned about the ethics of the Men in the Game community, about the many deeply deceptive and manipulative things Women do, and have done, for YEARS. I invite Ms. Romano or anyone else reading this open letter to see my post for themselves, it's in the Dec 2009 archive and very easy to find. The replies I got back from the majority of Women – notable exceptions aside – were, in a word, mind boggling. Some actually wanted to justify the heinous actions I pointed out that Women undertook; others wanted to actually put up for debate other things Women have long done that are misrepresentations of themselves, if not out and out deceit. Finally, in a followup post I put up directed at the ladies of my forum, also found in the Dec 2009 archives, I questioned them as to why we never see those issues addressed on so many Women's blogs and websites. The responses were again mind-boggling — if not quite deceitful in themselves.

It all adds up to a feeling on the part of many Men, of a very real double-standard: Women want Men to be held accountable, but they don't want to be held accountable themselves. Women have no problem using every advantage they can get out there on the Mating Grounds, but deplore anything that might help Men get an advantage, too. Women want Men to speak out against their own who do wrong, but Women can never seem to be found when time comes to speak out against a Elin Woods, a Mary Winkler, a Crystal Gale Mangum, to say nothing about the many scores of Women who take advantage of Men every way till the next Xmas. Women want Men to take the high road, but don't seem to have trouble at the very least, condoning the low behavior of so many of their "sisters".

That Ms. Romano makes outrageous claims against Game, indicts someone like Style and lumps him in with known and documented spousal abusers, rapists and murderers, asserts that ALL PUAs are "abusers of Women" and then falls completely silent on the well known and publicized events of clear, present and REAL abuse perpetrated by the Women above, someone who's LIFE WORK is to advocate for victims of violence and abuse, really says it all to me, and to any thinking, caring person who gives a damn about fairness, decency, and just plain ole getting the facts straight. If this is the best our Academy can do, it is little wonder we as a society are in the mess we're in after all.

I'll say this in closing, and it behooves Women like Ms. Romano to listen close: your "war" against Roissy, Savoy and others, will not succeed. It won't because not only are your motives wrong, but so to are your own convictions. So long as Women like you refuse to remove the 2×4 out of your own eyes before you go to plunking splinters out of the eyes of Men like Roissy and Savoy, your effort will fall flat on its face. More and more Men aren't flocking to these guys for nothing, Ms. Romano — there's definitely something there. And so long as you and others like you refuse to address the root causes of why the Roissys exist in the first place, all you'll be doing is standing in the middle of a sinking boat, trying to prevent it from going under by tossing overboard bucketfuls of water.

That's it. If you want to talk, you know where to find me.

Thanks for listening.

The Obsidian

New French Law: Displeasing Your Wife Now a Crime

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France has passed a law criminalizing "psychological violence" in marriage that will go into effect this year. Under this new law, so much as making a negative comment concerning one's wife's appearance could lead to the husband being fitted with an electronic monitoring device, such as the leg bracelets attached to criminals in the US. If anything symbolizes slavery, it is these modern day manacles and leg irons.

This law only criminalizes insults within cohabiting relationships, so men are still free to offend women in France, provided they aren't living with them. The legislation surrounding family law in the West has become so oppressive and so insane that it is a wonder young men still get married at all. We all know that women, at certain times [of the month, often], are prone to call anything abusive and to take offense at the slightest and most trivial of innocent words or gestures, so the law constitutes a very real threat to any man who gets married.

Leg Irons for the 21st Century

One can imagine thousands of French men being hauled into court as a result of a fleeting moment in their wives' tearful affliction with PMS, then sternly admonished by a judge and outfitted with the accoutrements of slavery. Surely, this should convince men that marriage is to be avoided like the plague, entered into only by the most troubled, masochistic souls or benighted fools of the highest order.

The question this raises is whether women really are interested in marriage. All of the evidence points to the fact that they are, but still one finds them working like busy beavers to topple the institution and chase any men with an ounce of sense away from it. One has to ask whether women are really this fundamentally stupid as to undermine their own interests to this extent. Laws such as these give us legitimate cause to wonder about that.

The Misandry Bubble: An Excellent Treatise Written by The Futurist

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The Spearhead commenter *The Fifth Horseman*, AKA *The Futurist*, has written an in-depth analysis of the state of manhood in the modern West. I am sure that a number of our readers have already read it, but I want to make sure that none of our busy subscribers miss such a great piece.

So if you haven't had the opportunity to check out the article for yourself, we at *The Spearhead* heartily endorse our fellow traveler TFH, who honors us with his comments and contributions to our cause.

Personally, I would like to commend him on his excellent writing, and express gratitude for the hard work he obviously put into this effort. Writing such a long piece is not easy, and we should all give him a round of applause for putting such stellar thought out there for free. If we are to accomplish the Herculean task of setting gender relations straight in the West, it will largely be due to the efforts of men such as The Fifth Horseman.

Bravo!

Australian Study: Women Get Fatter After Marriage

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According to a study of 6,000 Australian women, shacking up with a man leads to women packing on the pounds. All of the women studied were between the ages of 18 and 23 at the beginning of the study, and by the end of the ten-year study most of them had "partnered" with a man and about half had given birth.

The women who remained single gained the least weight – 11 pounds – while those who had given birth gained an average of 20 pounds. However, the women who were partnered but had not given birth still gained four more pounds on average than the single women.

The study appears to confirm a common, yet usually unvoiced, source of frustration for husbands. Possible reasons for the weight gain cited by researchers include a "more active social life," although that might seem counterintuitive to many married people, particularly those who have children. Other possible explanations, such as the increasingly sedentary lifestyle adopted by many married women or a sense of complacency (no longer need to find a mate), were not mentioned.

“Mother May I?” Masculinity

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Modern women balk at any suggestion that men should be able to tell women how to behave. Many believe that a woman should be able to do whatever she likes without worrying “what women are supposed to do.”

When feminists talk to men, they pretend to offer the same sort of freedom from social expectations attached to one’s sex. But this talk of freedom is always a lie. This new, “free” model of manhood approved by feminists must, after all, serve the interests of feminism. Many traditionally masculine behaviors and ideas are clearly “off limits.” So, while the new woman does whatever she wants and explores her world unfettered, the feminist male is carefully restricted and monitored for signs of disobedience or treachery.

He’s a rhinestone collared lapdog with a humiliating barrette in his hair, free to run in a yard bordered by an electric fence.

At best, he’s allowed the manly privileges of opening jars and taking out the garbage.

The pro-feminist male is a wretched, guilt-ridden creature who must at every turn make certain he is not impeding the progress of women in any way. He willingly accepts guilt for crimes against women he never committed, perpetrated by men he has never met. He must question any interest he has in sports or any admiration he might have for traditional male role models—for fear that he is perpetuating cultures of honor or patriarchy that could somehow result in the oppression of or violence against women. He must be careful to include women in every activity, even if he would prefer not to. He must avoid pornography. He must “Try hard to understand how [his] own attitudes and actions might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence, and work toward changing them.” He must never collude with men to work for the interests of men—unless those interests have been certified as completely harmless to the interests of women. He is encouraged to work with women to support their interests with little or no regard for how those interests might have a negative impact on men. He must “create systems of accountability to women in [his] community.” He must reject any advantages he receives that seem to be tied to “systems of male privilege” but he must support and defend programs that help or give advantages to women based on their sex alone.

The only “freedom” that feminism offers men is the freedom to do exactly what women want him to do. The freedom to *serve.*

Moderate feminists sometimes make the argument that feminism is truly “humanism” and that the interests of men and women are essentially the same. This is a debatable belief—not a fact—and we must respect it, as H.L. Mencken wrote, “only in the sense and to the extent that we respect his theory that his wife is beautiful and his children smart.” Men and women do share some key interests—especially when they are not in competition with one another. But so long as men and women remain physically different and demonstrate different psychological and political tendencies, some conflicts of interest between them will naturally continue.

No woman is expected to burden herself with concerns about how her words or actions might have a negative impact on men. The idea that women should serve the interests of men is explicitly anti-feminist, but the same is not true of men serving the interests of women. Serving the interests of women—possibly at the expense of your own—is required of men who support feminism.

What kind of a man must ask women "what kind of man may I be?"

Not a man, but a boy—a mere child picking flowers for a kiss on the cheek and a pat on the head.

Any assertion of his manhood hinges on the question "Mother, may I?"

If men are not supposed to tell women how women must behave, what right do women have to demand that men cater to their interests? Who are they to tell men what manhood means? Why should men accept their authority? What the Hell do women know about what it means to be a man?

A woman's commentary on the masculine experience is warped and distorted by her own interests, and should never be regarded as authoritative. If, as feminists have said, the personal is political, it is foolish to trust any woman not to filter her thoughts on men through her own experience and interests as a woman. *The pose and the language of unbiased thought do not guarantee it.*

These new, independent women should have no need to exploit a man's vestigial sense of chivalry. If they are truly suited to compete with men, they should be able to do so without special rules, privileges and protections. Men should not have to curb their behavior so that women can achieve. If "equality" were truly desired, men would never have to ask, "Mother, may I?"

Now, within any relationship or friendship between two people, compromise is inevitable and healthy. Every relationship is different, and a man and a woman should be able to make their private arrangements as best serves them both.

It is also true that some compromise at the public level is necessary to maintain even the most rudimentary civilization. But to ask men to radically alter their behavior to facilitate the success of complete strangers with whom they may well be in direct or indirect competition is absurd. That's not "equality" any more than asking a boxer to fight with one hand tied behind his back is a "fair fight."

And yet this is exactly what feminists ask of men.

"Hobble yourselves so that we can crawl over your backs."

Men need to reject this.

In the UK, there was recently some controversy over the formation of what looks like the most benignly pro-feminist men's therapy and health education group you could possibly imagine. But it was too much for some women to entertain the possibility that men might have any valid concerns or complaints of their own, or that they should have access to the same kinds of sex-specific support networks that now abound for women. The group's leader fell all over himself trying to justify his existence to female critics, trying to prove that he was "one of the good ones" and that his focus on masculinity wasn't a threat to women or gays or the transgendered. Perhaps this appeased his masters.

Men are doing this everywhere. They're apologizing and appeasing and asking for permission, cowering and begging and finding out that it will never, ever be enough.

Maybe some men believe that unless they hold their tongues and surrender to the never-ending demands of women, they'll never get laid again. Maybe they're afraid of being alone, unloved or scorned by women. Maybe they're afraid that if they really look into the abyss and see the situation for what it is, they'll be consumed by anger and hatred and they'll no longer be able to smile and nod their way through the crowd of oblivious and obedient consumers who are their friends, families, employers and clients. Buckin' the system ain't great for business. So men lie to themselves and pretend everything is fine to keep things on an even keel.

Damage control.

It's a little too easy for me, having little use for women and few reasons to compromise with them, to tell other men what I think they should do. So I'll just ask:

"How's that working out for ya, fellas?"

Change will begin when men stop working from willingly handicapped, defensive positions.

Men need to stop apologizing for being men.

And most of all, they need to stop asking for *permission* to be men.

Northern Ireland First Minister Forgives Wife Following Her Affair

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In a stark contrast to the often brutal shaming that men in public office undergo as a result of infidelity, Peter Robinson, First Minister of Northern Ireland, did all he could to protect his wife despite her infidelity. Not only did he suppress the story to save his wife, an MP, from "medical" issues, he has forgiven her and will take her back.

His wife, 60-year-old Iris Robinson, began an affair over a year ago, and is now blaming it on "mental illness." Mr. Robinson has actually taken much of the blame, saying:

> [...] Over time and on calmer reflection, I set her inappropriate behaviour against 40 years of bringing up our children – often alone.
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> Forty years of selflessly giving me the space to pursue my beliefs; of facing public pressure for the stand I was taking and having to live with the threats and dangers my position visited upon my family.

We have heard male politicians' wives "forgive" their husbands in the Anglosphere, but I don't think I can recall one single instance of the wife taking the blame for a spouse's infidelity. This reflects the wider culture, which holds that men are guilty no matter who cheats in a marriage.

Mrs. Robinson, for her part, appears to be putting a lot more effort into garnering pity than actually apologizing to her husband:

> During this period of mental illness I lost control of my life and did the worst thing that I have ever done. Over a year and a half ago, I was involved in a relationship.
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> It began completely innocently when I gave support to someone following a family death. I encouraged friends to assist him by providing financial support for a business venture.
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> Regrettably, the relationship later developed into a brief affair. It had no emotional or lasting meaning, but my actions have devastated my life, and the lives of those around me.

Sure, Iris. It didn't mean anything — you were just "involved in a relationship" that "began completely innocently." Of course, it was all because of the "mental illness."

Too many men have heard it all before. As men, we have to remember that Mr. Robinson, despite his obvious deep pain, has a certain duty to uphold to society, and it does not include coddling his adulterous wife.

Perhaps our greatest failing as Western men is our pathetic weakness where women's misbehavior is concerned. This tendency has put us in a bad place, and we've got to take a stand and declare that there is no virtue in giving cheating, destructive women license to wreck families and hurt people.

The Awesome Power of a Wife's Love!

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A very old man lay dying in his bed. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookie wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven.

There, spread out on newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table. The aged and withered hand, shaking, made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when he was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those," she said. "They're for the funeral."

(Time for a bit of levity.)

Bastard Game

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I have never considered myself a Player. When searching for a good bad time, I consider sex more a consequence than a goal.

Whatever happens, I am not going out of my way for a woman I've just met.

In fact, I generally refuse to go out of my way for women I know. Experience has left me wanting in the "Trust" Department. If someone is merely an *acquaintance*, much different than a friend, I'll sooner spill a drink on the floor than go out of my way for them.

Game is a social skill-set for the effective knocking over of ass. However, no skill-set is perfect. Everyone has different aptitudes, and everyone's Game needs tweaking to find what works for them.

Game is about being an Alpha-male. By demonstrating your higher position in the social hierarchy, you become more attractive to the opposite sex.

I read about Game for amusement more than anything. There is something sad about grown men who privately worship women as sexual objects, but then whine about "pedestallers". For misogynists, they draw an awful lot of validation from the women they seek to conquer. It's like a hetero 'Broken Hearts Club'.

> If you follow the Mystery Method to the letter and spend four hours a night out "working your game", reconsider your priorities. I don't care if it works. Get a gym membership.

After reading a tongue-in-cheek breakdown of various styles of Game, I thought about it what style (or combination of styles) matches what I pass off as "Game".

> It isn't strictly Asshole Game. It certainly isn't Cool Guy Game.
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> > It's Max Game. It's Bastard Game.

I have decided to break down my style by parts to better explain it. Think of it as Strategy and Tactics.

First, **the Rules**:

Rule 1: Be Indifferent

> With the exception of your mother, no woman is special. The only reason a man treats a woman special is if he wants something from her. She will assume that what you 'want' is her ass. She will be right. This puts her in charge.
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> If this happens, you have just lost. At this point, you may as well ask for her permission to fuck her. Asking is begging. Begging is contemptible.

Rule 2: Proffer No Excuse

> Do not apologise. You do not need a woman's approval. She needs yours. She wants your validation. If you apologise, you are asking for her approval. See *Rule 1*.

Rule 3: Work the Help

> If you are in any place for more than a night, get familiar with

the local color. Go out early, talk to waitresses, bartenders and bouncers. Don't look for favors, just act friendly. Tip well.

When you can walk in a place and shake hands with the employees on your way to the bar, you don't need to know the owner. This is Social Proof.

Rule 4: Never Let 'em See You Sweat

Always maintain your bearing. Everything you do is easy, even when it isn't. Swagger. You've heard it, seen it, and done it. Treat everything and everyone with mild amusement, mild curiosity, or mild disgust. No one needs to know your limits.

Rule 5: Never Compete With Women

Darts. Pool. Conversation. Never let them see you try. If you win, you did it with one hand tied behind your back. If they win, it is because you let them.

Never try to impress a woman. *Be* impressive. The difference is in the effort. If it looks like approval seeking behavior, it is. See *Rule 1*.

Never mind the fact that there is No Honor in it.

Rule 6: Men Are More Important Than Women

Treat other guys with respect. You may be competing for the same resource, but you're still on the same team. Treating other men well acts as Social Proof.

Treat Betas like your kid brother and you'll earn Alpha credit. Treat other Alphas respectfully, as equals, and you can avoid unnecessary conflict. If you're trying to knock over some ass, fighting is counter-productive.

Don't get overzealous with your anti-male negs. Keep it in proportion. If he's busting your balls, let him be the one putting out the obvious effort. Females *will* pick up on his eagerness to one-up you, and you'll look more alpha for being casual and indifferent.

Being unnecessarily aggressive toward other men in front of women is bad form. It's negative Social Proof. You'll either look **a**) intimidated, and therefore approval seeking (see *Rule 1*) or **b**) you'll appear dangerous. Bad boy charm goes out the window if women think you will *actually* throw them in your trunk.

Women will ignore the obvious monster in front of them as long as they don't have to see its teeth.

Just ask Ted Bundy.

Rule 7: Never Humiliate

Long before I'd ever heard of Game, the use of Negs was natural to me. Negging is a normative part of male behavior. Men bust balls constantly. Women think they understand this practice, but they don't. They cannot tell the difference between ball busting and an insult.

Ball busting is a sign of trust. "Look at me, I can insult you (within certain limits) because you and I understand that I mean no offense."

Negging exists very near the event horizon of a slippery slope. Negging a girl, particularly if she is part of a group, and especially if that group includes any males, can blow up in your face. Females occasionally take negging as ball busting, and counter as such. Females are adept at picking out weaknesses – they set at each other like a murder of crows at carrion – and will

sometimes up the *ante* with particularly vicious comments.

Be wary of how you Neg. You might be able to read a girl's nine abortions and her "Weird Uncle" story in her eyes, but calling her on it will invariably lead to violence.

Regardless of a person's race, rank, or gender, Humiliation is the *fastest* way to spark a brawl.

This covers the *Macro-Strategy* section of Bastard Game. 7 is a perfect number for rules. Any more or less and I will invariably get drunk and completely forget them. As it is, I will invariably get drunk and completely forget them.

Fairly standard stuff, from a Gaming perspective. The real Devil is in the details.

Tactics

"*Carefree, mocking, violent. Thus wisdom wants us.*

For she is a woman, she always loves a man of war."

- Nietzsche; *Genealogy of Morals*

Bastard Game was designed to help cultivate a specific posture.

Alphas rise to the top of their social hierarchy because they embody manliness. They become leaders in their group, sometimes in spite of themselves, because they demonstrate the most Alpha traits. There is one Alpha trait that supersedes the rest: *Strength*.

All Game relies on the presentation of Alpha male qualities. Bastard Game forgoes some of the basic tactics of other styles to focus on one thing:

Rule 1: Be Indifferent

No matter what happens, don't give a fuck. Don't care. Do not put yourself out for anyone. Don't lift one finger, don't bat one eyelash. This isn't a false posture. Indifference is the luxury of the Alpha male. He is calm and composed because, whatever happens, he can handle it.

Bastard Game: Tactics

Opening:

1. **Never Approach**. Game is like magic, it falls apart at the seams if the audience knows the trick. The more a woman has been approached, the more savvy she will be to your approach, no matter how subtle.

In order to close the distance, consider:

The Drive-By: Open on the move. You are a walking, negging machine. If you're with a wingman, even better. You'll already be in conversation and you can casually toss a comment over your shoulder. Is it an approach? . . . eh. Not if you couldn't care less and keep on walking.

The Tactical Advantage: Being parked in an approachable position is a good thing. Sitting at the bar *seems* ideal – you're automatically talking over your shoulder, for one – but there are too many distractions (i.e. the bartender). Find the high-ground, where people must approach or pass you on *your* terms.

2. **Subliminal Social Proof.** Remember Rule 3 – if you're in a familiar place, then you'll be shaking hands with everyone from the bouncer to the bartender. Every person you talk to publicly builds your Social Proof. The more others notice, the less strange it will seem if you randomly drop a comment in their lap.

If you're in a strange place, have a wing come in a few minutes late. Give yourself enough time to get the layout. Grab some tactical advantage, or move near a set, and let your wing run into you. He is so glad to see you that he'll even buy you a round.

If you're solo, make new friends. *Men are more important than women*. If you're truly leader of the pack, nothing will show it better than the way other men act around you. Once they start telling you stories to impress you, start making that face that attractive women make when a man is boring them.

You are an Alpha. People are glad to know you, and they want to make you happy. Seeking a female's attention overtly is like asking for approval. Asking is begging. Don't ask them to be interested in you, make them feel out of place if they are not.

3. **Turnabout**. This is always fair play. Females always arrive in groups, they dress the part, their *value* is obvious. That is, their valuables are obvious. All of this is bait – *Come impress me, Mr. Alpha. Win my approval.*

Asking is begging, and begging is contemptible. Even from a female.

They display all of these approval-seeking behaviors. Deny them that approval. Only open a set enough to start a conversation. Fuck your routines. Don't run off at the mouth with stupid stories.

Opening a set is nothing more than an invitation for them to entertain you. You are the Alpha male. You know your worth. Now let them prove theirs to you. Beauty alone isn't enough – you've seen it before – you aren't swayed by it. They have to demonstrate *real value.* Let them buy *you* drinks, or else just offer to blow you in the bathroom.

Working a Set:

1. **Neg, Neg, Neg**. Remember, this isn't about their approval, it's about yours. Make them want it, then dole it out in small doses.

2. **Smile**. Let them see you smile . . . at other people. Smile when you talk to your wing before you open. Smile when you talk to the Staff. Smile *for* females, not at them. They'll have to earn it.

Wait for them to give you Indicators of Interest. After a few, feed a smile. Work your own Indicators sparingly, like Pavlovian conditioning. If you have her on the hook, she'll escalate for you. Once she does, follow suit.

3. **Bounce**. As soon as you have her/them/it on the hook, get the fuck out of there. Once escalation starts, it's only a matter of time before the location gets stale and your Game stalls.

Express displeasure at your surroundings. Demand to change them.

Either regard the new venue as more interesting, and use the girls you hooked for Social Proof as you work the new place . . .

OR

Be skeptical of the new venue's ability to please you. Turn your attention back to the girls, inviting *them* to please you.

Closing:

1. **Fuck Numbers**. If anyone should be giving out their phone number, it's you. If she's really interested, she'll call.

2. **Plan B**. In case your swaggering Alpha demeanor intimidates her, strike up a tentative plan to do something, somewhere, sometime soon. It gives her an excuse to call you.

3. **Escalate**. If you're not escalating her skirt by now, lose interest.

You can read more of Max's barely recollected philosophical musings at http://www.fkinonline.com/. *This article is a re-post of material that first appeared there.*

HPV Litigation Cases and Why Men Are at Risk

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I don't know much about sexually transmitted diseases. My 10th grade health teacher – Coach Oates – spent more time threatening "ass whoopin's", cracking jokes, and talking football than he did teaching us about the birds, the bees, and STDs. The main source of information about STD threats was the media; growing up in the Nineties, the only STD worth mentioning seemed to be HIV – "the disease that causes AIDS". A recent legal case in which a man was ordered to pay a woman $1.5 million highlights several inefficiencies. First, the legal system is shown to be stacked against men, once again. Second, the overblown AIDS crisis hurt women in one important way which – if cases like the one I'm going to discuss continue – has brought men down with it.

It wasn't until college that I really heard any talk about other more common, albeit less serious sexually transmitted infections like HPV, herpes, chlamydia, etc. HPV causes cervical cancer; chlamydia can cause tubal pregnancies and serious health problems in women, yet sexually irresponsible children only hear about the Big One: HIV.

For example, we all know the various mechanisms by which HIV is spread – anal sex, vaginal sex, IV needle sharing, blood transfusion – but not many know that HPV can be spread through skin to skin contact: no penetration necessary. For a virus that affects some 50% of sexually active adults and has serious consequences if left untreated and unmonitored, the time, energy, and resources spent on HIV awareness is and was inefficiently allocated. HPV awareness in the media and schools would have had more bang for the buck than the hullabaloo surrounding HIV. The fact is that, as a white heterosexual non drug-using male, I have very little risk of contracting HIV. I have a relatively high risk of contracting and transmitting HPV, chlamydia, and herpes though.

This is my long-winded way of saying that this lawsuit is bullshit. A dentist, Alan Evans, has been ordered to pay $1.5 million to Karly Rossiter for allegedly knowingly transmitting HPV to her; the decision handed down in an Iowa court was recently upheld. The pair had sex on January 1, 2005 after beginning dating sometime in December 2004. One "strong" piece of evidence against Evans was the fact that Evans asked Rossiter if she had been tested for HPV *after* they had sex.

In the particular case of Rossiter versus Evans, Rossiter claimed that she was HPV free before having sex with Evans. Even though she is also currently HPV-free – and $1.5 million richer – she sought and received damages for stress and strain due to a possibility that the virus would flare back up in the future. Assuming Rossiter, who was 23 at the time, had previously had sex with other people (she didn't hold out on sex with Evans for long: they started dating in December 2004 and had sex on New Years, *and* the fact that Rossiter states that her previos test came back negative for HPV rather than saying that she was a virgin ***Update: she wasn't a virgin), it's entirely possible that Rossiter's HPV had "gone away" before her previous exam and reappeared during the interim. There seems to be too many possibilities to prove that Evans knowingly infected Rossiter.

But in civil suits, "preponderance of doubt" is the only legal hurdle that needs to be cleared. This leaves men more susceptible to liability than women despite the same level of negligibility and carelessness. Rossiter's lawyer, Jeff Tronvold, even pointed out during the trial that the date, means, and identity of infecting partner are difficult to definitively pin down when people are sexually active.

An MSNBC article quoted Tronvold as saying:

> "If 75 percent of people are exposed to HPV, then everybody should know they had it at one point…[If you deny it to a partner,] "you have already met, in my opinion, the civil burden [of proof] because you just lied. You should say, 'I have no signs, but I cannot tell you I never had it.' This could change the way we all date."

Scary stuff for any *man*. Regardless of the particular circumstances surrounding this case, such a decision and such legal wrangling leaves open the door for future litigation against men for knowledge that is often beyond their ability to have. The fact that most men carry the disease at some point but never know when they carry the disease or if their immune system has defeated it means they must make the assumption that there's a reasonable possibility that they currently have the virus. To definitively deny having HPV is deceptive since a man can never know for sure that he doesn't have the virus. But if Tronvold argues that men are culpable because they have cause to believe they are somewhat likely to have had the disease, doesn't this imply that a woman should have reasonable cause to assume that the man she's sleeping with has or has had HPV? Welcome to CYA 101.

This court decision caught my eye, took me aback, and made me throw up in my mouth a little. First off, men are usually only ever aware of having HPV after being told by a woman that *she* has the virus. HPV screens are only available during women's cervical exams. The Center for Disease Control even seems to poo-poo HPV infection in men:

> "Currently, there is no test designed or approved to find HPV in men. The only approved HPV test on the market is for women, for use as part of cervical cancer screening. There is no general test for men or women to check one's overall "HPV status." But HPV usually goes away on its own, without causing health problems. So an HPV infection that is found today will most likely not be there a year or two from now."

Most men never develop health problems from HPV therefore there is no reason for them to screen for it. Well, unless we all get sued to death; that's a health concern.

If Evans was liable, this means that many, many men have contracted the virus from a woman who *knew* she had the disease but didn't tell him. Because men don't directly suffer from HPV or show signs of infection (1% of cases lead to genital warts and most show no outward signs of infection) and none die as a result of the virus, men don't have much of a litiginal claim against a woman who lies about her infection. But if *he* is informed of his infection, neverminding the fact that he could be completely misled into thinking that he carries the virus, he is liable to a woman he infects if she isn't informed about it. The only recompense for men would be if a judge and jury bought the same distorted logic used by Tronvold to side with a man – this is doubtful to happen.

So there is a legal precedent implicating men for having sex with women without knowing for sure that they *don't* have HPV. There are many other cases as well such as the recent filing of a $25 million lawsuit of a woman suing her husband for HPV contraction. The legal claim regarding HPV incurred such a high settlement because of the potential damage caused by this particular virus. But up until recently, and likely during the mid 2000s, people didn't know much about HPV or the damage it could potentially cause. If a man like Evans were told that he had dipsodrymadica (I made that up) is he responsible for whatever damage that disease causes to a person he gives it to if a.) he knows nothing about it b.) the disease has little media exposure and c.) it is relatively less researched

than other diseases? At what point must a person be fully aware of the consequences of their disease, at what point must they fully know the risks of it, and at what point are the responsible for sifting through mountains of information that may or may not be true? Purposeful HIV infection is pretty cut-and-dry: people don't "get rid of" HIV, and the effects of it have been fully pounded into our skulls. There is another possibility about the extent to which a man knows he has HPV, which is relevant in Evans' case. Genital warts indicate HPV, but lack of knowledge about HPV means that there is/was little chance that Evans knew a.) that he had a virus b.) the severity of the virus and c.) the nature of the virus and the risk of passing it on. An interesting fact about this particular case is that Rossiter testified that Evans had bumps on his penis *yet she still had sex with him*. If Evans had bumps and didn't know what those bumps indicated because of ignorance is he to be held liable even though Rossiter isn't held liable for the same ignorant display? It is also worth noting that Rossiter continued having sex with Evans for a year-and-a-half after learning she had HPV. Evans probably did, however, know that he should wear a condom during sex so as to prevent the transmission of HIV. Unfortunately in the case of HPV, condom use doesn't prevent its spread. I didn't know that until 2 years ago.

The point is, most men today don't know that they can transmit HPV. Men around my age who grew up in the Nineties and early Naughts knew absolutely nothing about the disease then. Men older than us knew that much less. Hardly anyone knows that 50% of adults contract the virus at some point in their lives nor do they know the nature of the virus and what its symptoms are. They also don't know <u>that about 4,000 women die a year in the United States as a result of cervical cancer caused by the virus</u>. As a comparison, <u>18,000 deaths occured in the United States due to AIDS in 2003</u>. Of those 18,000, a high percentage were attributed to homosexual intercourse and IV drug use. To compare apples to apples, 4,000 women died from HPV due to relatively innocuous sexual behavior – which, I'd argue is in the ballpark of the number of women who died from AIDS contracted via similar behavior. The risks are similar, but the media attention, medical funding, and general knowledge of each disease incongruently favors HIV/AIDS relative to HPV and other diseases. This has harmed women and will also harm men if their knowledge of the diseases they potentially carry isn't provided to them.

This is where my ire towards our educational upbringing and overblown media coverage of HIV comes in. A case like this leaves too much room for people – especially men – to be found liable for damages from a disease they know next to nothing about. They know next to nothing about it because nobody has told them about it because the "teachers" were too busy focusing on other diseases that – while dangerous and certainly a threat – weren't the only disease on the block worth knowing about.

So lesson #1 learned from CYA 101: men now face the possibility of lawsuit for having sex with any woman without signing a legal waiver. Great – Game, foreplay, and romance are now futile.

Outsourcing Condom Production to China May Have Been a Bad Idea

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The US government buys millions of condoms every year, shipping them around the world as part of an AIDS prevention effort. Additional condoms are distributed to soldiers and other government workers in risky areas.

Last March, the government decided to stop purchasing condoms from Alatech, an Alabama company that was the sole provider and employed some 300 people in condom manufacturing. Now, the condom manufacturing will be contracted out to Chinese producers, who can produce the condoms for a lower price.

All things being equal, cutting government waste is a fine idea, but China is notorious for quality control issues, and where condoms are concerned this is a matter of obvious importance.

As it turns out, there was a largely unreported scandal in November in which millions of Chinese condoms were found to be faulty, prompting a recall. Although the faulty condoms may well have been produced in another factory, the Chinese market is very difficult to control, and there's virtually no guarantee that someone won't try to make a quick buck by swapping the goods before they get shipped out. This is a contingency one simply must plan for in China, but it is unlikely that people with shabby rubbers are going to think about that in the heat of the moment.

Sordid Deeds of Ulster's Premier Adulteress Come to Light

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We reported on the shameful surrender of Peter Robinson in the face of his wife's wanton adultery yesterday, but weren't fully apprised of the heinous nature of Iris Robinson's transgression.

It seems that Iris seduced a teenage boy who is 40 years her junior. She offered to help him in his business following a tragedy in his family, and then took advantage of him. This exposes the true nature of the "cougar" phenomenon — it is all about power and the consumption of innocent prey.

Western women have become so unhinged that not only are they willing to lay waste to their own families, but will also gleefully permanently destroy the reputations of young men as well. There's no doubt that this kid will never live his affair with the predatory Northern Ireland MP down. For the rest of his life, his "relationship" with a married woman old enough to be his grandmother will haunt his steps.

Perhaps women think it is no big thing to have affairs with older men. If there is any disparity in adultery between men and women it is a mathematical certainty that this is due to young women being eager homewreckers, but for young men there is little in the way of forgiveness for such disgusting behavior. Certainly, the Maureen Dowds of the world may have reaped great benefits from their ancient dalliances with older men, but nobody has any respect for the young man who is seduced by a lecherous old lady.

Kirk McCambley, the boy who engaged in adultery with Mrs. Robinson, committed a heinous act, but given our female-worshipping society he will be the one to pay the heaviest price despite his lesser guilt. A young life has been ruined by vice, but is it fair that the boy will bear the greatest burden for this crime of passion?

Surely it isn't. We live in a warped world in which there is nothing but encouragement for women to act on their most base instincts and then run away and hide under the cover of sympathy committed by the women in their lives.

Because, thanks to progressives such as the Swedes, adultery has been decriminalized, we can only hope that Mrs. Robinson's manipulation of boy with her power and connections will be punished under the rubric of corruption. Unfortunately, it is only the economic corruption rather than moral, for which she may be held responsible. In a better world, the rotten woman would do time for both, but those in power, including her husband, want nothing more than to exonerate her disgusting crimes.

Mrs. Robinson indeed!

Joe Iannicelli Exposes Family Court Corruption in Video

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Commenter Puma pointed out that Joe Iannicelli, the “Old Roman,” has uploaded a video to YouTube. In the video, he details one case of corruption that exemplifies what occurs in courts around the country, which explains why men are so often burned by a justice system that is anything but “just.”

Mr. Iannicelli’s website can be found at the following URL:

joeiannicelli.com

Old Roman Puts His Foot Down

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Joe Iannicelli, an 80-year-old scientist and inventor, stood up to a Georgia judge and said he'd had enough of paying for the ex-wife who abandoned him and two of her children nearly 40 years ago. With alimony arrears totaling $68,000, Superior Court Judge E.M. Wilkes III of Hazleton Georgia ordered Mr. Ianicelli to pay up or turn himself in for contempt of court.

Unlike many unfortunate men jailed for not forking money over to their ex-wives, Mr. Iannicelli can afford to pay; he owns valuable property, two lucrative companies and luxury cars. His refusal to pay is based purely on principle: he feels that when his wife dumped their sons off on Jekyll Island, GA, calling him after she had abandoned them, she voided the contract for alimony.

Iannicelli has vowed not to budge from his position, saying "they can do whatever they want with me," and, citing his ancestry, "I have a Greco-Roman background. Romans never surrender. We've been slaughtered several times in history."

More and more men are beginning to take a stand against injustice, and more people are beginning to take note. Mr. Iannicelli is a brave old gentleman who deserves our respect and admiration for his strong convictions and willingness to sacrifice for them.

Shii – The Wii for Women

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I present this foreign video without comment. Figured you guys could help out with that. A pal sent it, and I was entertained.

The End of Marriage

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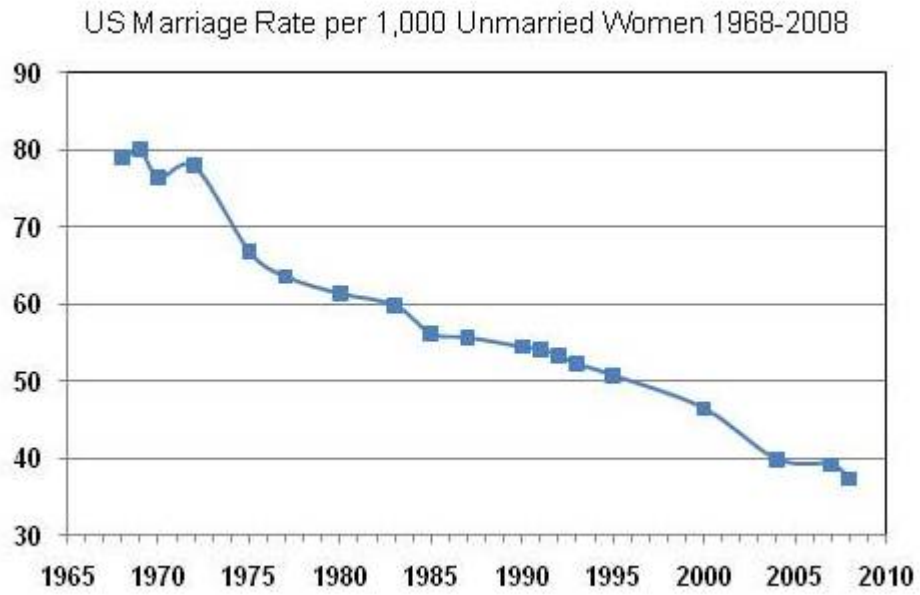
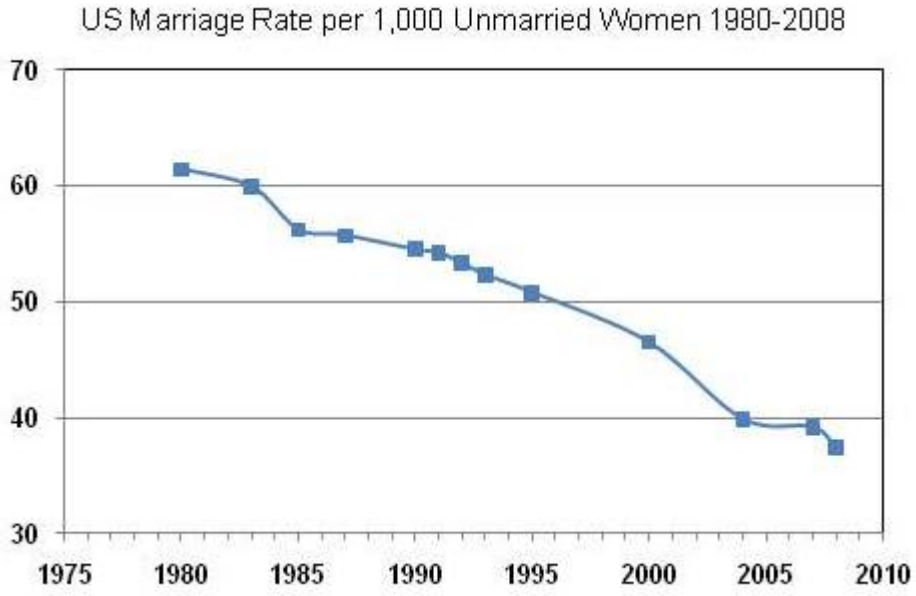
The marriage rate is declining in the USA and other Western countries. You knew that. But what exactly does that mean? Men and women are still marrying. Marriage will continue, won't it? Let's take a look at the data for the USA.

The National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia publishes an annual report titled The State Of Our Unions which includes data on US marriage rates since 1960. From 1970 through 2008, the US marriage rate has declined from 76.5 to 37.4 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women – see the chart below:

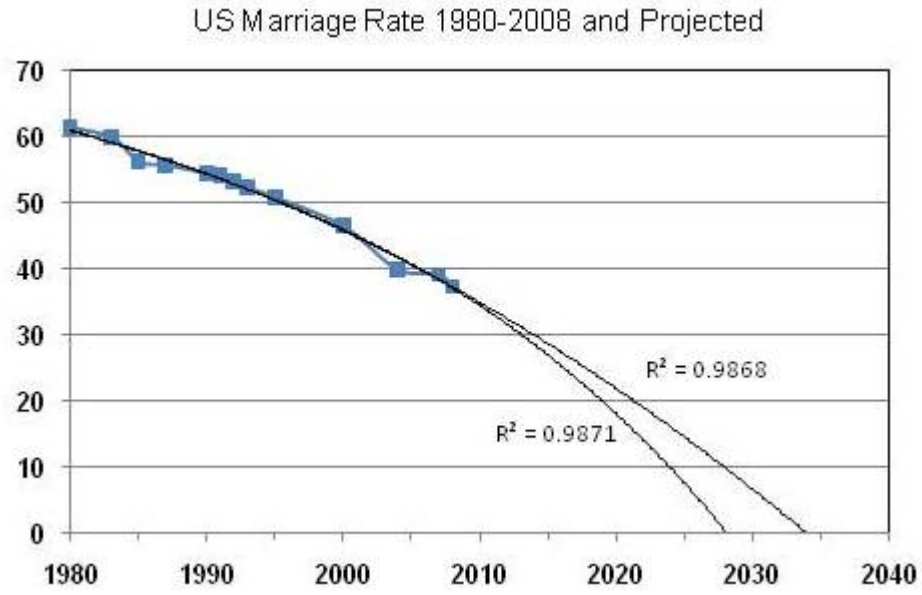


It's immediately obvious that the decline of marriage can be divided into two distinct periods. From 1968 through 1977, as the seismic shocks of the sexual revolution and the Vietnam war rolled through our society, the marriage rate tumbled from 79.1 to 63.6. Then from 1980 on, the marriage rate settled into a steady decline to arrive at 37.4 in 2008.

Let's take another look at the later period of the data set:



Michael Mann, Phil Jones and the Hockey Team would have to do some serious adjustments on a data set like this. Not only is the marriage rate declining, but the rate of decline is accelerating. Let's fit a trend line. The best fit trend lines are second and third order polynomials with R-squared of 0.9868 and 0.9871 respectively:



So there it is. If the current trend continues, sometime between 2028 and 2034 the US marriage rate will reach zero. What will America look like in year one AM?

Our Brave New World Order

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I began using this phrase a little over a year ago in my blogging and commenting, and while it certainly pertains to what I see as very real aspects of the "NWO" conspiracy theory, I'm not posting this to re-engage in a debate concerning the existence of the NWO conspiracy.

Rather, this is a re-posting of a previous blog entry I made a year ago, in which I expanded on an initial comparison made by Neal Postman between two fictional visions of future dystopias – George Orwell's *1984* and Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* – and how they apply to our current reality.

Our Brave New World Order
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It's been well over 15 years since I initially read Adolph Huxley's Brave New World. I have just finished re-reading it, and I must say, Huxley has presented one of the most accurate predictions of life in the future from the era in which he wrote his novel.

While Orwell came up with some accurate predictions regarding the surveillance police state and heavy handed authoritarian government that would try to control every citizen's thoughts and behaviors, I do believe Huxley was closer to the mark in envisioning how our modern day society would become.

As Neil Postman wrote in the foreward to his book, Amusing Ourselves to Death:

> *We were keeping our eye on 1984. When the year came and the prophecy didn't, thoughtful Americans sang softly in praise of themselves. The roots of liberal democracy had held. Wherever else the terror had happened, we, at least, had not been visited by Orwellian nightmares.*
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> But we had forgotten that alongside Orwell's dark vision, there was another vision that was slightly older, slightly less well known, equally chilling: Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Contrary to common belief even among the educated, Huxley and Orwell did not prophesy the same thing. Orwell warns that we will be overcome by an externally imposed oppression. But in Huxley's vision, no Big Brother is required to deprive people of their autonomy, maturity and history. As he saw it, people will come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think.
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> What Orwell feared were those who would ban books. What Huxley feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who wanted to read one.
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> Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism.
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> Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance.
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> Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy porgy, and the centrifugal bumblepuppy.
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> As Huxley remarked in Brave New World Revisited, the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny "failed to take into account man's almost

> infinite capacity for distractions." In 1984, Huxley added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. In Brave New World, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we hate will ruin us. Huxley feared that what we love will ruin us.
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> This book is about the possibility that Huxley, not Orwell, was right.

I've read 1984 at least three times over the years, but it was the re-reading of "Brave New World" – this time with a mind made aware of the realities of our current existence – that, I have to say, gave me cause to believe Postman was right about this.

Look how much of Huxley's nightmare vision of dystopia has already come to pass:

* Sex would be completely disassociated with reproduction. (We're almost there.)

* The nuclear family model would fall out of mainstream acceptability. Motherhood and Fatherhood would become shameful. (We're almost there.)

* The use of chemicals by the population to avoid facing the stark reality of their existence.

* The rigid stratification of society into a socio-economic caste system.

* The conditioning of society to not value traditions, religion, or anything that is old. No value in keeping, mending or fixing things…a disposable society in which all things that break or wear out quickly and are immediately thrown out and replaced with NEW.

* The cultural acceptance of death as each person's duty to make way for your replacement in the larger community.

But most of all, I think Huxley's most accurate prediction was the successful means of the power elite to use what he called Hypnopædia — the use of repetitive suggestion to brainwash the masses. Except Huxley described this process in his story with the State implanting suggestions in developing infants while they sleep; we the Sheeple gladly embrace our own indoctrination and brainwashing while we are conscious and attending state indoctrination facilities (public schools and Universities) and our own voluntary consumption of mass media "entertainment!"

Environmentalism, Feminism, and Communitarianism are all our current versions of Conscious and Deliberate Hypnopædia. Talk to the average first world person still totally plugged into the current societal Matrix, and you will find the platitudes, cliché's and verboten "opinions" they espouse eerily familiar.

Just like Huxley's characters repeating their hypnopædiac phrases, one can easily see the same sort of phrases regarding sex, Soma and behaviors; just listen/watch/read the thought patterns being regurgitated by ANY self-identified "Republican", "Democrat","liberal", "Conservative", "Feminist","Environmentalist" or even "Voter" in our modern world.

In fact, I think we could define "Political Correctness" as conforming to our Brave New World Order's hypnopædiac conditioning.

However, the thing I fear the most about our Brave New World Order is that Postman was merely making observations relevant to his time (he wrote the above passage in 1985), because I believe that the current paradigm of the New World Order following Huxley's prescient vision of population control through mass dumbing-down and infantilization of the sheeple and distracting them with base, hedonistic pleasures, will eventually result in mankind waking up from our stupefying slumber and find ourselves screaming under the authoritarian jackboot dystopia foretold by Orwell.

Once the New World Order power elite social engineers that have molded and shaped our present day

existence have achieved absolute entrenchment into power and control, I think Orwell's vision will become our new reality.

The only real question here is how will each and every one of us refuse and resist? How can we save our own liberty and freedom from their nefarious master plan?

Because, after stepping back and looking at the big picture, I really don't see much hope for our future as a society and a culture.

The Beginning of Ramping up the False Rape Industry to Combat Game?

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At some point feminists (and other female supremacists) are going to develop new tactics to combat game. The Fifth Horseman has said that ramping up the false rape industry is one possibility. Based on a couple of things I have recently come across, this looks like it could happen.

The first is related to the Duke Lacrosse case. A few months ago, Duke University revised their "sexual misconduct" policy. While the Duke Lacrosse case was one reason this was done, another was that the reported cases of "sexual misconduct" at Duke had declined slightly. Ada Gregory, director of the Women's Center at Duke University, had an absurd explanation for this fact saying, "The higher IQ, the more manipulative they are, the more cunning they are … imagine the sex offenders we have here at Duke—cream of the crop." In other words, because Duke has intelligent men attending, they can get away with rape (and other "sexual misconduct") because they use their intelligence to convince the women they raped that they weren't really raped at all. Effectively, Gregory is claiming that when it comes to intelligent men, most women won't be able to determine that they were really raped because intelligent men can "trick" women into believing that they weren't raped.

The new "sexual misconduct" policy also informs the Women's Center at Duke of any "sexual misconduct" allegation and the Women's Center is involved at every step of the process. The policy also contains language about how "real or perceived power differentials between individuals may create an **unintentional** atmosphere of coercion." Effectively, Duke's new policy claims that rape can't be determined by the alleged victim, but by third parties (such as the ideologically driven "Women's Center").

What does this have to do with game? These ideas can be used to ramp up the false rape industry to combat game. One thing I have heard from some people is that a false rape charge can't happen when you use game, because good enough game will protect you. While this is debatable (and I don't think there is any guarantee of this), let's assume it is true. The problem becomes that this is no longer about a man and a woman. As the Duke "sexual misconduct" policy says, third parties (which we can assume are anti-male) will get involved. This is the key, because instead of dealing with a single woman, you're dealing with an entrenched feminist bureaucracy so feminists won't have to worry about minor problems such as women believing they consented to sex. Feminists will claim that using game implies a certain level of intelligence that allows a man with game to convince a woman sex was consensual. This will lead feminists to claim that using game is rape. In addition, feminists can also claim that game creates a "real or perceived power differential" which means that a man with game raped a woman even though he had no intention to do so.

Recently, Obsidian wrote a post concerning Denise Romano and her views of game. This led to her spamming The Spearhead, Obsidian's blog, Ferdinand's blog, and others with a comment about rape. Spam is the correct word to describe what Denise Romano did since her comments had nothing to do with the issues being discussed, and in the case of Ferdinand's blog her comment was added to a post about his blog's comment policy, making it true spam in every sense of the word. What Denise Romano is most likely trying to do is imply that men with game are effectively rapists. While we all

know that’s a crock, this is the beginning of using the false rape industry to combat game. We have nothing to worry about from Denise Romano since she is doing it so poorly, but other feminists in the future may do it better.

“No, really…Don’t F–ing Tread on Me”

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Welmer and I met a couple of weeks ago, and while we were talking about *The Spearhead* the idea of having someone write something about “style” every so often came up.

I kinda brushed the idea off as “probably too metrosexual.”

But then I came across this brand tonight, because I literally typed “DON’T TREAD ON ME T-SHIRT” into a search engine. The free market provides. So I figured “what the Hell, I’ll write a style column.”

Don’t Tread on Me.

It’s a classic, all-American, “get off my lawn” kinda message.

It’s what I wanted. I wear a lot of t-shirts and I go to the gym a lot. I’m not really a “band t-shirt” kind of guy, but after 3 years of wearing plain black Target brand Merona Ultimate T-Shirts every day (I have at least 12), I decided I might like a shirt with something going on.

However, being a man of words and ideas, I can’t just walk around wearing some dipshit “Brand X” advertisement in an attractive font. I like things to have some sort of meaning.

So I found out there’s a whole line of ‘em. Who knew?

Now, I’m sure that in some major fashion metropolis that I don’t live in *on purpose*, this brand is already so “last year” or is associated with some douche bag contingent or other. Like Affliction or Don Hardy or whatever is “no longer cool since it got too popular.”

I’m only 35, but I’m already too old and mean to give a shit.

In fact, if you make a comment about this brand being “over” in any way, you’re a fucking faggot.

And coming from me, that’s fucking saying something.

I’m also sure that, given the fact that these shirts have appeared on MTV and American Idol and what have you, a lot of the people wearing them probably put them into a hamper along with a selection of cute fake vintage t-shirts from Urban Outfitters and maybe a pink “Che” cutoff belly tee.

What the fuck ever.

If you watch American Idol, you’re also a fucking faggot.

And your dad wishes he had smothered you in your crib.

Anyway I like them, and come payday, I’m gonna get me one. Maybe two.

I figure I’ll “accessorize” with the NRA ball cap I just ordered, to head off the cutesy ironic postmodern look. Hopefully that says…

“I’M NOT KIDDING. DON’T FUCKING TREAD ON ME.”

How’s that grab you for some *Spearhead* “style commentary?”

“Don’t Tread On Me” Brand Official Site
http://www.donttreadonme.com/

Bikini Baristas Give an Entirely New Meaning to Caffe Latte

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Although this may be straight out of a scene in *Idiocracy*, it is not a joke. Perhaps, because Seattle is at once one of the most liberal and uptight cities in the US (it may seem like a contradiction, but it really isn't), and Seattlites sure do like their coffee, something like this was bound to come along to take advantage of the sex gap:

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It seems that a few of the bikini baristas in Everett, a blue-collar city a bit north of Seattle, got a bit carried away, and began offering "special deals" for some extra cash:

This business model has also emerged in downtown Seattle, where baristas claim to have increased their earnings five-fold with their new uniforms. In the following video, a woman betrays obvious hostility, while a man with his family pretends it's "bad." Some Indian tourists, on the other hand, seem perfectly happy with the concept, posing with the baristas for photos while sporting broad grins:

I think the appearance of these espresso stands is kind of funny, but it also dovetails with something that I've been predicting for a while: the emergence of prostitution as a more acceptable practice in a post-moral America. In the Former Soviet Union prostitution exploded during the economic crisis and suddenly the world was awash in Russian hookers. Could the same phenomenon occur in an America where economic opportunities for the young have largely evaporated and there is no longer a traditional sense of morality to prevent girls from resorting to selling themselves for the extra cash?

Forbes Magazine: Female Dominance not Total, More Laws Needed

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Forbes magazine, supposedly dedicated to profit, business and the American Way, has published a feminist call to action, written by Dina Bakst, demanding legislation to prop up women in the workplace.

The article starts out with celebration of victories, such as chasing men out of college and the workplace:

> Going into a new decade, women have many things to celebrate: They now earn close to 60% of all college degrees, run more than 10 million businesses with combined annual sales of $1.2 trillion and, for the first time in history, make up half of all workers on U.S. payrolls.

Followed, of course, by the obligatory whine about the "glass ceiling":

> Yet the struggle for women's equality is far from over. Despite remarkable advancements, the glass ceiling remains securely in place for American women–even with 18 million cracks in it.

How do we smash that glass ceiling? Well, we need *laws*. Lots of 'em!

> The time has come to update our laws and policies. First and foremost, Congress should expand access to family-friendly employee benefits, including paid family leave and paid sick days.
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> Congress should also expand access to workplace flexibility and fair work schedules by reforming the Fair Labor Standards Act and passing a law that guarantees workers the right to request flexible work. Flexible work arrangements (e.g., part-time work, flexible workday schedules and telecommuting) are crucial for many workers with multiple responsibilities.
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> [...]
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> In the current recession, claims of pregnancy discrimination and other forms of family responsibilities discrimination have increased, yet the gaps in our existing framework of civil rights laws leave many workers without a valid claim. In addition, Congress should strengthen our fair pay laws and ensure that part-time workers are afforded pro rata pay and benefits. Many federal laws explicitly exclude or authorize the denial of benefits to part-time workers.

And what else? Money:

> Then there's Social Security, which needs major revisions. Our national social insurance system has never been updated to provide economic support to workers who reduce their hours or exit the paid workforce to care for family members.

I never knew Forbes was a major supporter of government regulation. Does feminism actually trump profit now? My, how our country has changed…

Slut Economics and Tiger Woods

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Any man who sets foot in a strip club faces a potential moral dilemma:

> *How would I feel about this if it were my daughter?*
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> I am cavalier in this regard because I have no desire to be a father. I can, and have, let a stripper grind my leg until she bled and my only regret was tipping her. However, I recognize that there are breeders among us who do not share my apathy.

For some, the answer is simple: *Don't go to strip clubs*. For others, the solution is not so cut and dry. My own moral emotions are such that, if by some unfortunate accident I ever spawned a daughter, I would do everything in my power to keep my kid off the pole.

Having a daughter would not stop me from going to strip clubs. I would be an authoritarian parent, but keeping my own daughter from being a slut would not necessarily change my own behavior toward other existing sluts.

My objection to this circumstance is not the hypocrisy of the *do as I say, not as I do* mentality. My objection is that taking advantage of a system without contributing back to it is exploitative. In the world of Slut Economics, these exploitative fathers who safeguard their daughters' virtue while taking advantage of some other man's slutty child represent a kind of redistribution.

Redistribution is an economic model in which some suffer for the benefit of others. Redistribution ignores the value of the individual. Robert Nozick summed it up best;

> "*There is no justified sacrifice of some of us for others. This root idea, namely, that there are different individuals with separate lives, and so no one may be sacrificed for others*." (Anarchy, State, and Utopia; p.33)

While other men are missing soft ball games and dance recitals, these selfish fathers are tending to the emotional needs of their daughters. The exploitative fathers do not provide the necessary emotional neglect for their daughters to develop the loose morals and substance abuse to become a top-tier slut.

> How *dare* they?

It's the Problem of the Commons, really. If every man in town is allowed to graze his cattle for an hour a day, the system can sustain itself. If every man thinks that he can take a little extra without hurting things, every man will. Before you know it, the commons are ruined.

I would reckon that there are many more exploitative fathers than there are the opposite. Furthermore, I suspect that more girls are driven to the pole by unintentional neglect than by the deliberate effort of some considerate soul looking to put back into the system that he has benefited from.

I also recognize that some fathers fail to protect their daughters' virtue. Despite their best efforts, some combination of factors beyond their understanding or influence conspire against them.

Statisticians do not seem devoted to the task of monitoring the ebb and flow of the Slut Economy. My intuition on the matter tells me that more men are inclined to prevent their daughters from being sluts than not. The amount of happy accidents and failure-fathers cannot keep up with Slut Demand unassisted.

How *does* the Slut Economy sustain itself with such rabid demand when so many men are dead-set against contributing back to the system?

The answer is *efficiency*.

The raw efficiency of the individual slut is responsible for the success of the system. Consider the following:

One stripper spinning around a pole can service the "stripping needs" of hundreds, if not thousands, of men in a year. If only 1% of a stripper's clientele manages to produce a slut, then the system can self-sustain.

. . . And that's just stripping.

One porn actress can fuck dozens, if not hundreds of men in her first year alone. With the popularity of MILF porn, a girl who starts out dancing in her twenties and ends up in porn can have a full and rewarding career. By 40 she will have serviced the slut needs of thousands of men.

Between the men she danced for, screwed on film, and the multiples more who have tugged off to her streaming videos, one slut is worth her weight in cocaine.

This is why Tiger Woods is an asshole.

Tiger Woods has laid claim to over a dozen Mistresses. Mistresses are sluts. However, Mistresses are sluts who are not living up to their potential. The Mistress Ideal is a devoted woman, servicing the sexual needs of one married man who provides her with money, attention and sex.

Under different circumstances, a Mistress might service any number of men larger than 1. I will concede that several of Tiger's ladies were porn stars. While Tiger did not stop them from their slut duties – if anything, their Mistress premium *comes* from from their being porn stars – he did keep the others from operating at maximal efficiency.

How many men did Tiger Woods inadvertently deny service?

Call Tiger an over-Alpha, call him whatever you want. Idolizing his behavior is like rooting for the enemy. Tiger Woods represents the worst kind of exploitation. In the terms of Slut Economics, Tiger Woods is an anti force multiplier.

A man who goes to strip clubs, or has sex with prostitutes, is one thing. He takes up a space on the dance card. Tiger Woods was a selfish bastard. Tiger collected Mistresses who were "sought after" women. He then validated his own self worth by having exclusive access to (most of) them.

Mistresses, and the men who keep them, are a blight on the Slut Economy. Men like Tiger thin the herd. Even if the individual women he kept would not have fucked you, they might have serviced someone else along the hierarchy. Somewhere along the way, in the blurry gray lines of social networking and alpha-beta hierarchy, some slut was sitting one rung higher up the ladder because of Tiger.

Somehow, because of Tiger Woods, some poor bastard went home alone.

Affirmative Action Begins to Favor Men in Swedish Universities, is Promptly Abolished

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[Ed. -- The following article was sent in by a reader kind enough to keep us apprised of international news]

In a stunning about face Sweden plans to remove gender quotas for admissions to university and college programs because not enough women are getting accepted to certain courses. The quota system was originally implemented to ensure that women were received to these programs in equal numbers to men. However, this has resulted in many women from being denied places because the course is already over enrolled with women. Under the existing quota system men have received priority in those courses where their gender was underrepresented, such as veterinary medicine, dentistry, medicine and psychology.

Higher Education and Science minister, Tobias Krantz, was quoted in the newspaper Dagens Nyheter as saying [trans.] “The education system should open doors – not slam them in the face of women motivated to study.” Note how his comment prioritizes women over men.

So, once again we see that the goalposts are moved in order to cater for the advantage of women. When the quota system was originally introduced, and women were gaining entry to university slots despite not having the highest grades, that was fine. Now that the situation has been reversed and female students with high grades are being excluded the rules are to be changed. The confused Swedes will soon realize that removing the affirmative action quota system will revert the situation back in “favor of men” and will in all probability come up with a new law that just discriminates against men.

Krantz noted in his opinion piece, “Consequences show that ideology plays a roll. A socialist system that pits one group against another tends to lead to unforeseen results.”

Eternal Solipsism of the Female Mind

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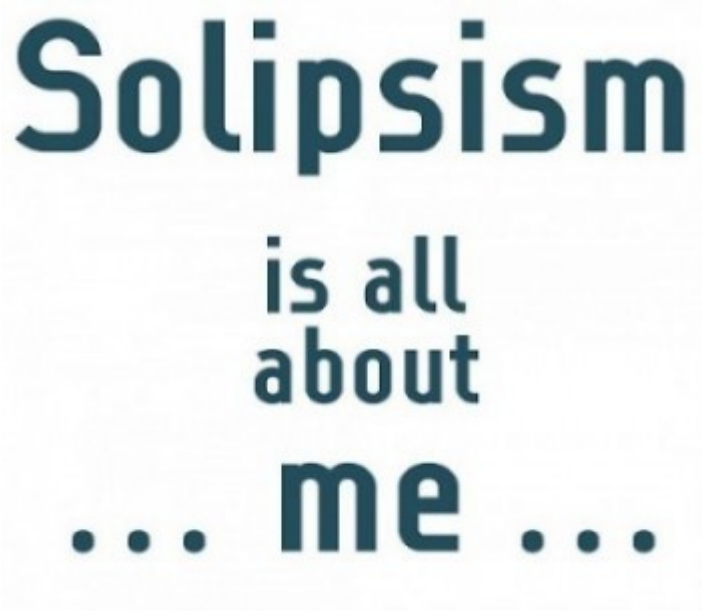

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If I had to pick a random word to describe women, one of the ones I could choose is "solipsistic." A definition of solipsism, from the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary:

> Main Entry: so·lip·sism
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> Pronunciation: \ˈsō-ləp-ˌsi-zəm, ˈsä-\
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> Function: noun
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> Etymology: Latin solus alone + ipse self
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> Date: 1874
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> : a theory holding that the self can know nothing but its own modifications and that the self is the only existent thing; also : extreme egocentrism

The female of the species is a master at absorbing herself in her own thoughts and neuroses and projecting them onto men. In the U.S., virtually all women are suffering from the unmentionable delusion that guys are just like them when it comes to sexual attraction. From career women who lament that their accomplishments don't give men erections to living lardballs claiming that men don't want them because of peer pressure, the female is unparalleled when it comes to assigning her prejudices and desires to the male. Even on issues on which men and women are visibly different, such as the effect of aging on sexual market value, women can't stop digging in their hole of projection, as is evidenced by the myth of "male menopause" and the ludicrous new claim that men have a biological clock. Men seldom engage in sexual solipsism of this sort, and those who do are mocked – otherwise, we'd see a lot more guys acting like this freak.

Female sexual solipsism and projection are the primary reasons why women's dating advice is useless. Let's look at some of *The Rules* again:

> Rule 1: Be a "Creature Unlike Any Other"

> Rule 3: Don't Stare at Men or Talk Too Much
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> Rule 4: Don't Meet Him Halfway or Go Dutch on a Date
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> Rule 5: Don't Call Him & Rarely Return His Calls
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> Rule 6: Always End Phone Calls First
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> Rule 7: Don't Accept a Saturday Night Date after Wednesday
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> Rule 11: Always End the Date First

Rewrite and rejigger these points in a couple of places, and they would work perfectly for guys. In fact, all of these points exist in the literature of game in some form. The fact that these are passing for rules WOMEN should follow is prime evidence of the deep ignorance of female thought on this subject.

For another example, here's a great post I dug up from Chuck Ross' archives:

> Last week, I witnessed a female friend trying to give a mutual female friend of ours pointers on picking up our mutual male friend. The female friend's advice was similar to the stuff that works for guys when picking up girls. She advocated playing hard-to-get, not standing too close to him, and walking away whenever he came near. My advice was this: "Rub your tits on his nose." Plain. And. Simple.

Virtually all female-targeted relationship advice is flawed in the same way: women advise each other to assume behaviors for attracting men that they respond to when men use them. Of course, no man will ever get the hots for a chick because she plays hard-to-get. As I wrote in my essay "How Mainstream Dating Advice Harms Women":

> Women ascertain a man's sexual desirability through his social dominance, and all of the various trials they put men through, such as shit tests, spring from this reality. Game is made possible through this quirk of women's psyche; a guy who is not naturally dominant can mold himself into a man that the ladies want by altering his behaviors.
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> Men ascertain a woman's sexual desirability through her looks. If she makes your penis hard, she's a worthy conquest. This ensures that women who aren't wildebeests and/or hippopotamuses will have an endless stream of dudes looking to bring their battering rams crashing through her iron gates of life, but it has a downside; a woman's options for improving her sexual market value are limited. The reason a 20-year old co-ed can play the coy coquette and a 35-year old cougar has to force herself onto guys is because the former has qualities men desire (youth and beauty) that the latter doesn't and can never get back. An unattractive woman who prances about like she's a 10, like *The Rules* says that ladies should do, isn't going to suddenly make men think that she is a 10 – they'll just avoid her in favor of girls who are still on the same plane of reality. Men instinctively know the difference between fool's gold and the real deal, and no games played by girls can convince them otherwise.
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> Furthermore, a man's willingness to put up with shit from a woman is inversely correlated with how good he is with them. Natural-born alphas, the guys who women want to ensnare, will not tolerate the behavior of a "Rules Girl." Only gameless schmucks will bother with chicks who won't pay for dates or refuse to do more "than casual kissing on the first date." *The Rules* ought to have been subtitled "Time-Tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart

> of Mr. Beta."

Where does the extreme, unprecedented sexual solipsism of modern females come from? I blame the average woman's complete disconnect from reality. Owing to their status as the gatekeepers of sex, and the fact that their sexual value peaks before men's, most women, particularly young women, can spend a fair portion of their lives sailing on a cloud of fantasy. If a girl is reasonably attractive and sociable, she can sit back and watch the gentlemen callers pile up. Not only that, the same factors that have enabled unrestrained female hypergamy (legalized abortion, cheap and available contraception, economic emancipation) also shield women from the consequences of their bad behavior. Think of a spoiled brat who has everything he wants handed to him without complaint (lest he throw a tantrum) and who is rescued by daddy whenever he gets himself into trouble. In our modern culture, women are basically spoiled children, and are as equally clueless about the real world.

We men are forced to confront reality from the outset because we are the dominant sex, expected to approach girls and direct our relationships with them. The overwhelming majority of guys have been slapped with rejections from girls from the day their mating careers began, forcing them to analyze their behaviors, actions, and attitudes. The only men who can afford to engage in woman-esque solipsism are apex naturals who the ladies are natively attracted to (see: Tucker Max) – the rest of us grinders have to stay on our toes at all times.

Another factor in female sexual solipsism is increased promiscuity. The indispensable Lupo remarked here:

> That may or may not be true: most slutty women I know could take on entire football teams without noticing the nature of male sexuality. They're that self absorbed in their emotional turmoil, they don't notice men look at them like a hungry man looks at a piece of meat. Prudes notice more, probably because they had fathers who were decent men.

The sexual double standard arises from the reality that getting sex is easy for women but hard for men. The reason studs are respected and sluts are derided is because being a stud requires skill, talent, and practice, while being a slut merely requires a pulse and a lack of impulse control. The unsung flip side of the double standard, however, is that female virgins are cherished whereas male virgins are ridiculed. A man who can't get laid signals to the world that he is a loser, while a woman who resists spreading her legs for every scumbag who winks at her shows herself to be a sober, selective person. Because a female's primary goal is getting the highest-quality man available to commit to her, women who cannot or will not stay in a relationship are poor sources of information on men. The male virgin and the female slut are mirror images of each other in terms of attractiveness to and knowledge of the opposite sex.

While we guys can have a good laugh at women who make poor choices, the solipsism of the fairer sex will ultimately be their undoing. An exchange I had with Obsidian (visit his blog) on LILGRL's inaugural post at *Girl Game*:

> Obsidian: Here's my thing, and maybe you ladies can help me out with this:
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> Whatever happened to the older, wiser Women in the world? The moms, grandmoms, aunties and the like, who pulled younger Women aside and told themthese cold, often brutal, facts of life? Where'd they go? Why don't we see them around anymore? What happened?

> Comments?
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> Ferdinand Bardamu: The sexual revolution happened. The women who came of age in that era junked the "old knowledge" of sexuality and bequeathed their ignorance to their children. There are exceptions here and there but for the most part, the mothers of today's young women are just as clueless as they are. As for grandmas and other extended family members, the replacement of the extended family with the nuclear family that occurred post-World War II combined with the mass entrance of women into the workplace removed any possibility of the wise women imparting their knowledge to the young'uns. For example, my mother relocated away from her hometown because of her job. We only saw the relatives on holidays and family reunions.
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> Obsidian: Hey Ferdi, thanks for the comment and also for the heads-up about Sofie's new blog-home.
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> You may know of one of my oft-repeated phrases:
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> In the New Girl Order, the biggest losers, will be Women.
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> NOT MEN.
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> And the reasons for why I say that, lie in my posts here. Simply put, the "game" is rigged for Today's Woman in ways that is even WORSE than for you and me. Why? Because a lot of Women are being sold a seriously bad bill of goods…and, like the economic meltdown we're seeing around us right now, the same will happen on the dating market. Because by design, only a small number of people can obstensibly "win"-especially when it comes to Women. Most, the vast majority, will lose.
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> I feel deeply about this for several reasons. One, because had it NOT been for one of those Wise Women-in my case my great grandmother-I might have ended up a statistic. After a month-long courtship, my mom, who at the time was a 19 year old singlemom and a radiology nurse, was urged to marry my mid-30s aged stepdad. My GGM told me mom straightup, look, I know he's not all that you want him to be. But he loves you and that child. And you need a father for your son. You'll learn to love him.
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> Today Ferdi, those words don't even exist in the American lexicon-and keep in mind, I'm only 40 years old! My God…how far have we done fell.
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> Secondly, I have three sisters, and I love them dearly. I don't want to see any of them serially and repeatedly pumped and dumped…riding the cock carousel into infinity…out there clawing and scratching for the few Alphas out there in a de facto harem…or worse. Don't get it twisted, I'm a pretty practitioner of Game, but I see its real limitations and real dangers, too, and because I have some skin in the game, so to speak, I am concerned about the sexual market aping the economic one these days. Where there are precious few winners…and a hell of a lot of losers.

Because of the destruction of the "old knowledge" of human sexuality that occurred forty years ago, today's women are woefully ignorant of the realities of the sexual marketplace. Men are ignorant too, but our status as nature's guinea pigs gives us more leeway in our personal lives. A man's sexual market value doesn't peak until his early thirties, and the decline afterwards can be mitigated with fame and wealth (just look at all of the rich old farts with hot young wives). A woman's value peaks in her late teens/early twenties, declines slowly during her late twenties, precipitously drops in her

thirties, and effectively reaches zero (or close to it) in her early forties. Most women simply do not realize this cold fact until it's too late, as The Fifth Horseman (visit his blog) wrote in the comment section of this post:

> Women, by definition, can't grasp the hard reality of numbers and probabilities. That is why they often are caught by surprise when their attractiveness fades in their mid-30s.
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> Thus, women end up experiencing a Wile E. Coyote moment, when they suddenly realize men aren't interested in them to the same degree, and that men 15 years older are going to be the norm for her henceforth.

> That is why mother/Gmother mentorship is more important to a woman of 20-25 than father/Gfather mentorship is for a man of the same age.
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> Women were shielded from their Wife E. Coyote moment by the steady hand of their mothers and grandmothers. You, Sofia, LSB, and Bhetti still probably have this service available to you, but a lot of white urban women do not.
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> Yes, men never get a big falloff like that (unless they go bald, and even then, there are ways to reduce the impact of that).
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> But women are FAR more likely to go on match.com and get their ego boosted by the male-heavy ratio there making them think that their market value is higher than it is.
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> Men are less prone to getting so detached from reality.

> The removal of the steady hand of mothers and grandmothers guiding the choices made by young women, has made them vulnerable to bad choices.
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> Hence, women go around in their 20s thinking that the treatment they are accustomed to will never end, and that an Alpha who sleeps with them will actually marry them (not realizing that she is one of three at any given time). They use Match.com to generate a lot of emails from men, which happen due to the 2:1 ratio there. Women falsely interpret this attention driven from an unnatural ratio as a sign of their value being higher than it is.
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> Then, women face their Wile E. Coyote moment. They realize their attractiveness has plunge only after it is too late to avoid the fall. They did not see it coming, as the emails from match.com were still flowing steadily as a response to photos of her that are 5 years out of date.
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> In the old days, grandma knew that a girl's appeal was temporary, and made sure she got married off long before her appeal dropped. Today, women have no steady hand of yesteryear to warn them of the impending cliff. In fact, the media trys to paint a continued path in the air, in the form of shows that try to normalize cougarhood. Thus, more and more women face their Wile E. Coyote moment (age 34-37).

> For this particular 'Girl Game' blog, I am cutting them slack, since Bhetti, Sofia, and LILgirl are all 20-22, and have better values than white 'womyn' types. Lilgrl is engaged too. So this crowd doesn't irk me.
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> But yes, women who cross the age of 28-29 really have to get with it and realize that their time is very limited at that point. Online dating sites make it very easy for a woman to overrate her prospects (due to the ratios I described, and the inherent nature of the medium,

> where 20 emails from guys can *seem* like a lot, but really aren't).
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> The steady hand of mothers and grandmothers was important in keeping a young woman away from cads and married off to a 'good man', and already have kids by age 35. Now that this factor is absent, young women are extremely vulnerable to hitting their Wife E. Coyote moment. And they have themselves to blame…
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> Female fertility drops off a cliff by 35. White women get wrinkles by then. Colored women have skin that lasts much longer (until 45), but fertility is all but gone by 35 no matter what race the woman is.

With the coming economic collapse and the end of the "sheconomy", one hell of a lot of single, "confident," "independent" women are going to find themselves suffering on the streets because no man will look to them for anything more then a one-night stand. The biggest winners will be the good girls who had parents who taught them right, few as they may be. In the land of the starving sluts, the prudish virgin is queen.

For further reading:

"When Shit Gets Sold as Soap…" – *Fedrz explains how feminists project their own behaviors, thoughts, and beliefs onto men. I was not aware of his post when I originally wrote this piece, though I wish I had been.*

"The Wisdom of the Elders and its Decline" – *Thursday expands on a comment he left on my post when it was first published.*

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Avatar: PC Kumbaya Singing

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Well, Whiskey's take on the sales (more precisely, the lack of them) of the movie *Avatar* inspired me to try to understand the why. Why did a movie with such an enormous cost garner so little profit? Since I was dragged in by my family to see it (one of those gatherings), and since I had to wait through 30 minutes of advertising (mostly commissioned by the government of my country, and totally lame, mainly because they spout bullshit and everybody knows it) to finally see it, I'm going to let you know why it is one of the most disgusting attempts at manipulation that I have ever seen.

A point by point analysis of the plot doesn't do much, since it is a bunch of cliches that can be cut and pasted to any agenda (boring), but let's check the subtle and insidious aspects of it:

- The shape of the native aliens. Blue because it is a calming color, with big eyes and round faces, which are signs on babies designed to look "adorable" and a surprising lack of evidence of age. My gut tells me that they were designed with the specific purpose of being favorable to the audience.
- The society where they live. It looks like it came straight from a PC handbook, with males as warriors and females as "spiritual" advisers AND warriors. In a primitive tribe, females needed to be kept barefoot and pregnant to ensure the survival of said tribe due to the high amount of males dying from causes such as lack of antibiotics, natural accidents, wars among tribes and the fauna that tries to kill said people. Tribes who didn't do this went extinct. Don't blame me, blame natural selection.
- Another page of the PC handbook, no actual raising of children by a mother or a father. All the children seem to flock to Dr. Grace, the oldest member of the scientific team. Looks like a commercial for "It takes a village."
- The synaptic connection between nature and everybody (which wins the fight at the end). This talk of "energy flows", of the cult of the Goddess, Mother Earth, I mean, "Ka' ja", the huge amount of hand holding and humming wouldn't be out of place in a hippie/Greenpeace camp.

All that wouldn't have bothered me too much, but what really makes me angry is that along with all that "Noble Savage" propaganda (Read: Bullshit) they paint the military guys as a bunch of mercenaries and merciless savages engaged in a long, drawn out war designed to steal oil at gunpoint from a bunch of terrorists, no matter who is in the middle. It isn't too far away from the truth, but the rank and file soldier is a human being, who has self doubts, but puts them away while serving his country (poor guys don't realize that their country sees them as cannon fodder except when it is too late). Funny how that isn't mentioned except for the guys that **betray** their planet for the natives.

One would think that a country that is at war should be more, I don't know, supportive of the guys that are killing and dying in the war, but that would require an elite that isn't comprised of a bunch of megalomaniac aristocrats with a desire of controlling the masses, no matter the price, even if it is ruling through thuggish satraps. No chance of that happening.

I just have to laugh, since that decadent elite is going to be one of the first to be exterminated in case of an invasion. And all the ass-kissing in the world isn't going to change that.

Conclusion: They missed the Obama and Greenpeace logos. Maye they are concealed in an attempt at

subliminal control. That wouldn’t surprise me.

Bummer Alert! Men are, like, totally not going to die out after all.

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Yahoo!/AP News – Men more evolved? Y chromosome study stirs debate

> "It's kind of fun to say that men are going to die out, but the science is proving — now that we've got data — that that's not true at all."

With her hopes of an amusing male mass extinction dashed, scientist Jennifer Hughes cautions that although the Y chromosome is evolving quickly…men, like, shouldn't get too impressed with themselves or anything.

The book Adam's Curse by Oxford geneticist Bryan Sykes presented a highly readable–if curiously gleeful–explanation of the theory concerning the deterioration of the Y chromosome. While this new theory will be debated by specialists in the field, for the rest of us laymen the idea that ole "Y" might be just playing the game of evolution fast and loose is comforting.

David Copperfield Beats Rape Rap

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Federal prosecutors in Seattle officially closed their rape investigation of magician David Copperfield, AKA David Kotkin, on Tuesday, declining to press charges. The closure of the investigation closely follows another rape accusation made by his 23-year-old accuser, a model and waitress who has competed in Washington state beauty pageants.

Last month, while waiting tables, Copperfield's accuser met another man and agreed to go to his hotel room after work. She went upstairs with the man, and allegedly performed oral favors for him, then offered sex for $2,000, which the man refused.

She left the room, then proceeded to tell hotel staff she had been "taken advantage of" by the man. She called police to make a police report, stating that she had felt dizzy and then found the man on top of her. The man also called police and gave his version of the events.

Police documents included video from the hotel showing the woman engaged in willing, intimate behavior with the man prior to their entry into the hotel room. The woman's friend, who went out for drinks with her and her latest victim, described the accuser to police as behaving in an excessively sexual manner with her victim.

The accuser still hasn't been named, because, paradoxically, women who accuse men of rape – even falsely – are generally protected by "rape shield" policies implemented by news agencies. However, it is not a crime to publish the name of the accuser, as free speech still applies, and criminal cases are still a matter of public record. Indeed, if *The Spearhead* learns the name of this dangerous woman, it will most assuredly be published here as a warning to all men who live in or may visit the Seattle area.

Whether the woman will face charges for her most recent extortion attempt remains to be seen, but given that this is Washington state, that is an unlikely outcome.

Where Have All The Good Women Gone?

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by Snark

Every week or so, the mainstream press publishes another of these "where have all the good men gone" articles, invariably penned by some female dullard who is over the hill but "still looking" for a worthy partner to settle down with. As Spearhead readers will be well aware, her real cause for complaint is the expiry date on her Pussy Pass; men of all ages would rather pursue the newer models than act as her personal meal ticket for the evening. Her real complaint is that men simply stopped being interested in her. What she would really like now is for these "manchildren" to just grow up and take responsibility for her own actions.

The fact that these articles – wearisome and predictable as they are – appear with such regularity, while virtually no space exists for the equivalent criticism of women, speaks volumes about our collective Locus of Consciousness. A commentary which similarly takes women to task would not make it past the editor's desk of any mainstream publication. Criticism of women is strictly verboten; such is the official policy of the guardians of popular culture. Owing to this, a great narcissism has flourished, leading women to overvalue themselves so much that they price themselves out of the dating market. No wonder that women who believe – simply by virtue of being women – that they exemplify perfect girlfriends, wives and mothers, should want to hold their potential suitors to the same standards. Introspection and honesty with oneself have no place in the female Locus of Consciousness, which appears to operate on the principle that "the truth is whatever I want to be the truth."

However, my male Locus of Consciousness, which recognises that truth exists objectively, and quite apart from human concerns, does not permit me to indulge the modern Western female in her delusion that she is a paragon of virtue. Our zeitgeist is femme-centric; this should go without saying. Our modern world privileges the fluidity of emotions and subjectivity over such masculine throwbacks as a regard for truth, justice, logical argument and personal responsibility. Women, it is claimed, are *strong, independent, feisty, smart, cute, sexy, capable, emphatic, classy, etc.,* and all the other positive traits you can find listed in women's magazines, feminist blogs, newspapers, talk shows, movies, and other sources of boastful pomposity.

On the flip side, men are routinely slandered for their masculinity, *or lack of it.* The display of any masculinity whatsoever is elevated to the status of "hypermasculinity" – a loaded neologism which places one on the same moral plane as violent rapists. The absence of masculinity, even as a conciliatory gesture to the demands of feminism, is equally grounds for derision as a sign of weakness. Supplicating husbands, who acquiesce to equality in performing household chores (dictated on her terms), are deemed "kitchen bitches," their own affability becoming the justification for their wives playing away from home. All of this is spelled out quite clearly in the words of women asking where all the "good men" have gone. Women, of course, are free to pursue their own masculinity as they please; dressed in pantsuits and armed with false bravado, they declare themselves the superior gender, the eventual victors of the long and fierce battle of the sexes.

And yet, with all this cheering and braying regarding women's apparent victory over the opponents who didn't even bother to show up at the battlefield for four decades, I just don't see it. When I look around me, I see women absolutely failing to live up to this archetype which the mainstream feminist

media presents. *Strong, independent, sexy, smart, etc.?* One could consider that feminism has created more demands for women to live up to than "patriarchy" ever did.

No, what I see, for the most part, are sad, deflated wretches, clinging like barnacles to the side of the ship of civilisation, which is rapidly sinking under their weight. Modern Western woman is the very antithesis of independence. Feminism, over the last forty years, has done more to prove the assumptions of patriarchy than men themselves ever could: women *absolutely cannot* make it on their own, if we use Western "liberated" woman as our yardstick.

Rather than competing on the same playing field as men, she sought to tilt that field in her favour, so that she could scramble up onto the podium without ever needing to learn how to play the game. From her lofty position, she declared herself every bit as competent as men – if not moreso – with absolutely no comprehension of the irony of her statement. The female Locus allowed woman's deserved success to ring out across the land, precisely because she *wanted* it to be true. Affirmative action, harassment lawsuit threats, juked statistics, government grants, the mass guilt-tripping of males; all these mechanisms, which she had used to ascend to her throne, were carefully ignored. They do not, after all, have any place in the meta-narrative of female strength; ceasing to have a purpose, they simply ceased to be true in her mind.

Men and boys continued toiling in the field below. They had no such recourse when faced with life's obstacles – of which they found more and more as time went by, thrown down at them by the very same women who had torn up the rulebook and now demanded that their male counterparts be increasingly regulated. "Women only earn 75 cents on the male dollar," modern Western woman whined, apparently forgetting that the sentence concludes: "for 70% of the work." Men are The Problem, it was declared, and anyone who dared suggest otherwise was an anti-progressive, a misogynist, a neanderthal, a rape apologist, a chauvinist, a patriarch, and so on. As boys were increasingly prescribed drugs to curb their dangerous youthful male energy, society came around to the idea that men and women are identical in all but genitals, and even those were negotiable. Society was to be redesigned along gender-neutral lines, except, of course, for when women are superior; commiserations to those masculine men who found themselves next in line to be crushed underneath the steamroller of androgyny.

And androgyny is what I see; it is an image which cannot be reconciled with the *sexy, cute* image in which women see themselves. Women seem to have this bizarre notion that *they* can tell *men* what is attractive in a woman, and what is not. But, to quote Shakespeare, a turd by any other name stinks just as bad. What I see, when I look at the women around me, are dull, dumpy harridans, with men's haircuts, wearing men's clothes, with slumped shoulders and dead eyes. Aging, fat-faced non-entities giggling obnoxiously over sexual innuendo as though they were teenage girls. Crones long past their prime, who divorced their husbands on the pretence that they could make it on their own, and promptly shoved their hands out at Big Husband Government.

Women have lost their femininity; that most crucial of all characteristics needed to attract a man, upon which *sexiness* and *cuteness* are surely based. Those young women who spend their nights hopping bars and clubs, their faces painted up like clowns, aggressively pursuing men for casual sex, can hardly be considered feminine. Their allure is superficial, and appeals only to the physical senses; is it any surprise that men want nothing more to do with them, following sex (if that)? You can shop all day long for that perfect outfit which just oozes class, but that's certainly not the vibe you give off when you pass out on the street in a pool of your own vomit.

But what about smarts? When they're not stumbling around in a drunken stupor, women are going to college in record numbers, having now surpassed the number of male graduates. Well, yes, the policy of making college campuses the most hostile places in the world for young men has been a roaring success. It is small wonder that men are avoiding further education at institutions which actively seek to expand the definition of "rape" to encompass most or all examples of consensual heterosexual intercourse – the fact of rape soon to be determined, not even by the alleged "victim," but third party Women's Centers, if Duke University's new policy is any indication. The problem for universities is that their sexual harassment of men has meant throwing the baby out with the bathwater; as men leave in droves, participation in the hard sciences plummets.

And all this is leaving aside those women who use their social position as females to manipulate men and the system in a variety of ways, e.g. by making false accusations of sexual assault in return for financial rewards. Have these creatures no morality, no sense of responsibility or compassion towards others? They openly brag about their affairs, they boast to the world about how they robbed their jilted husbands of their life's earnings in a divorce settlement; they glorify in these behaviours which crush an innocent man's dreams and drive him to suicide. Score another one for the sisterhood.

There are no ladies left. Modern woman insists that every man treat her "like a lady," seemingly without any awareness that to be treated as a lady, *one must actually act like a lady.* Can we imagine Don Juan complaining that women never treat him *like a gentleman?* How is this any less absurd? Yet, most people never manage to lift their heads up, out of the festering swamp of politically-sanctioned thought, to realise that a whore is simply a whore.

And that's why middle-aged female hacks can get away with their repeated complaints that men aren't kowtowing to their demands any more – they aren't "good" men, in the sense that a child or a pet is "good" for doing what it's told. It never seems to cross their minds that they might actually have to appeal to men. No, the faintest whiff of the idea that a woman should live up to a man's expectations causes women to cry foul: *that's oppression!* On the other hand, it's perfectly acceptable for women to make demands that men settle down and support them now, and even to decide, on a man's behalf, what he should find attractive in women.

We have it all fundamentally backwards. While female journalists and other cranks prattle on about the dearth of good men, one needs only to take a look around to realise that it is good women who are few and far between.

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A Few Whiny Student-Athletes

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During a break from football practice back in the 7th grade my coach looked me up and down and said "Ross, if you were a catfish I'd throw you back." I felt a slight tinge of shame from his call-out which elicited laughs from my teammates, but I didn't cry and I didn't go home and tell my mom. The coach was hardnosed and old-school – he called most of the players "sissies" and made fun of almost everybody – so I accepted it and moved on.

Football has changed in the few years since my junior high playing days. Several high-profile harassment cases have emerged from Division 1 college football within the last couple of weeks. These cases – in their manifested political correctness – bode poorly for college football going forward.

Sports, and football in particular, has always had a military-like setup. There is a pecking order; the coach is the drill instructor and the ultimate moral voice. In the military, grunts are forced to push themselves and obey orders that may seem arbitrary and pointless. Sports – like the military – operate on a presuppositional principle: to be a part of the team one must obey orders from superiors. Once the presupposed assumption of ultimate authority within the closed system is gone, the team dissipates under the weight of nihilism.

Political correctness and a negation of the presuppositional contract will cripple college football before it harms any other sport – although others will ultimately succumb to similar pressures – because of its hierarchical rigidity. Political correctness and a shift towards the dismantling of any patriarchal force in this culture will ultimately undo the basic premise of structure upon which sports is founded much as it has already done to the "Patriarchy" – of which the military is a part. In the past, if a player didn't like a coach's methods he could quit the team. Today, with PC fully instilled in every co-educational orifice, players (with the coaxing of parents and university administrators) desire to change the system from within by making the coach and the social structure bend to their whims. The military is already weakened from such a philosophy; college football will be next. In the volunteer military we have today, soldiers had a choice whether to enlist or not. Once they enlist, much like players on a sports team, they are locked in to the dictates of their superior authorities. The words "ultimate" and "authority" are inextricable within a closed system like a sports team or military regiment. "Authority" exists because it *is* ultimate; the ultimateness is relevant because it comes from a certain authority. Once ultimateness is extended to those formerly subject to the ultimate authority's dictates, the players become the arbiter of ultimateness; authority ceases to exist; chaos reigns.

In the past, I argued that feminists seek to eradicate sports from the face of the Earth. My generalization was trite, as I don't think there is a concerted effort and a defined goal of male sports eradication. Rather, the dialectical process – which is the biggest hammer in the feminists' and political correctness junkies' toolbox – will eventually swing down on sports in their patriarchal raze. Rigid hierarchical systems cannot withstand its force. Feminists and PC-ers will cheer sports demise even though they haven't outwardly tried to usurp them.

The recent firings of several Division 1 college football coaches provide evidence of this fledgling

trend. Mike Mangino from Kansas, Mike Leach from Texas Tech, and Jim Leavitt from the University of South Florida have all been fired for disciplining players too harshly. Over the weekend, Kansas State basketball coach Frank Martin pre-emptively apologized for "hitting" a player on the arm with the back sides of his fingers after the player screwed up the Press. What was once considered behaviors that a coach employs in the process of "coaching" – a self-contained system – has come to be influenced by outside forces – namely, political correctness and self-esteem boosting. Sports columnist Berry Tramel summed it up perfectly:

> "Call it a clash of cultures. Coaches haven't changed much over the decades; homes have. Discipline is less, respect for authority is less, accountability is less. Then Coach Drill Sergeant starts yelling, and the field's on fire."

Mike Mangino was recently forced to resign – huge settlement in tow – from the University of Kansas for a particular incident in which he poked a player in the chest during a practice. Mangino has a history of having a coarse temper and saying "inappropriate" things to his players. Although the Jayhawks had a poor showing this season, the team had been successful recently compared to their weak showings in the past; Mangino's "method" has worked to achieve the football team's end: winning.

Jim Leavitt has been fired from the University of South Florida amid allegations that he manhandled a player. Initial reports stated that Leavitt choked a special teams player during halftime and grabbed him by the shoulderpads. Leavitt maintains that he was merely trying to fire the player up by grabbing him by the shoulderpads. It should be noted that Leavitt is a particularly firy head coach; he routinely head-butts players with helmets on to get them fired up. While Leavitt was officially fired for cause citing his lack of cooperation with the investigation, the player in question and his father have denied that Leavitt committed any transgression.

Mike Leach was ousted because of his treatment of a player who reported having a minor concussion. Reports are conflicting. Some say that Leach felt that the player, Adam James, was faking the injury. As punishment, Leach allegedly "treated James like an animal" and ordered James to stand in an electrical closet or training room during the practice session. Others report that Leach wanted to keep James in a dark area in order to minimize the effects of the concussion. There is a financial backstory to Leach's firing, but the ultimate catalyst was James' complaint.

However, players and coaches have come forward to say that James has a history of being a "prima donna", a "jerk", "entitled", and "lazy". The consensus of emails and interviews between these individuals and the media indicates that Leach had every reason to suspect that James was faking the injury.

We have three former head coaches who have lost their jobs for treatment of players that would have been roundly accepted 5, 10, 15…years ago. Today, because universities are scared of the PC enthusiasts and their team of lawyers, and because players' allegiance to their teams and coaches have been undermined by the "kumbaya effect" that teaches them that they are special, the presuppositional "contract" to which these players agreed has been nullified. It is worth noting that the c0mpetitive animal (and masculine) spirits that some coaches use to envigorate their teams will be the first characteristic to be muted. Excitement and that blood-thirsty competitive drive will be washed away in a docile bath infused with PC bubbles.

This same issue – dovetailing with my military-football analogy – was the subject of the movie *A Few Good Men.* Jack Nicholson's character represented authority; Tom Cruise and his legal team

represented Political Correctness and the dialectical argument that there are nuances within any power structure that call for restraint and inspection of the system. The trick is this: the gaps of these power structures can't be completely patched. The goals of the leader are in conflict with the goals of those at the lower end of the hierarchy. Military grunts and second- and third-string football players suffer from the rigidity of the system within which they reside. Nicholson's character – like Mangino, Mike Leach, Bobby Knight, Bear Bryant, Jim Leavitt and other hardnosed coaches in the past – was faced with the task of keeping his squad in line. Discipline, respect, and commitment to duty keeps the system running and maintains competitiveness. The leader is torn between his job of winning and his placation of "grunt's" feelings. These patriarchal systems can't survive if their path to winning involves competitiveness, toughness, and sacrifice. If the ability to instill those virtues is confiscated the whole operation is rendered impotent.

I'm not so much condoning these coaches behavior; there is a point where a coach's aggressive coaching methods cross a certain line. But we'd have to assume that these three coaches haven't all of a sudden adopted a new style of handling players in the same season; they are using methods that coaches before them have used for decades. The player himself has changed, and the consequences of it are that the patriarchy will crumble from the inside as power is transferred from the coach to the individuals on the team. This process is the same one that has starting chipping away at every patriarchial institution in our culture. The military, the family, and the Church have all started giving way to internal pressure that renders them ineffective.

Evidence. It's just further evidence of our decline.

Amidst Haiti Disaster, Women's Groups Seek to Deny Relief to Men

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This week's devastating earthquake in Haiti, which struck near Port au Prince, has led to countless tragedies on the impoverished island, and is a disaster that may rival the recent Sichuan quake in China. The damage struck indiscriminately, killing young and old, rich and poor, and man and woman alike.

However, some relief groups have decided that women deserve more aid, and have come up with a number of reasons why men should be left to die from injuries and disease while women get preferential treatment.

Quoted in Salon.com in an article titled Why "women and children first" persists, Elaine Enarson (probably a Swedish woman), cofounder of the Gender and Disaster Network ("Calling for a gendered approach in disaster risk reduction"), explains why men are to be excluded:

> Women in general will be in need of "hygiene supplies, continued access to birth control/reproductive health services"
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> [...]
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> Women "are central actors in family and community life," says Enarson, and are more likely to know "who in the neighborhood most needs help — where the single mothers, women with disabilities, widows and the poorest of the poor live."

Another women's relief program, MADRE, has joined the relief effort to help women only, and is employing a similar rationale for doing so, stating:

> "Women are often more integrated and more aware of the vulnerabilities of their communities."

Besides these questionable assumptions, and leaving out the fact that a large number of men are bound to become single fathers as a result of their wives dying in the quake, Enarson takes it a step further, saying that providing relief to women only is a means to prevent rape and domestic violence:

> They are "at increased risk of gender-based violence, especially domestic violence and rape but also forced marriage at earlier ages" due to their increased dependence on men for protection and support…

So now when men provide women with protection and support they are suspected rapists, child molesters and batterers? Are these strange, foreign women more trustworthy than Haitian girls' fathers, brothers and grandfathers? I try to refrain from inserting my opinion when I am writing these news pieces, but Ms. Enarson is making one of the most offensive insinuations possible with the above statement, and she is dead wrong. It is matriarchal societies where women cannot rely on men for support in which women face the most danger.

Women's groups: this man endangers daughter by supporting her

That these women’s groups are heading to a disaster area with the same anti-male agenda with which we are so familiar should be cause for outrage.

It is not clear whether such discrimination in the wake of disaster is legal in Haiti. In any event, if men are needlessly dying because these women’s groups are hoarding supplies for women only, the Haitian government should send troops in to seize the supplies and distribute them equally to needy men and women alike. That would be a true act of mercy.

John Bagot Glubb

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The best way to describe Sir John Glubb is "Lawrence of Arabia….but smarter." We can learn a lot from this dead white male.

Sir John Bagot Glubb, decorated British Army Officer, became the commander of the Arab Legion in 1939 and transformed it into the most effective fighting force in the Arab world. If you have a few minutes, take a look at David Castlewitz's fascinating article, Glubb Pasha and the Arab Legion.

A soldier for much of his life, John Glubb was also a historian who wrote a number of books on Middle East and Arab history, including The Life and Times of Muhammad. But it is his prescient book "The Fate of Empires," that I will focus on here.

Glubb examined eleven empires over a timespan of almost 3,000 years, from Assyria to the British Empire, and found that each followed an astoundingly similar path of growth and decline.

He found that empires have a lifespan of about ten human generations, two hundred and fifty years, and that changing technology and methods of warfare do not affect this life expectancy.

Glubb also found that empires were remarkably consistent in their growth and decline, moving through six readily identifiable stages, which he called the Age(s) of Pioneers, Conquest, Commerce, Affluence, Intellect and Decadence.

About the USA, Glubb wrote: *"The United States arose suddenly as a new nation, and its period of pioneering was spent in the conquest of a vast continent, not an ancient empire. Yet the subsequent life history of the United States has followed the standard pattern…..the periods of the pioneers, of commerce, of affluence, of intellectualism and of decadence."*

Glubb has much to say on the first four stages of empire, but I'm going to focus on what Glubb writes on the Ages of Intellect and Decadence. Published in 1978, The Fate of Empires is highly relevant to our discussions at The Spearhead. I make no apologies as I quote at length from The Fate of Empires. If you get bored, **skip ahead to the bolded text** and just read that.

"In a wider national sphere, the survival of the nation depends basically on the loyalty and self-sacrifice of its citizens. The impression that the situation can be saved by mental cleverness, without unselfishness or human self-dedication, can only lead to collapse."

"……intellectualism leads to discussion, debate and argument, such as is typical of the Western nations today. Debates in elected assemblies or local committees, in articles in the Press, or in interviews on television – endless and incessant talking. Men are interminably different, and intellectual arguments rarely lead to agreement. Thus public affairs drift from bad to worse, amid an unceasing cacophony of argument. But this constant dedication to discussion seems to destroy the power of action. Amid a Babel of talk, the ship drifts onto the rocks."

"True to the normal course followed by nations in decline, internal differences are not reconciled in an attempt to save the nation. On the contrary, internal rivalries become more acute, as the nation becomes weaker."

"As the nation declines in power and wealth, a universal pessimism gradually pervades the people, and itself hastens the decline…..Frivolity is the frequent companion of pessimism…..The resemblance between declining nations in this respect is truly surprising…..The Roman mob, as we have seen,

demanded free meals and public games…..Gladiatorial shows, chariot races and athletic events were their passion. In the Byzantine Empire, the rivalries of the Greens and the Blues in the hippodrome attained the importance of a major crisis…..The heroes of declining nations are always the same – the athlete, the singer or the actor."

"The works of the contemporary historians of Baghdad in the early tenth century are still available. They deeply deplored the degeneracy of the times in which they lived, particularly the indifference to religion, the increasing materialism and the laxity of sexual morals. They lamented also the corruption of the officials of the government and the fact that politicians always seemed to amass large fortunes while they were in office. The historians commented bitterly on the extraordinary influence acquired by popular singers over young people, resulting in a decline in sexual morality. The 'pop' singers of Baghdad accompanied their erotic songs on the lute, an instrument resembling the modern guitar. In the second half of the tenth century, as a result, much obscene sexual language came increasingly into use, such as would not have been tolerated in an earlier age."

*"***An increase in the influence of women in public life has often been associated with national decline. The later Romans complained that, although Rome ruled the world, women ruled Rome. In the tenth century, a similar tendency was observable in the Arab empire, the women demanding admission to the professions hitherto monopolized by men. "What," wrote the contemporary historian, Ibn Bessam, "have the professions of clerk, tax collector or preacher to do with women? These occupations have always been limited to men alone." Many women practiced law, while others obtained positions as university professors. There was an agitation for the appointment of female judges, which, however, does not appear to have succeeded. Soon after this period, government and public order collapsed, and foreign invaders overran the country. The resulting increase in confusion and violence made it unsafe for women to move unescorted in the streets, with the result that this feminist movement collapsed.** *The disorders following the military take-over in 861, and the loss of the empire, had played havoc with the economy. At such a moment, it might have been expected that everyone would redouble their efforts to save the country from bankruptcy, but nothing of the kind occurred. Instead at this moment of declining trade and financial stringency, the people of Baghdad introduced a five day week."*

"When I first read these contemporary descriptions of tenth-century Baghdad, I could scarcely believe my eyes……The resemblance of all the details was breathtaking – the break-up of the empire, the abandonment of sexual morality, the 'pop' singers with their guitars, the entry of women into the professions, the five day week. I would not venture to attempt an explanation! There are so many mysteries of human life that are beyond our comprehension." [We have a better understanding of this now, thanks to the MRM - Charles Martel]

*"***The people of the great nations of the past seem normally to have imagined that their pre-eminence would last forever. Rome appeared to its citizens to be destined for all time to be the mistress of the world. The Abbasid Khalifs of Baghdad declared that God had appointed them to rule mankind until the day of judgement. Seventy years ago, many people in Britain believed that the empire would endure for ever***…..That sentiments like these could be publicly expressed without evoking derision shows that, in all ages, the regular rise and fall of great nations has passed unperceived. The simplest statistics prove the steady rotation of one nation after another at regular intervals."*

"We have not drawn from history the obvious conclusion that material success is the result of courage, endurance and hard work – a conclusion nevertheless obvious from the history of the

meteoric rise of our own ancestors. This self-assurance of its own superiority seems to go hand-in-hand with the luxury resulting from wealth, in undermining the character of the dominant race."

"When the welfare state was first introduced in Britain, it was hailed as a new high-water mark in the history of human development. **History, however, seems to suggest that the age of decline of a great nation is often a period which shows a tendency to philanthropy and to sympathy for other races…..The rights of citizenship are generously bestowed on every race, even those formerly subject, and the equality of mankind is proclaimed.** *The Roman Empire passed through this phase, when equal citizenship was thrown open to all peoples, such provincials even becoming senators and emperors. The Arab Empire of Baghdad was equally, perhaps even more, generous.* **During the Age of Conquests, pure-bred Arabs had constituted a ruling class, but in the ninth century the empire was completely cosmopolitan. State assistance to the young and the poor was equally generous. University students received government grants to cover their expenses while they were receiving higher education. The State likewise offered free medical treatment to the poor. The first free public hospital was opened in Baghdad in the reign of Harun al-Rashid (786-809), and under his son, Mamun, free public hospitals sprang up all over the Arab world from Spain to what is now Pakistan. The impression that it will always be automatically rich causes the declining empire to spend lavishly on its own benevolence, until such time as the economy collapses, the universities are closed and the hospitals fall into ruin.** *It may perhaps be incorrect to picture the welfare state as the high-water mark of human attainment. It may prove to be merely one more regular milestone in the life-story of an ageing and decrepit empire."*

*"Neither is decadence physical. The citizens of nations in decline are sometimes described as too physically emasculated to be able to bear hardship or make great efforts. This does not seem to be a true picture. Citizens of great nations in decadence are normally physically larger and stronger than those of their barbarian invaders…..***Decadence is a moral and spiritual disease, resulting from too long a period of wealth and power, producing cynicism, decline of religion, pessimism and frivolity. The citizens of such a nation will no longer make an effort to save themselves, because they are not convinced that anything in life is worth saving.***"**

Server Move

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I just moved *The Spearhead* over to a virtual private server, which should significantly enhance the response time and stop the errors that have been cropping up lately due to killed scripts. The problem that necessitated this move is not really a problem at all — we were getting too much traffic.

In addition to moving the server, I've obtained a Chitika ad account that will only display ads for people coming through searches, so they will not bother regular readers. I'm going to keep the Google Adsense for now because it has started to provide some revenue, but the Chitika ads will allow us to advertise in a less obtrusive manner while hopefully increasing the overall click through rate per page at the same time.

There are lots of other things I'd like to do with *The Spearhead* soon, but I've got to be careful not to bite off more than I can chew. Managing traffic and keeping the content flowing are the most important things at this point, and we're handling both pretty well.

I'd like to thank the very generous people who came through with donations last month. That really helped keep us going and growing through the holidays by allowing me to put a lot more hours into the site than I would have otherwise, and according to the stats, this has given us a real boost in the new year.

So, enjoy *The Spearhead* in its newer, faster incarnation, and look forward to more improvements as the year unfolds.

False Rape Accusation Awareness — Steps Toward Understanding and Avoiding

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[The following post was written by E. Steven Berkimer who runs the vitally important *False Rape Society* blog.]

The following does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended for that purpose. Only a licensed and qualified attorney who is able to interview the accused and to conduct other appropriate investigation can properly serve his interests.

False Rape Accusations. Duke lacrosse immediately springs to mind when you read those words. Hofstra, for a more recent case. On a daily basis, someone is being falsely accused. On my site, www.falserapesociety.blogspot.com, we refer to them as FRAs (it's much easier than typing it out every time). For the purposes of this piece, the vast majority of FRAs are understood to be filed by women.

How do you avoid having an FRA leveled at you? What do you do once an accusation has been leveled? And how do we, as a society, prevent the FRA from happening?

Lets take a look at that last one first.

How do we prevent FRAs from happening? Unless we see a radical shift in our legal system (speaking of the U.S.), we will never be able to completely stop false accusations from happening.

That said, the first step in preventing false accusations would be to make the seriousness of the crime equal to the level of the accusation. Rape is a felony, and rightly so. However, falsely accusing someone of rape, at most, will be met with a charge of filing a false police report, which is usually a misdemeanor. I know that in the U.K., there are other charges that can be leveled, and under the E.U. Human Rights Charter, there are other avenues that can be legally used. The U.S. however, doesn't afford those options.

The biggest hurdle? Changing the attitude of the judicial system, from the police to the prosecutors to the judges. Proper practice by law enforcement should be to investigate first, then arrest if there is sufficient proof to warrant that. However, in the current climate, it is arrest first, and then investigate. So innocent citizens can and do spend time in jail, with no proof aside from the accusation of even a mentally unbalanced woman, before an investigation even starts.

So, what do you do if you are on the receiving end of an FRA? Get the best criminal attorney in the area to represent you, preferably one who has tried before a jury numerous similar cases. Spare no expense because it is the most important investment you will ever make. □□Make sure you have an attorney present, and make sure you follow his or her advice, when you speak with police or anyone else about the matter of which you've been accused and related matters. If you receive a suspicious phone call from anyone trying to get you to discuss the incident or related incidents, it might be a pretext call — a call recorded by police in order to get you to incriminate yourself. Be polite but firm. Refuse to answer questions or engage the caller in a conversation. Hang up as soon as possible and call your criminal defense attorney. Anything you say might be used as evidence in a criminal trial against you, depending on the jurisdiction.

The biggest difficulty lies in avoiding an FRA in the first place. When it isn't even necessary for any

type of sexual activity to take place to be falsely accused, it is almost impossible.

The best recommendation – although drastic — is to keep some form of electronic record of all sexual interactions. However, in most states, it is illegal to record video without all parties' knowledge. Most states allow for audio taping of calls, but always be aware of your state's laws.

Also know the major factors that can lead to an FRA:

1. **Alcohol/drugs** – If she's been drinking, even if it is just one drink, and she regrets what happens, she can claim rape, and because of that one drink, may be considered legally, incapable of consent. It's another area where women evade taking responsibility for their actions.
2. **Infidelity** – If you know she is involved in any way with someone (dating/married), consider that a warning sign. A more general way to describe this situation is when someone important to her would disapprove of her relationship with you – she might try to cover up consensual sex with a rape lie.
3. **Group Sex** – Hofstra is the most recent case of this. However, that case was an example of #2. She lied to her boyfriend about the gangbang she willingly participated in.
4. **Job** – If you are a Cop, Firefighter, Teacher, Cab Driver or Paramedic, you are more likely to have an FRA leveled against you.
5. **Age Differentia**l – Older man/younger woman and Older woman/ younger man. In neither scenario will anyone even question an FRA. The second one however, lends credence to the idea that adult women are akin to children, and STILL aren't held to the standards that adult men are.
6. **Break ups** – Those who know what kind of special hell Family/Divorce Courts are like are well aware that false accusations of abuse, rape and molestation are used with regularity, and as a weapon, specifically if custody is involved.

While the "rape industry" likes to loudly proclaim that FRAs are a myth, women "don't lie about rape," and that false accusations are only around 2% (Studies by Kanin, McDowell, Times of India, Daphne II commissioned by the EU, and DOJ statistics all put the amount much higher), two things are certain. FRAs are a problem that is overlooked by the vast majority of people in our society, and their victims are almost 100% male.

Due to the vast inroads that feminism has made into the current judicial system, FRAs are a weapon used against men, and they are usually used to cover up the bad behaviors/decisions of some women. Under our current legal system, the woman can change her mind the next day, the next week, or the next year, about what she previously consented to, and cry rape.

And you WILL be arrested, so long as she is a convincing enough actress.

How to Tell if He Hates Your F–ing Guts

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There is an incalculable amount of advice in the world for women on relationships with men. Scarcely an issue of COSMO or any other women's magazine has been printed that doesn't contain articles by some woman or another claiming to give you all the "how's" on the man in your life. How to snag and keep a man, how to get him to pop the question, how to drive him wild with desire, how to catch him in a lie, how to get him to treat you like a queen or how tell if he is cheating.

And it is not just women's rags, it's almost everywhere. You can't even check your email any more without some headline grabbing your eye that is also pitching the now ubiquitous "how to get what you want from a man" advice. Almost all of it written by and for women.

The fact that so many of you are still reading this stuff might point to the idea that whatever you are reading isn't doing a lot of good.

Sarcasm aside, I thought I would offer up some self-help magic for the ladies about men, from a man's point of view.

Let's call it *"How to Tell if He Hates Your Fucking Guts"*

Catchy, eh?

I know, I'm just a man, and as such not as sympathetic to the need for both constant approval and unconditional tolerance for bullshit that has likely left you batting squat in the man department. But I do know that love, at least as far as emotions go, is more conducive to a healthy romantic life than, say, loathing. And I happen to be an expert on how to prevent that hate monster from eating up your dreams of the future.

I won't leave you hanging by just pointing at the problem, either. For each sign of infectious hate that I identify, there will be a clear cut plan of action to ensure you will ameliorate the problem and move forward with a more loving relationship. You can trust Dr. Paul to cover all the bases.

Your advantage here, ladies, resides in the fact that men are quite simple. You won't need to buy a study guide or hire a relationship coach to ferret out the truth about how that hombre in your life feels. You just need to be willing to observe and digest what is right in front of you. Your man isn't prone to subtlety. He doesn't hint at hating, he radiates it if you are just paying attention.

That being said, let's get to work. Here are the most common signs that your man spits upon the ground on which you walk, and what you can do about it.

Sign number one:

He quits fucking you and/or starts fucking someone else.

If your man isn't fucking you there is definitely something wrong, and there are only a three possible explanations for it. One, he's gay and has been hiding it. Two, he has a physical problem that needs medical intervention. Or three, the thought of touching you makes his dick wilt like a boutonnière in a blast furnace.

Since number three is the only one that can possibly apply to you, my solution will be confined to that problem. First, you may need to consider that four hours of bitching is not foreplay. Now, some guys are so sex driven that they will actually fuck you while you're bitching, but you should also know they're imagining you're someone else while they're doing it. Maybe your younger sister.

There are, however, a lot of other guys that lose the amorous mood by the time you have reached bitch #17 on your much longer list of complaints. To them, there is a big difference between whispering sweet nothings in his ear and yelling "You're nothing," at him, from across the room.

What you can do about this is simple, assuming you can't shut up. Organize! Take a minute or two out of each day to make a list of the things about him that dissatisfy you, and then heap them on him all at once. You will find the list reusable because it will only contain things you have been repeating since three months into the relationship. As he continues to reveal his imperfections you can just add to the list.

Oh, and try to get it all out in 7 minutes or less. Brevity is bliss, in the bedroom and out.

Timing is also important. Give him an hour or so to unwind after coming home from work. Then, after you decide where he is taking you for dinner, you can use the car ride to get in your digs. It is a great place for you to say what needs to be said. He is trapped with you next to him, you can keep the nagging out of the home, and, if you finish your tirade before you get to the restaurant, you can set about taking the evening in a more pleasant direction.

Additionally, you may have to skip a day of berating him here and there. Also, and this is the hard part, you will need to occasionally point out some things he does right. You know, just to make things look balanced.

Sign number two:

He does anything, anything he can, not to come home.

If you met your man at a Sierra Club convention and he suddenly takes an interest in hunting wild hog with a crossbow, 300 days a year, well, that is one of those not so subtle signs I was talking about.

As you have surely heard from some of the women writers, men like to retreat into their caves. Whatever your man likes to do for an outside interest, his favorite spot in his home is something sacred to him. So if he finds all manner of reasons not to be there, then there is a problem. And most likely the problem, at least for him, is you.

Ostensibly, you can just refer to the solutions to problem number one. After all, being present is one of the few hard prerequisites to having sex. If you can modify your behavior enough that it will induce him to walk in the door in the first place, it will solve problem number two and go a long way toward helping problem number one as well.

So, the next time you find yourself wanting to ask your man why he doesn't want to spend more time at home, first take a quiet moment and ask yourself "Why should he?"

Oh, and answering yourself honestly would be a plus.

And by the way, here is a link to some more support. It's some more detailed advice on how not to nag. There is some good stuff there, but I encourage you to skip over the parts that of course blame him for everything you do and just focus on being less of a pain in the ass.

Sign number three:

He hauls off and smacks the living shit out of you.

This far from subtle sign that your man hates your fucking guts comes generally one of two places. One, he is an abusive asshole and hates everyone, most of all himself. Or two, you are an abusive asshole and he got one too many rounds of your mouth and snapped.

Now if your situation is the former, and you are really sure of that, then your solution is a better man.

But if your situation is the latter, then your only solution is to be alone. Why? Because you are either physically, verbally or emotionally such a complete ass wipe that anyone around you will eventually turn mean. His main mistake was that he didn't wise up and dump you before things went too far. He was likely just trying to do the right thing, but with the wrong person. And your treatment of him and of the other men in your life leaves you in a position that self help articles sandwiched between lipstick ads aren't going to help.

The premise is simple. If you want respect, be respectful. If you want to be treated well, treat him well. If you want love, then give it. The only relationship tools that are worth anything are the ones found in the mirror, and ten thousand issues of COSMO ain't getting anyone around that.

Ever.

And you should drop the COSMO anyway. Articles on how to get what you want from relationships aren't what anyone needs. In fact, running around trying to scheme and manipulate ways to get what you want from someone else is the problem. It is the chosen, narrow minded path of the selfish and undeserving.

It's all about what you have to give, baby, and what you're willing to. Take it from Dr. Paul.

(Authors note: I am not a real Doctor, but I play one on the internet)

A Voice for Men

Shifting the Goalposts

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Sometimes, life teaches lessons at the darnedest times. For me, the best lesson on how to deal with feminist propaganda came during a game of HORSE in second grade. Look below for the obvious analogies with our current sorry political situation; far be it from me to spell them out, because we're the sort of crowd here that is … better at analogies. (See below.)

So anyway, back to my story. I was playing against a kid who was widely regarded – by the masses of students who simply preferred to go about their day unimpeded by needless strife – as a tattletale, a whiner, and, most importantly, a cheater. But the thing was, none of us fair-and-square types were allowed to voice these concerns, since this kid came from a family that had, in a word, "connections". So we had to play nice with him.

I was winning solidly, by three letters, when The Shifting of Goalposts began in earnest. Lugubriously watching one of my Harlem Globetrotters-inspired trick shots bounce in vain off the rim, I was nonplussed when my opponent suddenly came to life, grabbing the rebound and tossing it nonchalantly back into the hoop. "H!"

"Huh?"

"Rebound on a miss!"

I was taken aback; the kid had simply created a new rule, from scratch, at a time when it was precisely to his advantage.

I rolled my eyes and let it slide. Sure enough, I thought, I'll get the chance to reciprocate; and reciprocate I did – on the very next shot. I grabbed his rebound and performed a textbook layup, laying claim to the "S" that is the HORSE equivalent of match point.

"Nope, doesn't count. Can't touch the rebound with both hands!"

I laughed, ready to take the next shot, but then turned around and realized that *the kid was being serious*. Still, little scrapper that I was, I foolishly continued to believe that I actually had a chance to win this "game", as I was still ahead by two letters. So I gamely plodded on, through more and more rules changes that were as ridiculous as they were spontaneous, until I suddenly found myself "losing" the game, four letters to three; the kid's go-ahead point had come from the expiration of an imaginary shot clock.

I faced two choices with which to preserve a semblance of honor: I could punch the little snot in the face, or I could put down my ball, cock my hat further sideways, and leave. I chose the latter.

I was incredulous the next day – although, in retrospect, I shouldn't have been – when *I* was castigated by the teacher for my "poor sportsmanship".

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As today's analogy for my valiant yet ultimately hopeless effort at HORSE, let's examine the claim, widely touted in the MSM, that girls are as good at math as boys are.

However – and this should come as no surprise to any of us who have ever taught a class requiring innovative problem solving – these data are only arrived at by a combination of cherry-picking, goalpost shifting, and misleading reporting. In other words, misrepresentations, convenient redefinitions, and outright lies.

Let's start with the misrepresentations and the "selective reporting".

NOT-SO-DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Usually, only a few droplets of the proverbial dew have evaporated from the morning landscape of Statistics 101 by the time students have been taught that there are two main ways to describe a set: *average value* (most commonly represented by the mean) and *variability* (most commonly represented by the standard deviation).

Early and often it is taught that either of these statistics, if reported alone, creates a picture that is at best distorted and at worst disingenuous. But this principle seems to have gotten past our intrepid researchers and reporters, who somehow got so excited about boys' and girls' equal *averages* that, despite their best efforts,** they forgot to report the differential *variation* in their scores.

Sure enough, in these studies, the highest and lowest ranks were occupied predominantly by boys – unsurprising, considering that this greater variability in male mental processes has been corroborated by just about every reputable study undertaken on the subject, and is even accepted by feminists (although with the entirely predictable rejoinder about how there are SOME women in those high ranges of intelligence, astronomical ratios be damned).

Still, in the true spirit of the media's relentless quest to dismiss *any* vestige of male superiority *in anything* as the fortuitous fruit of "socialization", the MSM deliberately omits this little nugget. To wit, let's consider the difference in reportage between the average and the extremes.

From the HORSE's mouth:

THE AVERAGE:

For their current study, the team acquired math scores from state exams now mandated annually under No Child Left Behind, along with detailed statistics on test takers, including gender, grade level and ethnicity, in 10 states. Using data from more than 7 million students, they then calculated the "effect size," a statistic that measures the degree of difference between girls' and boys' average math scores in standardized units.

The effect sizes they found — ranging from 0.01 and 0.06 — were basically zero, indicating that the average scores of girls and boys were the same.

Note the awesome statistical precision.

Now, THE VARIABILITY:

Some critics argue, however, that even when average performance is equal, gender discrepancies may still exist at the highest levels of mathematical ability. To account for this possibility, researchers compared the variability in boys' and girls' math scores, the idea being that if more boys fell into the top scoring percentiles than girls, the variance in their scores would be greater.

Again, the team found little difference

"Little difference"!

Note the … not-so-awesome statistical precision. Why not? Could it have something to do with the fact that this "little difference" is actually a difference of more than 100 percent? And on tests from which the strongest bastions of male intellectual strength were almost completely absent (see below)? Who knew! Nah, must have been an innocent oversight.

Just like the similar innocent oversights in *every other area* in which boys still predictably outshined girls.

In other news, men can run faster, bench-press more, and jump higher than women, but there is actually "little difference". And, don't you know that SOME women can run really fast, too?

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Aaaaaaaaaaand now, for the goalpost shifting.

GATTO'S LAMENT

So, why these newfangled, Johnny-come-lately "No Child Left Behind" tests, hmm? Why not use a test with a long and well-vetted history, such as the SAT?

Here's why:

However, Hyde and her colleagues are concerned about one facet of the standardized tests they looked at in their study.

In most of the states they gathered data from, and from most grade levels, ***the standardized tests did not include problem-solving questions.*** (emphasis mine)

That's right, folks – these "researchers" "equalized" the math performance of boys and girls by *deliberately selecting tests that don't involve problem solving* – because (again, as anyone who has taught a day in his or her life, or bothered to observe children at play with a critical eye, would know), boys are much more likely to solve problems by innovation or insight (the "insight approach"), while girls are much more likely to solve problems by rote memorization of established methods (the "algorithmic approach"). This is why the authors of the study tiptoed a wide, quiet circle around the long-established SAT, on which boys still outperform girls handily despite the test writers' admitted efforts to stack the deck in girls' favor – because the SAT, at least for now, still contains large numbers of such "insight" problems. Indeed, as documented by the College Board's researchers themselves (who are as PC as they come), sex differences between insight- and algorithm-based learning are extreme – and the difference becomes even more precipitous at high levels of achievement.

We see the same trend in what is perhaps the last redoubt of widespread creative problem-solving for American school kids, the SAT. The SAT has been unusually slow to yield to the PC brigade, largely because it was originally conceived as a test of unconventional problem solving, designed expressly to identify insight-based and innovative acumen. However, in the most recent revision of the test, in 2005, the test writers deep-sixed two major types of problems – Analogies and Quantitative Comparisons. Not so coincidentally, these were the two most heavily insight-based problem types on the exam, and the two problem types on which boys outscored girls by the highest margin. Not surprisingly, these changes narrowed the gap between male and female SAT scores – a development that has, of course, been seized upon by feminists as grounds for dismissal of the very *notion* – horrors! – that boys are naturally better than girls at something. Especially something whose importance is growing, in concordance with that of the technology that increasingly runs our lives.

Four letters to three, indeed.

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What's most troubling here, though, is the subtext. Specifically, feminists – and the complicit MSM – are willing to shoehorn "gender equity" into STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) subjects *by redefining STEM aptitude in ways that exclude problem-solving skills*.

While both "algorithmic" and "insight" reasoning have their relative strengths and weaknesses – surely, no large enterprise could run without the former – the latter is responsible for essentially ALL progress in scientific disciplines. In the name of feminism, our establishment is willing to exclude the most essential of all mathematical and scientific skills – creative problem solving – from the

measurement of scientific aptitude, and, *a fortiori*, from scientific education itself.

And that's not all. Even the SAT – an instrument that played a key role in bringing meritocracy into higher education, contributing to the unprecedented flowering of American science in the postwar decades – has started to decelerate. And, like other deceleration, this one looks primed to eventually become backward movement:

[T]he dreaded SAT could actually help produce a national curriculum, a sweeping education reform enacted without the passage of a single law… In the process, the test itself will have to change to include questions more like classroom exercises and less like–well, less like SAT items. … as the SAT morphs from a test of general-reasoning abilities into a test of what kids learn in school.

Bye-bye creative problem solving, hello hypnopaedia.

One more letter and we're knocked out.

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**For a similarly valiant effort, fast-forward to 0:36.

The Manly Woman of Honor (Part II)

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My first post on "manly women of honor" praised country women who seem to be comfortable with the fact that they aren't men—but yet aren't pampered princesses, and who are ready to jump in and get their hands dirty when necessary. Women who don't blink at driving tractors or getting muddy to the waist, but who allow their men to be men and manage to retain their femininity.

However, these are not the women who originally got me started thinking about Manly Women of Honor. About a year ago, I was working out at my gym when I looked over and saw a young woman with a shaved head. She was wearing loose fitting tank top, presumably made for a man, and some military looking pants. Very "G.I. Jane." Few women who are actually in the military seem to have shaved heads, and I was in downtown Portland. So I doubted she was actually in the military.

Dyke. Probably thinks she's "just like a man."

That was my first response.

But then I thought about it some more. Was I being unfair? Unreasonable?

That stereotype was based on my experiences with urban manly women and lesbians, and it probably would've been accurate. Unlike the country women I mentioned above, city dykes and other manly chicks like to act and dress tough, but are really far more emotional and tend to act more like hypersensitive, spoiled girls than their tough (heterosexual) country cousins. I'll offer their bumper stickers as Exhibit A, and this famous letter from "pregnant man" Thomas Beatie as Exhibit B. Such women are normally hostile toward masculine men and seek to change or neuter male behavior.

But the questions that came to mind that day were hypothetical.

Is it *ever* acceptable for a woman to try to "man-up?" And if so, under what circumstances? What kind of manly woman could I respect on a personal level? Is there a path of honor for women who feel they have little in common with other women, and who prefer the things and the ways of men? Perhaps a woman like Calamity Jane, as portrayed in the excellent Deadwood HBO series—a woman who squares up like a man, is prepared to fight like one and who asks for no special favors.

As a man who yearns for the return of heroic masculinity, codes of honor and male dignity, I could sympathize with a woman who found herself attracted to these romantic ideals and who then resolved to emulate and embody them as best she could. Charitably, I could imagine that for a few early feminists, a womanly reverence for traditional manhood was a good intention that paved the road to the emasculation that modern feminism demands. If a woman wants to live by the laws of men, that seems admirable enough. However, if she decides she must change men or redefine masculinity so that it better accommodates her desire to live a manly life, her attraction to masculinity has become cancerous.

A true manly woman of honor—a mannish woman whom I could truly respect and admire—would have to conduct herself in a way that is complementary to masculinity, not corrosive or hostile to it. Here are a few guidelines I propose to distinguish a manly woman of honor from a female enemy of men.

- A Manly Woman of Honor acknowledges that she is not a man, but a rare woman who prefers manly pursuits and ideals to womanly one.

- A Manly Woman of Honor does not believe she is better than men at being a man, though she may well prove herself to be better than some men at doing some things men do.
- A Manly Woman of Honor does not want to change men; she admires them and prefers their codes and ideals to the codes and ideals preferred by women.
- A Manly Woman of Honor does not seek special accommodations or handicaps on account of her sex; she acknowledges that she is a woman playing a man's game and wants to play it by *the exact same* rules. If she does well, good for her!
- A Manly Woman of Honor does not want to be regarded as a man; she wants to earn the respect of men and be regarded as a woman of honor.
- The Manly Woman of Honor does not need to redefine intelligence to appear smart, she doesn't have to redefine strength to be strong and she doesn't ask men for special favors. In fact, her sense of honor would make this impossible.
- Like men, a Manly Woman of Honor asks for help only when she truly needs it—after giving her best on her own.

This is only a preliminary list of guidelines, and I welcome suggestions and comments.

I have met women whom I would consider Manly Women of Honor. Far from believing that women are "the same as or better than men," they are often acutely aware of just how rare they are among women. They seem to find it difficult to relate to other females for this reason. While I often rant about women who are kidding themselves or who live in a fantasy world or who expect men to happily live by the double standards women craft and then change at whim—I think it's important to be fair and I don't want to tar all women with the same brush.

There are women who have made themselves the enemies of men, and they should be treated as such. But if a woman wants to hold herself to the same standards as men, and doesn't need to redefine masculinity or ask for special accommodations, well, more power to her.

British Airways: Male Passengers Assumed Dangerous to Children

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According to the Daily Mail, Mirko Fischer, a 33-year-old hedge fund manager, was sitting in the middle seat between his pregnant wife and a 12-year-old boy when a flight attendant appeared and sternly asked him to move. Fischer explained that he didn't want to move away from his pregnant wife, but the flight attendant only grew angry, raising his voice and demanding that Fischer move, saying that the plane would not take off unless he did so.

Shamed and humiliated, Mr. Fischer agreed to the move, but the incident bothered him so much that he decided to file suit against British Airways to force them to change their policy of not allowing men to sit next to children on airplanes. Fischer sees the policy as blatant anti-male discrimination, stating:

> This policy is branding all men as perverts for no reason. The policy and the treatment of male passengers is absolutely outrageous.

Indeed.

The system-wide hatred of men in the Anglosphere has reached such a level that men are not even trusted in a confined place surrounded by hundreds of other people to behave themselves around children. Perhaps next will be a policy in which grown men can only sit in the back of airplanes, separated from the rest of the passengers by a sheet of ballistic glass with a few airholes and a slot through which the meals are shoved…

One might think that, where safety is concerned, having a man around might actually be good for children. Say an airplane crash landed and all was bloody chaos, fire and mayhem. Wouldn't a child have a better chance of being saved by an adjacent man than a much weaker, slower woman? Apparently, however, the irrational fear that the man might have dirty thoughts outweighs all other considerations in this upside down world.

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Considerations Of The Denise Romano Worldview

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As one might suspect, I get quite a bit of letters and emails from people, asking why I even bother taking to task Denise Romano's ideas and actions; in this post, I'll answer those questions, as well as laying out Ms. Romano's worldview, how it fundamentally conflicts with that of Ms. Susan Walsh, & what it means for Women overall.

OK, so let's get right to it: way do I bother w/the likes of Ms. Romano? Well, aside from the fact that I can, one major reason is because I take charges of Rape very, very seriously-why? Because, as a Black Man, I understand in a very real way, what can happen when such a charge is cheapened and indeed, raped itself-indeed, the historical record of the United States clearly shows, that hundreds if not thousands, of innocent Black Men were lynched, burned, shot, murdered and otherwise mutilated, merely on the trumped up charges of a Woman, *a White Woman* I might add. "Rape" means something very, very important to me. It's not merely an arid academic discussion, or some emotive, perverted, misguided crusade. It, for me, is the cold, hard realization that Women can twist and pervert the meaning of ANY word or act they choose, in order to justify ANY behavior on their part-and have Men pay for it. Notice how Ms. Romano is quick to use Slavery in her response to me, but completely sidesteps the One Hundred Years of Lynchings-largely predicated on false charges of Rape. MY ANCESTORS WERE HANGED, SHOT, LYNCHED, BURNED AND KILLED, BEHIND THAT SHIT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, MS. ROMANO? Pardon my emotive outburst, but I really had to say that.

People like Ms. Romano, who use all kinds of convoluted definitions for the word "Rape" not only abuse the term itself and cheapens it for Women who were truly raped, but it pisses on the graves of Black Men like Emmit Till, who met a grisly and truly barbaric end under such BS circumstances. I object to her ridiculous "definitions" and declarations of what is and is not Rape, and I will use this and any other platform or medium to oppose her every step of the way. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it is also doing right by my ancestors, who didn't have a voice to say "Hell No!".

But that's only one reason.

Another reason why I take the time out of my otherwise regularly scheduled blogging duties to take on Ms. Romano and her ilk, is because I do not appreciate her efforts to shutdown our First Amendment Rights. Earlier this week I wrote in defence of Roissy, and I did so not because of personal interest one way or the other, but because I saw that if he goes down, all of us aren't far behind. The First Amendment protects all of us, because it defends the speech WE DON'T LIKE, not the speech we do like. Similarly, the idea of Tenure in the Academy operates much in the same way, to protect academics whose ideas may not be popular or likeable. For example, I found the late Boston College professor Mary Daly's teachings to be abhorrent and reprehensible, but you never saw me trying to have her ousted for her views; what needed to happen, was to have her ideas and views to be shown for the weak and shoddy reasoning that they were, by other academics who had the balls to oppose her. THAT is the Academic Way to deal with ideas that we find abhorrent, NOT the way Ms. Romano and Lady Raine have attempted to deal with the Roissys of the world. As I've noted in a previous post, the very fact that he remains online, proves that they have failed in their

self-appointed mission. And I surely do hope they will continue to do so.

The third reason why I oppose Ms. Romano's ideas, is because I see them as an affront to Women themselves. In a previous post dedicated to Ms. Romano, and taking up the Roissy issue in particular, I made careful note of the fact that it is through deep Socratic questioning that we can determine if an idea is indeed valid. Well, this principle has borne itself out to be true in Ms. Romano's case-for, as a result of my interactions with her, she has revealed a dominant line of thought throughout her arguments. In a word, and simply put:

Women cannot be viewed as Free, Independent, Responsible, Human Beings.

Bear with me now.

As we all know, Ms. Romano wants Game, if not removed from the scene altogether, to be deeply modified, so as to "warn" Women out there so they can make better, "informed" decisions. Sounds good at first glance-but doesn't that suggest a kind of Nanny State reasoning-that people aren't saavy enough to figure things out for themselves? Especially in a time where more Women than Men earn college degrees? Earn their own money? Have careers? And huge help in the many forms of the State? To be honest, if I were a Woman on the outside looking in at the debate between myself and Ms. Romano, I would be deeply offended-because what she's saying basically is that I don't have the basic wherewithall to know who I'm with or what I'm getting myself into.

But it gets better. Recently on Lady Raine's blog, Ms. Romano was asked, not just by me, but a number of Male participants there, about her views of the violent actions of Ms. Elin Woods against her cheating husband Tiger. Ms. Romano's response was, if ever, a vindication of Mystery's "plausible deniability" maxim about Women: she said that Ein Woods was justified in physically attacking Tiger, on the grounds that he "raped" her by having unprotected sex with multiple Women, putting her and one of their kids at risk for contracting STDs. She completely sidestepped the matter of legality-which is quite clear on this point, by the way-and instead rationalized (or as we Gamesmen would say, "backward rationalized") Elin's actions, even when it was crystal clear that not only was she in violation of the law, but if news reports are true, that she's now also a fugitive from the law-much like Roman Polanski is. When she and Lady Raine were asked, if the shoe were on the other foot, and it was Elin doing all the tomcatting around on Tiger, and he commenced to kicking Elin's behind up one side of the street and down the other, Ms. Romano and Lady Raine suddenly demurred. Talk about adding insult to injury-not only do they want to justify Elin's violent acts, but they also want to maintain a clear and present double standard as well. Rich.

But as if a Theatre of the Absurd couldn't get wierder, Ms. Romano outdoes her own self, by saying that, because she has ever-perky nipples, and because she can't help it, no one should judge her for this; that it is society's responsibility to "grow and evolve" to learn that having engorged nipples doesn't mean anything at all. Nope, nothing to see here, keep it movin'.

Riiiight.

My response to Ms. Romano was that not only did I write a post about this very same subject-that of how and why people can, do and will make value judgments about you based on how you present yourself in the world, and that it was right and NORMAL to do-but that I included the fact that, as a Black Man, I too have to give considerable thought to how I present myself to the world when I step outside my front door. Failure to do so could prove catastrophic for me-and the harsh realities of life don't care if I think it's fair or not. I have two choices-either pull my pants up, get a shave, look and act like I got some sense-or-bear the full brunt of the consequences if I choose to do otherwise.

That's. It.

But not for Ms. Romano-she insists that its EVERYONE ELSE-ESPECIALLY MEN who must change, who must "grow", who must "evolve"-not her. Everyone else must be a grown up. She, on the other hand, has the right to remain a child.

In each instance-her crusade against Roissy, MRAs and Game/PUAs; her defence of the violent actions of Elin Woods; and her "Nipple Defence"-Ms. Romano lays out that Women have no agency, personal responsibility, or even basic reasoning faculties and commonsense, to act in an advanced and free society-one who's fulcrum is based on these ideals. She claims that we are the ones wo are behind the times, but in truth, by her own hand and reasoning, it is SHE who still regards Women on the whole as incapable of independent thought, actions, rights or duties, as Citizens of the Free World.

Which finally brings me to Ms. Susan Walsh, of the website and blog, Hooking Up Smart.com. Over the past few months that my blog, The Obsidian Files has been in existence, I've had the chance to interact extensively with Ms. Walsh, online and off, and have found her to be an exemplary Human Being, to say nothing of a truly Classy Lady. She is not because she agrees with me-indeed, there are some things on which we deeply disagree-but because she refuses to cowtow to the line of Infantile Reasoning that is Ms. Romano's stock and trade.

Instead of seeking to shut Roissy and Tucker Max down, Ms. Walsh instead uses her spare time and blogging talents to educate young Women about their ilk and how to reign in their innate urges to mate with such Men; instead of seeking to get more and more laws passed to "protect Women" Ms. Walsh instead uses her site to teach young Women to respect themselves, and to use their head; and instead of approaching everything and everyone as if it were one big group therapy session, Ms. Walsh uses her more than a quarter of a century's experience as a married mother of two grown kids of her own, to counsel young Women in the ways and wherefores of Sex and Relationships, as have many "Big Mamas" before her in a not too distant past. These are but a few of the big differences between Ms. Walsh and Ms. Romano, and I think she would agree with my analysis of the latter's essential worldview here.

Lastly, let me say this. I have three sisters of my own, and NONE of them have been duped, brainwashed or led astray by some fuzzy hat wearing Player, LOL. They've had their ups and downs sure, but for the most part, they all done well for themselves. Part of the reason for that was because they had an older brother who gave em all a no holds barred talking to about the Real Deal out there on the bricks, and I'm happy to say that it sank in. I think, if they were able to read any part of what Ms. Romano wrote, and compared it to what Ms. Walsh writes, that they would regard the former as on some other ish, and the other not that far off from our dearly departed Mama. In any event, I want Ms. Romano to know, that not only am I deeply offended by her assertions as laidout above in her worldview, but I'm even more offended by the notion that, per her line of reasoning, my three sisters cannot discern Life for themselves. I take tremendous umbrage at that notion. I object!

I'm done on this point, but do not get it twisted, I ain't no ways tired when it comes to opposing Ms. Romano. I will fight her deranged view of things with all the vim and vigor at my command. Count on it.

Now adjourn your Captain Bligh arses…

The Obsidian

Meet Dr. Paul

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(Authors note: For the interpretively challenged, this is the disclaimer: This is a *somewhat* tongue-in-cheek column that also contains very serious advice. If you are a woman and the opinions expressed here don't apply to you, then you have no reason, or right, to be offended by them. If you are offended "on behalf of all women," then stick around. I can do wonders with grandiosity.)

Dear Ladies,

I thought it best to start my column off here at The Spearhead with a personal introduction, and to give you a general overview of how and why grabbing you by the collar and holding a mirror up to your face will lead you to a happier life.

I am Dr. Paul. And I am to self help what *Dr. House* is to diagnostic medicine. That is to say, I'm a complete jerk, but the jerk you want to call when you're in real trouble. And if you are a woman in western culture, you are most likely in trouble.

You should know up front that your feelings are about as important to me as your opinions, which is to say that they aren't important at all. In fact, your feelings and opinions are the problem. By fixing them we can fix *you*, and everyone goes home happy.

You see, I already know how so many of you feel and where you are in life. I know about your struggles with men, how disappointed and disenchanted you have become. I know you are tired of guys that look great in the beginning but end up hurting and disappointing you.

That's why you have been watching Oprah and Dr. Phil, and why you read magazines like COSMO for advice on relationships. You're yearning for answers, and in fact you have probably spent a fair amount of yours or your man's money chasing after them. Your bookshelves are filled with everything from John Gray to Gloria Steinem and it hasn't done anything but leave you wondering if there are any good men left in the world at all. You are on an unending quest for an elusive solution, and you don't see anything promising in sight.

It's not entirely your fault.

From the time you were born, and I am going to put this in bold italics because it is very, very important, ***the whole world has been lying to you*** . And when all you hear is lies, you can only get the net result of where you are right now:

Fucked up and clueless as to what to do about it. The only thing you are sure of is that none of your problems are of your own making.

You see, all these lies have convoluted your expectations. Your sense of self-importance has been inflated to the point of psychic mutilation; your sense of responsibility proportionally reduced. It starts in childhood with unicorns and Prince Charming, Daddy's little princess and sugar and spice. Yes, you are what little girls are made of. And while that as all sweet and gooey, it pretty much screws the pooch when it comes to creating a tenable relationship with a grown man.

Being Daddy's little princess is a cozy role for a child, but a piss poor ambition for a grown woman. And while the world pinched your cheek and cooed at you in your youth, it should have told you at some point in your life to take the tiara off and grow up.

But the world did just the opposite.

By the time you were a teenager, hormonal boys were telling you whatever they thought you wanted

to hear just to get in your pants, or at least cop a feel of your tits. They would tolerate any amount of your smugness and indifference just for a chance to be near you. And with this, they continued to enable you and reinforced the illusion of your flawlessness. It made you feel powerful, important. Obsequious comment by obsequious comment, they helped you perfect the expectation that life would never demand from you humility or fairness. They taught you what your fathers did, that respect was not to be earned, but handed to you, by a man, regardless of your true nature.

And for years you lived with this as a constant, as there was always at least a few guys hanging around trying grovel their way into giving you the high hard one.

You could have a man and toss him away any time you wanted and you knew it. As a result you only gave attention to men who told you what you wanted to hear, and performed for you as expected. And even when you did follow your primal instincts into riding bitch on a Harley with a guy who didn't spoon feed you bullshit, you made it your mission to mold him, too, into treating you like a princess. Often you succeeded.

And you ate it up like a beggar at a buffet.

Then you got a little older and feminism picked up where fathers and suitors left off. You learned that you were not only a princess with all the entitlements that come with that, but that you were also a victim of history; that all this entitlement that had been lavished on you was really oppression, and that you were owed even more.

And what's more, you were able to quickly deduce that you could hang on to all those "oppressive" entitlements and take advantage of all the new doors being opened at the same time. All while you were more and more deeply entrenching yourself in the idea that you were not getting everything you deserved; that some man was responsible for it; that some man should fix it.

No wonder you're so fucked up! Who wouldn't be?

The world set out to produce an entire generation of personality disordered females and that is exactly what we got. Exceptions notwithstanding.

And so that leaves scores of you now here, in a state of perpetual dissatisfaction and disillusion. Many of you are downing anti-depressants like popcorn at a matinee, spending half your time ripping men, the other half looking for one that will fulfill your insanely unrealistic expectations of what he should be. And then wondering why it isn't happening.

All the while, your relationship shelf life is ticking away. Your looks are fading and your options are narrowing. But you can't seem to grasp the notion that it has anything to do with you. That is in part because all the mainstream self help options to which you have availed yourself have only made things worse, fueling the fires of your entitlement and aiding your projective denial. Your gurus and therapists and talk show hosts have only fed you more of the same that ultimately led you back to where you started, minus whatever portion of your earnings you gave up to them.

They are in business counting on the fact that everything I am saying here is true; counting on the fact that you won't buy anything unless it is what you want to hear. You have been a good customer, which means you have been screwed. And since you can't blame them or yourself, you just add it to your list of reasons to blame men.

It is a trap you can't get out of because you have been taught to shun accountability like an AIG executive and point the finger of blame like a snitch in a drug bust.

It is time to grow up. And unless you do, you will never get out of that ditch, whether you know you

are in one or not.

It won't be easy. Growing up at 30 is a bitch; at 40 a nightmare; at 50 a lost cause but for a precious few.

Your ace in the hole is right here, though. I will help whip your mind into shape. It's a hard job because right now your cranium is just a bucket for a glob of disoriented, infantile mush. The only cure for it is very high doses of the truth on a regular basis.

You won't like it because I won't mince words; because I won't feed you the same poison that has ruined your life. If you want sugar coated, go get a doughnut. COSMO has one on every page, but Dr. Paul doesn't do junk food.

Most of you will come back here again and again hoping for another column. Why? Well, for different reasons. Some of you will just come back to hate me some more. You are addicted to that sort of thing with men, and those of you the most far gone will only seethe and seethe more at my words.

But others, though you will curse me even in your sleep, will come back to visit me at The Spearhead because I am the first human being in your life to ever shoot totally straight with you. And you will come back because you are, though in terrible shape now, capable of understanding that getting the truth for free is much better than paying money for a pack of lies. And let's face it, you do *free* pretty good.

We are on a rebuilding project here, ladies. And relearning. Through this column I will give you the reeducation you so desperately need. We will cover communications, intimacy, trust, and friendship. You will learn new concepts, like your man has feelings and desires of his own; new, radical ideas like making your man your emotional pincushion is actually a *bad* thing. I will teach you that you are not the center of the universe, that you never were; that you were never supposed to be.

You will grow from a child-woman into a paragon of mature partnership material. And it will bring you the happiness that only a grown up can know.

And all you have to do is understand that humility is better for you than hubris and abandoning any notion that you are royalty will free you from a depraved trap.

I know you will thank me later.

And remember, ladies, I am not a real doctor, but I play one on the internet.

MTV's Domestic Violence Double Standard and Public Reaction

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[The following was originally written by Jay Hammers on his Open Your Eyes blog.]

Yesterday I took a seat in my recliner and flipped through the channel guide until my eyes fell on the reality show "Teen Mom" on MTV. Out of morbid curiosity and perhaps in an effort to further reinforce my views on today's parenting failures I decided to watch it. I continued to watch MTV into the night, including "Jersey Shore", another reality TV show on MTV. My brain being sufficiently numbed, I decided I'd wake it up a bit with a blog post.

MTV had previously aired "teaser" clips of a Jersey Shore scene where a drunk guy punches a female cast member, "Snooki", in the face during an argument. See the video here. I had seen the slow-motion clip before and I saw the actual full scene today.

MTV blacked out the video of the punch in the episode and displayed a PSA at the end of the broadcast as follows:
"Violence against women in any form is a crime. If you or someone you know is being abused by a boyfriend, family member or total stranger, please call 911 or log on to www.loveisrespect.org for information and help. You can also call loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 for immediate support."

Loveisrespect is described as a National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline. Loveisrespect posted a comment about the incident on their website.

I found this interesting because earlier today I saw another scene on MTV that involved actual teens, depicted domestic violence, was not blacked out, had no PSA, and that occurred in front of a child. On "Teen Mom", one young woman named Amber violently pushes her boyfriend Gary against the wall and hits him in the face in front of their young daughter. Amber is also constantly verbally and emotionally abusive to Gary throughout the show.

Why the double standard, MTV? Why didn't Loveisrespect post a comment about the incident and Amber's other forms of consistent abuse on their website? After all they provide a NATIONAL TEEN DATING ABUSE helpline, not a JERSEY SHORE BAR ASSAULT helpline.

The PSA gives it away. Only "violence against women" and "abuse by a boyfriend" are worth attention. Right?

It seems a lot of people disagree. A quick Google search for "Teen Mom MTV domestic violence" turns up several comments on the episode and the discrepancy between how MTV dealt with the scenes in each show. Here's one shining example:

> "I am actually pissed off at MTV, last week they cut the punch of a stranger to the face of Jersey Shore's Snooki (a completely more terrifying and violent situation admittedly) but then capped off the episode with this really odd PSA given the circumstances (a bar fight punch between totally strangers) about violence against women and how women who were victims of domestic violence should report it. However, in this episode they included an actual domestic violence incident and at least in the case of 11pm viewing included no PSA at the end about it. It just seemed so messed up, I mean I know Gary wasn't in any freaking

> danger but that is the sort of situation that can escalate either by him responding or her grabbing a weapon of some sort that can do more damage. This is the exact situation that happens all the time and people who are experiencing it see as 'normal' and not a big deal, complete with a make-up that includes a kiss and an 'I know you love me,' just because it was a woman who was the perpetrator and her victim has size on strength on her doesn't make it okay. Shame on you MTV!"

These sorts of comments are not uncommon and what's interesting is that a lot of these are from everyday web users, not people who are likely to even be aware of the men's rights movement. It's more and more common for everyday citizens to recognize the inconsistencies in how the media treats men, women, and violence. It's a good sign.

Still, we also see the usual comments about how the victim has to "man up a little" and "take responsibility" so Amber won't have to abuse him.

At the same time the reaction to the Snooki punch is surprising. For example:
"Now, I would never hit a woman, but, I do believe some women need it. Especially the women who think they can get away with everything because a man should not hit a woman. Sorry, but if you act like a Dumb B*tch and think you are a queen. First off act like a Lady and not a piece of trash and you will get respect. Act like a man and expect to get hit like one – just not by me."

These sort of comments are not uncommon, reflecting a disturbing reality. Everyday men want equal treatment. They see female privilege every day and they're tired of it. Men are so angry they're considered second-class citizens that they find satisfaction in seeing a "bitchy" woman – someone they see as an oppressor – get punched in the face.

Men WANT to love women. They always have and they always will. But now that radical feminism has convinced women to hate men, men's delayed but not surprising reaction is to hate them right back.

How is this good for society? Radical feminism has drawn a wedge between the sexes, increasing the likelihood of divorce, tearing families apart, and leading to increased crime and poverty as the children of the dysfunctional feminist system grow into adulthood. The mainstream media continues to male bash and condone violence against men by women. The legal system continues to fail families. Why wasn't Child Protective Services called on Amber? Why isn't she sitting in a jail cell on domestic violence or assault charges? Why is it okay for a girl to be abusive verbally and physically?

Thanks to the Internet, there is hope. More and more often these issues are brought into the open through blogs, tweets, and discussion. People are starting to realize that something's not quite right about society today. They may not realize the full extent of the issues, but they have a gut feeling and they're seeing concrete examples of the rampant bias against men.

Awareness is the first step. Without it, change cannot come.

Air New Zealand in Trouble With Women's Groups over Cougar Campaign

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Air NZ recently launched a publicity campaign designed to appeal to single women over the age of 35, portraying them as sexual predators on the hunt for young men.

There is a somewhat funny and accurate video in the article that depicts the women in their natural habitat, and describes them as voracious nocturnal predators.

Women's groups, however, including a local representative of the rape industry, growled and bared their fangs when they caught wind of the marketing effort. Kim McGregor, head of New Zealand's "Rape Prevention Education" called it "appalling, disgusting and degrading to women."

Nevertheless, scores of women have sent in photos of themselves with younger men in an effort to win prizes, including free tickets and cougar costumes.

Guide to Bird Watching in the Manosphere

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Many men love to stroll through the lush forests of the Manosphere, as there is much to see and behold. One can find all sorts of things, from young saplings yearning to reach the open sky, to mighty Sequoias offering a sense of security in their strength, along with respite from the outer heat within the ambience of their shade.

As one walks through this unique atmosphere, it is quite common to hear the chirping of several different types of birds. The birds are part of the forest and therefore I would like to provide the following Guide to Bird Watching in the Manosphere.

One might spot an Elusive Wife perched on a branch overhanging your path. You veterans know her well. She is the one who has the perfect life; her marriage is free from strife, her children are raised the perfect way, and you'll see her in Church twice on Sunday. She will pleasure her husband anytime he desires, sex in their marriage is still burning fires. "Her home cuisine is delicious," she insists he will say, and to top it all off, from this path she'll never foray.

The Elusive Wife is most often a traditional stay-at-home mom who believes in the message of the MRM. She's the one who never lets any man forget that "he should keep on looking because there are still good women out there!" Her song goes something like this: "Look at me! Look at me! This is how it can be! Look at me!"

The Elusive Wife appears to support men's issues, but really, those more jaded and experienced within "The Movement" will recognize that the Elusive Wife is concerned about men mainly because she is scared shitless of men waking up to the scam. She wants men to return to their masculine role of pandering to women's every whim, slaving away like a mindless drone for her and her children. It is noteworthy that the Elusive Wife's husband never comes online, gushing about his wonderful life with his wonderful wife. Nope, only she speaks of how blissfully contented her husband is with her. He smartly (or cowardly) remains silent.

The Elusive Wife says she is interested in men's issues, but what she really wants is to ensure that men keep serving women. She does this because, deep down, she knows she would be screwed if it were any other way. She knows she is a preferred human and wants desperately to maintain that concept. She has a manipulated man-slave at her finger tips and she damn well knows what a good con-game women have been running for thousands of years.

Another species which may appear is from the genus Mountainous Mammarious. You can tell a Mountainous Mammarious is in your neck of the woods because of her distinctive call, "DEE DEE! DEE DEE!"

She too fully believes in men's issues, and that's why she plunks her self-described Victoria Secret satin pantied ass (page 9, item C), right in the midst of as many men as she can find. She brightens up the whole board with her cheerful song, "DEE DEE! DEE DEE!" which is interspersed amongst every comment she makes.

She agrees with everything and befriends all. She often provides some useful services to humanity, like informing men of what it is like to grow breasts, menstruate, or have an ovary removed. The only thing she complains about is how uncomfortable it is to always have her lacy, Victoria Secret brassiere straps (page 11, item B) cutting into her back, due to the imbalanced weight proportioned

towards her front. You see, she helps men better understand things from a woman's perspective. She flits in and out of blogs and forums, always spreading her good will towards her new found friends, and of course, announcing her arrivals and departures with her cheerful song, "DEE, DEE! DEE, DEE… Dee, Dee… Deeeee, deeeee…."

A third species of woman is rather an interesting one which is called Meritorious Mediocrus in Latin. Meritorious Mediocrus is perceived as a great Amazon bird of prey to many of those within men's circles. Tales of her exploits become legendary and her name is revered wherever she goes. Even in far away lands, children are regaled with stories about the brave and mighty Meritorious Mediocrus.

There is a natural problem built within the species Meritorious Mediocrus though, and this is why some experts wish to rename this bird as Annika Sorenstamus. You see, Meritorious Mediocrus gets an enormous amount of attention for placing 96th out of 111, simply for being a woman. No-one knows who was 97th, 95th or even 5th – but everyone knows when Meritorious Mediocrus places in the bottom 15% of the field, and she receives gratuitous adulation for her accomplishments.

We see this same phenomenon all throughout society. A woman accomplishes something "great" simply by becoming, say, a firefighter. In fact, a newspaper story might appear on the front page because of this particular example of a Meritorious Mediocrus, and sumptuously entertain the readers with her heroism in becoming a firefighter. A man, however, who is stronger, faster and has fifteen years experience on her, will not receive any praise for his "accomplishments" unless he charges fearlessly into a blazing orphanage and single handedly rescues a dozen toddlers. Then of course, when he is done, he sees a little girl crying that her kitten is still trapped inside. So the male firefighter again gallantly dashes into the inferno, intending to rescue the kitten, only for the entire building to collapse upon him, killing him instantly. That story will make the eighth page in the same newspaper.

The problem with Meritorious Mediocrus stems from her fame and influence far outstripping her insights and accomplishments. The effect of this is that the lower end of the spectrum tends to have a louder, more influential voice than the higher end of the spectrum. And somehow, there is just something not right about that. It's like the natural hierarchy of the universe gets turned upside down.

The fourth type of bird one may encounter hails from the species of Achievus Consensus. This bird's entire purpose in life seems to revolve around convincing men that they will accomplish absolutely nothing unless they manage to get women onboard. (She might cite examples of how men completely failed to create a civilization because women didn't participate). As absurd as it sounds to an outsider, Achievus Consensus has some kind of magical hypnotism in her song that makes men agree that, indeed, no flock of sheep can properly succeed without a sufficient number of wolves in its midst.

Despite her hypnotic melody, however, when one digs deeper down it becomes apparent that while Achievus Consensus knows a few peripheral issues, when push comes to shove she knows nothing of substance. Biologists often argue whether Achievus Consensus is from the greater Cuckoo genus or if she is just a crossbreed of the Elusive Wife and the Meritorious Mediocrus.

There is a good case to be made for the crossbreed theory of Achievus Consensus in that she is sometimes very active like the Meritorious Mediocrus while at the same time displaying some traits of the Elusive Wife. She never lets you forget how much she is doing for your benefit while at the same time reminding you that she, and other women, are not all like that.

I, however, tend to agree more with the theory that Achievus Consensus is a sub-species of the

Cuckoo because of her continual shaming references to what other women, not her, think about our views. The Cuckoo theory is further backed up in that the Achievus Consensus seems stuck on the belief that men somehow have to convince women to let them do want they want. Achievus Consensus talks like men are small children who need to ask Mom's permission to play outside after supper.

Now, although I am describing several completely different species here, one should not forget that they are still from the same overall family within the animal kingdom. This reality is starkly revealed when a man dares to challenge one of them. The flocking instinct of these creatures automatically kicks in and they all gather together, descending upon the transgressing man as if in a scene from Hitchcock's The Birds.

Of course, men rarely stick up for other men at the best of times, so the offending man is often left outnumbered. Even worse, some of the other men in the near vicinity were lured in by the message of the Elusive Wife, because she always sings of a dream which he once had, but never attained. Other men are still thinking about the Mountainous Mammarious' Victoria Secret satin panties, which he looked up online after she let it "slip" that they were the ones one Page 9, Item C. Several men will have enormous respect for the achievements of Meritorious Mediocrus, thinking those achievements make her above reproach, while others are still in a hypnotic trance from listening to the song of Achievus Consensus, who has been admonishing them to get women onboard so "they can accomplish something."

The result?

Well, no other man will dare speak up once he sees how all the birds attack, as if eagles plucking at Prometheus' heart, and more, how few of the other men will even try to shoo the eagles away.

Soon, all the men are "kept in line" and with everything they write there will be a subconscious concern that the women will be offended. In a month or two, the men are posting less and less while the women are posting more and more, until the few women begin dominating the conversations of the many men.

Now, a men's forum may try to counter this by creating a "sub-forum" that only allows entrance to men, so they can speak freely without concern of offending the women… but, come on now… a few women show up on a men's forum, and that forces all of the men into a private room in the back? How often have we seen that happen in society? I am starting to find forums with too many women on them to be an excellent way to gauge what happens in the greater society when women show up.

Once a forum has gotten that far, it is quite literally, for the birds. Society is no different. Have a look at our governments.

There are two other types of birds that may appear as well.

The first is the much touted Odd Duck. (She is easiest to notice by the characteristics of reading much and talking little). Similarities to her extend well out of the bird family and into other parts of the Animal Kingdom. Take piglets, for example. Every litter of piglets has a runt that is odd. However, it is the other piglets that make the runt to be odd. And so it is with the Odd Duck in the Bird Family. What makes her odd are the other ducks, and how her behaviour is different from the normal behaviour of ducks. Therefore, in no way ought she be classified as an entire species of her own. And thus, I feel justified in talking little more about Odd Ducks.

The final bird one will encounter is the Cawing Crow. These birds are hardly a rarity though, and you

need not be within the rich splendor of the Manosphere to find them. In fact, these birds are so common that many men report sighting them in their own backyards!

There is no beauty in the song of the Cawing Crow. In fact, you downright hate the sound; it's just so damn irritating!

Everybody else hates the sound too, and that's why nobody in the Manosphere complains much when you take out that weak, old BB gun which your dad gave you for your 11th birthday and start taking potshots at it.

"Ping!"

You bounce a BB off the Cawing Crow's tail feathers and she flies away.

You would think that would be it, and the Cawing Crow would have learned a lesson… but, alas, what do you hear out your window again tomorrow?

"Caw, Caw!"

"Damn irritating Cawing Crow," you exclaim, grabbing your BB gun as you rush out the door in your socks.

"Pow!" You let off a shot and see a few black feathers erupt into the air as the Cawing Crow takes flight with a stinging in her side.

The next day? Sure enough, there's the Cawing Crow again, irritating you with a song akin to nails on a chalkboard.

"Pow! Pow! Pow!"

You hit your target with all three, but this time the Cawing Crow does not fly away. She has learned that the BB's won't kill her but will just bounce off her thick feathers, even if they do sting a bit.

Soon it becomes almost like a game between you and the Cawing Crow, and she shows up daily knowing full well that she will be greeted by multiple potshots at her. Yet, she keeps showing up, day after day.

You have a BBQ one day in the backyard with several of your friends, and they have heard your amazing tale of the Cawing Crow that never goes away – so they each bring their own BB guns along to the BBQ.

"Pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, PING!" Volleys of shots fly at the Cawing Crow, most hitting their mark, and yet, she still doesn't fly away!

Wtf?

"What's the point?" one might ask. "You are not accomplishing anything."

Well, there is a point. You are becoming one hell of a good shot, and the Cawing Crow has helped you to become skilled at picking off a target with that weak, old BB gun from a considerable distance.

Compared to the other birds, the Cawing Crow is at least serving a purpose that is valuable to the MRM.

I would rather have ten Cawing Crows than one Elusive Wife, one Mountainous Mammarious, one Meritorious Mediocrus and one Achievus Consensus.

At least with the Cawing Crow, you both know where you stand, and after a while you have to grant the Cawing Crow a certain amount of respect, if only strictly for the amount of abuse she is willing to

take while still coming back for more.

Hey, I never said that the Cawing Crow was the smartest bird, only that you have to respect its temerity to some degree.

And this, gentlemen, brings us to the end of our Guide to Bird Watching in the Manosphere. Be sure to keep your ears open for their songs and your eyes sharp to spot their various distinguishing traits, so that you may pass on any sightings to your fellow travelers in the Manosphere.

Hate Bounces: How man-hating and man-bashing harms women – the making of a misogynist

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Misogynists are not born, they are made.

Once, a long time ago when the world was young, I loved women with all my heart and soul. I grew up among strong competent women who understood that all living things need to be taken care of and will flourish if that happens.

The men I grew up with knew that as well. Everyone knew that people must live and work together and find ways to cooperate and just deal with the inevitable differences that arise and keep them in perspective. They knew that people are not perfect, but that most of them try to be as good as they can manage. They took the measure of a person in wholeness, and if there was more good than bad to a person, they accepted that person's faults as being part of the package which was still valuable, if a bit flawed. After all, nobody really is perfect. We all knew that.

Then, something happened. And that something was called feminism. I remember the early days of the movement when it was called "Women's Liberation" which was a high sounding and noble cause in a country which is founded on a document which cites liberty as one of 3 inalienable rights that every person has. No one with a sense of fairness and an understanding of civics could be against women being liberated and treated fairly. And, there was also the promise that some of the ways men were being treated unfairly would change along with it.

And, as the old joke goes: if you believe that one, then I have some lakefront property in the Mojave Desert I'd like to talk to you about.

I learned very quickly that feminism wasn't about liberating PEOPLE from their previously too restrictive roles which were assigned to them based on the plumbing they displayed at birth, but rather was founded on a number of absolute falsehoods which had nothing to do with freedom, equality, or fairness. The fundamental premise that men had MORE power, not just a different kind of power and in a different area of society as a whole, but MORE power in a complete and absolute sense was something that I vehemently disagreed with. I could come up with thousands of examples of circumstances in which women had more power than men did. And in every example they gave of where men did have any power, I could easily point out the uneven distribution of power among men, and how a few men at the top of the wealth/influence pyramid had a lot of power, but that the vast majority of men had very little.

The strangest thing was that most of the situations in which I was being told I had or was exercising "power" seemed absolutely ridiculous to me. When I was a college freshman, one day I was walking across campus toward the student union. I reached the door about a half step ahead of a female student so, as I had been brought up to do, I hastened my last couple of steps and held the door open for her. Instead of the smile and nod that I had been used to in response to such simple acts of social courtesy, she flew into a rage and started screaming at me about how what a male chauvinist PIG I was, that she was perfectly capable of opening that door for herself and didn't need any g– damned MAN to do it for her, and kicked me in the knee.

"Shock" is a totally inadequate word to describe my response.

I was at a loss to understand any of her reaction. She couldn't have been any more totally,

completely, and absolutely wrong about my motivations and purposes. I instantly assigned her to the categories of "mentally defective," "hate filled," and female. Over the next several years, a lot of women joined her company.

A couple of years later, a woman that I was dating described her feminist "consciousness raising" group as consisting of **"perfectly satisfying man hating sessions."** Again, I was bewildered. I asked why she found hating me(n) so "perfectly satisfying." I don't remember the answer she gave, but she soon proved to me just how true that statement was of her. Like the knee-kicker in response to having a door opened, it seemed that anything and everything I did was proof that I deserved her hatred and rancor. At least 10 years later, she called me out of the blue to apologize. She said she realized that she had just gotten swept up in a group consciousness of hatred and had finally realized what had happened and that I had not deserved the bile she had spewed on me.

It was, I suppose, better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick, but it was too little and too late. Because, by then I had encountered so many other women who acted in pretty much the same way that it had simply become part of my view of what women were. Somewhere, deep down inside, either hidden or proudly displayed, women hated men. Women came in a variety of sizes and shapes, most had breasts and female genitals, but they all seemed to come with a hatred and fundamental contempt for men. One woman I dated while Jimmy Carter was still president spoke of "my hatred of men" in the same matter-of-fact tone that she might say "my nose." It was just an integral part of her.

Needless to say, this presented me with a significant paradox and source of internal conflict. Being a healthy heterosexual male, I had the natural and universal desire that men have to have a loving relationship with a woman. But, how is it possible to love someone that returns hate for that love?

So, over time I began to develop a wary distrustful posture toward women. I still dated them, but I had become so conditioned to expect hatred from them that I simply accepted it as part of the price I had to pay in order to be involved with one. My desire for a relationship was still strong, but was opposed by a distrust and unwillingness to let someone who hated me get the upper hand over me. Thus, in my mind the concept of "commitment" became one and the same as "trapped in a relationship with someone who hates me." I was indeed one of those men who "wouldn't make a commitment."

The worst part of this, for me, is that it blinded me to the warning signals of some truly sick personalities. The hostility which I had become accustomed to enduring from women became only a matter of degree – greater or lesser. And, with a baseline of being kicked in the knee for the courtesy of opening a door, and learning how "satisfying" man hating is to some women, I had no yardstick to sort out the seriously sick and deranged women from any of the rest. As a result, I ended up in some relationships that were truly horrible and very damaging to me. And, of course, each of these left scars which over time built up so much emotional scar tissue that I began to lose all the positive feelings I once had for women.

That is the personal side. And, I won't bore you with the details of all the stories. But, there eventually got to be so many that I developed the attitude that the question was not "whether" a woman would burn me if let her get close enough to do so, but "when" and "how soon" it would happen.

On the political side, things were just as bad if not worse. About the same time I started becoming the target of violent physical attacks by individual women for what I perceived as courtesy, I also became the target of vicious verbal attacks by women collectively – just for being a man.

I remember the first time I saw the slogan "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle," I knew my face had just been spit in. Men were not just useless to women, we were irrelevant. We had no purpose in a woman's life, and did not belong in her world at all. It was a message of hate, dismissal, and refutation. But, I also saw it as a warning of what was to come. It was like seeing clouds on the horizon, and knowing that it is time to get under cover because a storm is brewing. And, since it was obviously smearing shit in my face, it was going to be a shit storm.

Soon it became apparent that women could say any damn thing they wanted about men – no matter how wrong, no matter how hateful, no matter how unfair – and that was fine, but every time I stood up to that and said "no, that is wrong, there is another point of view" I'd get some little fem-bot harpy in my face shrieking the same old tired slogans, like a mindless Chatty Cathy doll, about how I was threatened by losing my power, wanted to keep women "in their place," was probably violent, and was a misogynist. The dull predictability and regularity of it all was only kept from being terminally boring by the shrillness and sheer vehemence of the attacks.

There is a belief among those who believe in magic that one must speak a spell 3 times in order for it to become binding and true. It took being called a misogynist a lot more than 3 times to become true, more like 3000+, but in time it did become true.

I began to see women as vicious creatures whose only agenda when it came to me, or any man, was to see how much they could get from the man – then when he had nothing left to give because they had taken it all, toss him out with yesterday's garbage. In short – I viewed them as nothing but users.

Feminist author Wendy Dennis came out with a book in the early 1990s called "Hot and Bothered: sex and love in the 90s." Among many other astute observations in the book was that nothing was more classically typical of the state of male/female relations than the woman who complained bitterly about every aspect of men, then couldn't figure out why she couldn't get one of these awful creatures to fall madly in love with her. I had observed the same thing so many times that I had simply concluded that such women were simply not very bright. In stark contrast to the mythology of how socially adept women are, I was baffled that such women were so stupid that they didn't realize that no living thing will respond to such projections of distaste, contempt, and hatred with anything except return animosity.

I took to avoiding women, particularly groups of them, because I could never sit quietly and put up with the bashing and would always challenge it, which ended up in a lot of fights and added greatly the count of times that I got called "misogynist." I noticed that women seemed to do it habitually, without thinking, and would confront my female friends over and over until they learned not to do it in my presence.

And, after 3 decades of listening to it, and hating it, and trying to keep the animosity which had been building in me over it – when the husband of a woman friend of mine (who had been very dishonest about her motivations for our friendship and had been trying to harass me into turning our friendship sexual) threatened to kill me and she said "I don't know why you are making such a big deal about it," I caved in and really did begin to hate women.

Most of the time this hatred lies dormant. I figure that the best thing I can do for myself and for women is to keep the contact I must have with them to a minimum, and to keep as much distance between them and myself as possible. It is rather like hanging a sign on a fence that says "Beware of VERY bad dog." Stay outside the fence, and everything is fine. But, come through the gate at your own risk. Leave me the hell alone and I will leave you alone.

Misogynists are not born, they are made.

I am still baffled at all the women who seem to expect men to live on a steady diet of hatred and man bashing, and somehow magically metabolize this toxic diet into "love" for women and a desire to see good things come to them. When I work real hard, I can make the anger cold and take no joy when bad things happen to women. I simply regard it with indifference. When I hear a woman whine about being victimized, I simply tune her out and go elsewhere.
When a woman smiles at me, I think of an old ethic bashing joke – "What does a _____ say instead of 'fuck you?'" Answer "Trust Me."

I will not allow most women in my house unless I have known her a long time and she is old enough to have escaped being infected with the plague of man hating or is escorted by someone I trust, nor will I enter theirs except on the same conditions. If I pass a woman stranded on the road, I will not stop to help her because it is as likely as not that she will be afraid of me. That's fine. She's a fish without a bicycle – I have no place in her world, nor her in mine.

Man bashing and man hating harms women, because it makes men hate them back – eventually. A puppy returns love for love, but if you beat it will eventually turn mean and will one day turn on you when you raise your fist or your stick (or the club of words) to hit it. Men are no different. When women talk about treating men like dogs, I wish they would. It would be an improvement. Most women treat their dogs far better than they treat their men.

Somewhere along the line, I went through a metamorphosis. I changed from a man who loved women and thought they were just about the greatest thing in the world, to a man who can't stand them, or anything about them.

I'm sick and tired of the lies that women tell about men, I'm sick and tired of their victim games, I'm sick and tired of hatred and bashing I have to put up with when I am around them. I am sick and tired of the arrogant contempt in which they seem to hold me and all other men. I am sick to death of the way that some of them feel the need to seek me out to piss me off. A couple of years back, at the funeral of my uncle, as fine a man as I have ever known, some woman felt the need to start a conversation with me as I sat with my private grief. She wanted me to agree with her that men don't ask for directions.

How could anyone be so stupid and socially incompetent? When men came up to me to talk, it was always with something like "Your uncle was a fine man," not, "aren't men headstrong and stupid?"

Invariably, when I tell a woman about all this, she tries to argue with me and say something like "get over it," or "why don't you take the gender out of it?" In return I ask, "Why the hell don't you women get over it, and take the gender out of it?"

I would like nothing better than to be left in peace, and allow women to enjoy the absence of my company which they find so annoying and unpleasant. Every day, a few more men got through the transformation and become like me. We don't get our guns and shoot a few women; we don't beat them up; because what women have been saying about us all these years is just flat wrong. But, there's no point in trying to tell women that because they have become so certain of their superiority that the best way to deal with them is to leave them to it, and the company of their other fishy friends.

Videos of Argus Eyes reading this essay are available here - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5A87VbJUY6g and here – http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nH4poAZKeak

Book Review: The Return of the Great Depression

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The Book: The Return of the Great Depression, by Vox Day, 267 pages.

Click here to read my (much briefer) book review on Amazon.

The Gist: This latest book by WND columnist Vox Day documents his case that the Great Depression, a distant memory to all but the oldest among us, is fixing to happen again with a vengeance. The book opens with a vivid description of the scene in go-go Tokyo in the late 1980s, a scene much like an irrationally exuberant New York city in the early 2000s, in which the whole of the Japanese economy was drunk on the easy money of the Heisei boom and was convinced of its can't lose prosperity. Yet we know the fate that befell the Japanese soon after–the Japanese economy quickly fell from its apex of power and influence and crashed, destroying billions of yen's worth of wealth and resulting in years of hard times know as the Lost Decade. Twenty years hence, the Japanese economy still hasn't recovered, growth is still flat, and the Japanese central bank's attempts to stimulate the economy into life with near-zero interest rates were and remain ineffectual.

Day uses the example of the late 1980s Japanese experience…a people's whose "pride and glory on display" only to be later "transformed into farce and indignity" as their prosperity vanished…as a metaphor for the fate that awaits the USA and much of the rest of the world. Day spends the bulk of this tome methodically demonstrating the validity of this metaphor for the reader, first by explaining how easy, low-cost bank credit–in other words, loans with exceptionally low interest rates–begets boom times and economic malformation. But the consumption upon which the cycle of usurious debt* depends has its limits, ceilings beyond which even the most profligate government/banking "stimulus" cannot pass. There is a limit to how much the consumer will load themselves up with debt, just as there is a limit to how many cars, televisions, refrigerators, and DVDs they can reasonably enjoy, just as there is a limit to how cheap the government can make the money (see the lower right-hand corners of RGD Figures 1.1 and 2.1 below). When this happens, attempts to reinflate the bubble with progressively easier and easier money fail, and the inevitable economic reset to intrinsic, uninflated value occurs. This reset to actual value is know as a recession if minor, or a depression if major.

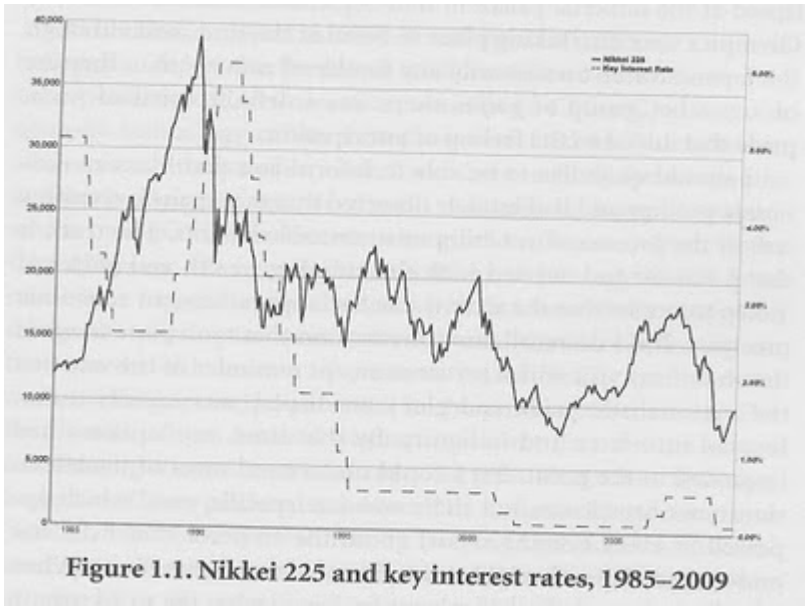

Figure 1.1. Nikkei 225 and key interest rates, 1985–2009

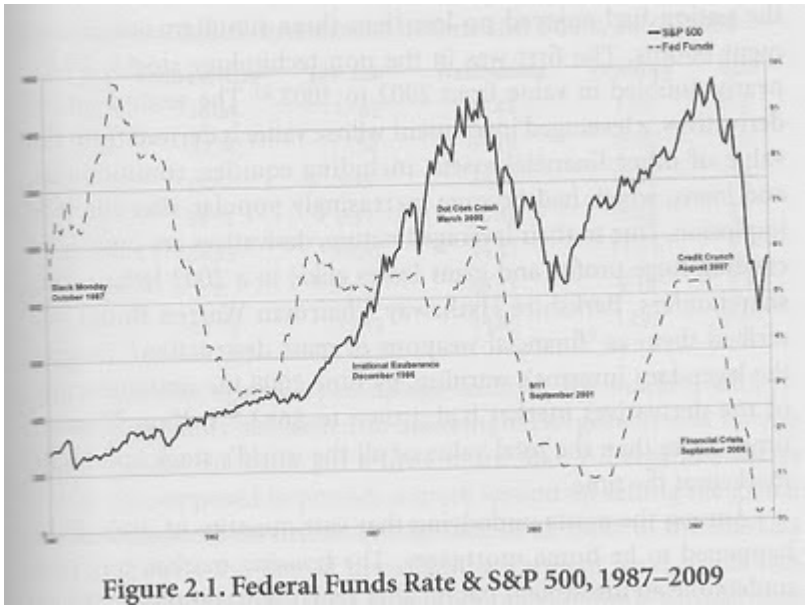

Figure 2.1. Federal Funds Rate & S&P 500, 1987–2009

These graphs demonstrate what happens when the government can't make money any cheaper to stimulate more consumption. Nothing happens. Even stimulus after stimulus has little effect. Note how low the interest rates are in Figure 1.1, representing the Japanese economy. The Nikkei is flat, despite desperate attempts to re-inflate the investment bubble with cheap money.

Next, Day ably shows how the three major data points (plus a fourth introduced later in the book that I include for discussion here) used to measure economic performance and economic/monetary intervention is hopelessly flawed and invalid. He states:

> The truth is that no one really knows anything…the mass of numbers, figures, and reports, and statistics are all very crude approximations that do little more than create the illusion of accuracy.

Day backs up this bold statement by examining each of the these four metrics in detail. The first of these metrics, gross domestic product (GDP), is a dataset constantly in flux, subject as it is to continuous revision. Now revisions or refinements of a percent or two may not sound like much, one or two percent of a trillion-dollar economy is no small figure. What's more, historical GDP is often revised upward–in the government's favor, naturally–by government-employed statisticians, sometimes altering the historical record so much that significant economic events like the recession

of 2001 are often "revised" out of existence. How one is supposed make good decisions based on historical data when the historical measures themselves are subject to such revisionist shenanigans at any time is somewhat lost on me.

The second measure, consumer price index (CPI), is shown by Day to also be fatally flawed, primarily by virtue of its heavily politicized nature (CPI is often kept artificially low so as to prevent large COLA increases), making it extremely vulnerable to political manipulation. But it is also defective in Day's eyes because the CPI measure most commonly used, "core" CPI, is hardly core at all, as it fails to account for key components of consumer expenses, most notably, food and energy. Day finds this amusing, because, as he quips, "so few consumers buy groceries, heat their homes, or fill their cars with gasoline". In fact, core CPI fails to account for approximately 60% of any given household's monthly expenditures. Moreover, using this flawed measure as a barometer of inflation and/or overall economic health is a mistake because, just as it underreports price inflation apparent to the consumer, it also underreports price *deflation*. In other words, in these tough economic times, those who would fancy themselves captains at the helm of our national economy, using these indexes, would have little clue as to the magnitude of the actual contraction that has already taken place. As the saying goes, GIGO, and decisions based upon crappy measures cannot help but be crappy decisions themselves.

Table 4.4. Price Comparisons, April 1998 and April 2008 [71]

Price and Income	April 1998	April 2008	CPI-U (32%)	Actual Increase
White bread, per lb.	$0.86	$1.37	$1.14	59.3 percent
Fresh whole milk, per gal	2.67	3.8	3.52	42.3 percent
Tomatoes, per lb.	1.4	1.77	1.85	26.4 percent
Peanut butter, creamy, per lb.	1.81	1.98	2.39	9.4 percent
Cola, non-diet, per 2 liters	1.07	1.33	1.41	24.3 percent
Beefsteak, per lb.	3.67	5.28	4.84	43.9 percent
Gasoline, all types, per gal.	1.11	3.49	1.47	214.1 percent
Fuel oil #2, per gal.	0.92	3.88	1.21	321.7 percent
Utility piped gas, 100 therms	65.87	142.73	86.95	116.7 percent
Electricity per 500 kwh	45.74	62.15	60.38	35.9 percent
Median single family house	132300	200700	174636	51.7 percent
Mortgage payments	719	966	949	34.5 percent
Income	22753	27530	30034	20.9 percent
BLS avg weekly wages	441	454	582.12	2.9 percent

Note the delta between the projected increase in prices according to CPI and the actual movement of prices. Should make you sleep better at night to know that your leaders are using such wonderfully accurate data to make such monumental decisions with

The third index, unemployment, is tricky to measure since employment itself is a very subjective concept, fraught with arbitrary definitions–for example, where does one draw the line between "fully employed", "partially employed", and "unemployed"?–deemed necessary from an statistical analysis standpoint, and thoroughly imbued with the subjective opinions of disgruntled out-of-work former laborers. It gets worse: the BLS also doesn't count as employed those who haven't worked in the last four weeks and have no intention of returning to work. Thus the SAHM who chooses to stay home is lumped together with the wastrel childless wife who sits at home all day, pops bon-bons and watches soap operas, the out-of-work bank teller who has looked and looked and looked for work but can't find it and has given up, and the reluctant hausfrau who wishes to gain remunerative employment but cannot because it costs too much in child care and other expenses for her to (re)join the labor force. Added to mixing of apples and oranges, Day calculates that the most widely used measure of official

employment, U-3, only captures the working habits of a mere 14% of the non-institutionalized** population aged 16 and over. Thus Day shows that the standard measure of unemployment, and even its slightly broader sibling, U-6, are both extremely limited in their representativeness of the overall population as well as their validity in characterizing the employment state of that population.

Fourth is the money supply, which one would think would be easy to track: simply count the notes in circulation. But this is not the case: currency in circulation is merely a fraction of the money supply. This fraction is known as M1. But as with the previous three, nothing is quite that simple, and other aggregates of the money supply, M0, M2 and M3, track progressively larger and more amorphous approximations of total number of dollars in circulation. But as this editorial states, even the broadest measure of the total amount of money in circulation, M3 (which the Fed stopped publishing a few years ago) itself doesn't come close to accounting for the total amount of credit that it out there. One would think this measure would be quite important to track, yet the Fed seems unconcerned with the explosive growth in the money supply and the impact that this growth has on the behavior of the economy as a whole or on the time-preferences of each of the billions of individual actors within that economy.

Piggybacking on his contention that "no one knows anything", Day then contends that a nation's economy is too large, with too many actors, for anyone to exert any modicum of control. As justification, Day compares attempts to control the economy to an intractable problem from the physical sciences called the "n-body problem", which, simply stated, is the geometrically increasing complexity of calculating the movement through space of an n number of celestial objects, each gravitationally interacting with all the others. Each actor in the national economy is likened to a body in the n-body problem, and the reader is then invited to consider just how complex this computation would be, with literally billions of economic actors in the economic universe. Econometrists have been fully aware of this computational complexity as well as its mathematical intractability since at least the 17th century; consequently the field of econometrics side-steps the n-body problem entirely by simplifying the behaviors of each of the actors in the n-body problem to a few approximations that permit their equations to be resolved. In short, they turn the massive, un-solvable n-body problem into a nice, elegant 3- or 4-body problem. Yet, as with any simplification, errors result, errors that render the entire model's predictive ability worthless. This simplification (and its effects on the models built using such simplification techniques) is known as the "Ricardian Vice". Unfortunately for us, the Keynesian economic model upon which our modern political economy is now based*** follows the same pattern…each of the aforementioned major statistics that are used to "control" our economy suffer from the Ricardian Vice, as are the billions upon billions of individual economic transactions somehow summed up by a wave of the Ricardian hand into generalized behaviors that fail to account for the small acts that individuals have that may result in large effects on the overall state of the economy. The following quote summarizes Days argument in this section of the book thusly:

> What the theoretical economists and the practical financiers alike have failed to take into account is that the impossibility of socialist calculation applies to the price of money as well to the prices of goods and services. A central banker has no more ability to correctly ascertain the intersection of the collective supply and demand curves for money in a modern economy than the historical communist planner was able to calculate the correct number of shoes required in the now-defunct socialist economies

If Keynesian economics, a school of thought that seeks to defeat the business cycle through the use of technical measures such as those highlighted previously to foster endless economic growth, is demonstrably theoretically and empirically unsuccessful at accomplishing either task, to what then does Mr. Day ascribe its popularity? The answer lays in the political top-cover that Keynesianism provides to politicians who happily exploit it as a pretext to engage in never-ending government expansionism and the spending this expansionism engenders. This top-cover is a two-fer: not only does it give the politician the appearance of "doing something" through so-called "stimulus",**** but it also allows the pol to take credit for the good times created through easy credit.

A word here is required about psychology. Day points out in his book how many times Keynesian theory mentions the words "psychology" and "psychological". While possibly being a product of the times…after all, Freud's theories were all the rage when Keynes wrote his General Theory, it certainly suggests that a major part of Keynesian and neo-Keynesian theory concentrates not on empirical, scientific control of the economy but on a psychological feel-good campaign to prop up consumer confidence so that the consumer continues borrow-and-spend to consume. Like a shark that must keep swimming to breathe, the (neo)Keynesian economy depends on consumers taking out loans for material consumption, and anything that causes them to save and not spend (or the banks to refuse to lend) threatens the oxygen supply for the entire economy. Thus the emphasis placed on stimulus, enticing the consumer to take out loans and buy things, on happy talk from the various Administrations and Wall Street financiers, and on getting the banks to be willing to risk loaning out again.

Next, Day expounds briefly on the Fed and how the Fed's actions launch the business boom-bust cycle predicted by Austrian economic theory. Day demonstrates that, rather than being a watchdog to control inflation as is often (but erroneously) thought, the Federal Reserve Bank is actually the initiator of monetary inflation. Readers are informed that this is also not without precedent…the Fed is actually the fourth incarnation of a central bank in US history, each of its predecessors having self-destructed for engaging in inflation of the nation's currency. It seems that one of the first things that a central bank does, particularly one that engages in fractional reserve banking, is inflate the currency; the current Fed is presently on the same track, having engaged in rampant inflation that has reduced the value of the dollar to a nickel in less than a century. It is this inflationary extension of bank credit that, according to Austrian-school monetary theory, sets the stage for expansionary booms, malinvestment, economic bust and bank runs, and economic contraction.

Thus far, Day has built the case that it is impossible to control the economy in the ways that our leaders and financial professional think they can, and certainly not with such crude tools. Moreover, Day introduces us to the inevitability of the debt-fuelled boom-bust business cycle, and how the Keynesian remedies that supposedly smooth out the boom-bust cycle merely pour more fuel onto the fire. Yet these by themselves do not necessarily spell GD2; to that end, Day offers ten exhibits as to why the recession the world entered in 2008, if not delayed off by "successful" economic intervention, will deepen into a worldwide depression in the near future:

1. The investment boom leading up to 2008 was bigger and broader than in 1929. Interest rates were lower, and the duration of the expansion was longer and affected a much broader proportion of the economy in 2008 than in the times leading up to GD1.

2. Counter-cyclical fiscal policy was enacted on a bigger and wider scale than in 1929.

3. There is less margin today for government intervention than in 1929. The government had much

more *lebensraum* to enact debt-fuelled economic "stimulus" back then than today.

4. Loan defaults are spreading into other sectors of the economy.

5. The "rescued" banks and corporations, rather than being returned to health, were instead resurrected as "zombies". The "too-big-to-fail" policy merely propped up unhealthy businesses while short-circuiting the process of creative destruction and reallocation of resources necessary for an economy to recover from malinvestment.

6. Derivatives and the credit contraction multiplier. This refers to the contraction of every dollar and the collapse of the credit that is leveraged upon each, sometimes as large as a factor of 40. However, rather than "unwinding" these debt derivatives, the banksters are in effect "doubling down" on their bets.

7. Labor inefficiency. This refers to policies that encourage partial employment, such as employing two people at 20 hours per week than one person at 40 hours per week. Indications are that companies in the US are increasingly electing to under-employ their workers rather than simply laying them off, perhaps due to the social costs inherent in full-time versus part-time workers.

8. A shortage of war, at least one in which the country is the victor. However, Day suggests that socioeconomic theory suggests that the longer a downturn lasts, the greater the probability that a depression-inspired war will occur.

9. The economic drag effect from environmental legislation such as Waxman-Markley.

10. Socio-nomic patterns and the "Grand Supercycle" bear wave. Elliot wave theory posits that we are on the cusp of a global downturn of huge proportions.

Mr. Day marries up these ten reasons that the economy is headed for a downturn with six potential future outcomes. These outcomes are, in order of his forecasted probability: Great Depression II, the Great Recession that doesn't fully develop into a depression, hyperinflation and stagnating growth, a jobless recovery, "Fallout 4″, live and in color, and a V-shaped recession culminating in a return to a happy-days-are-here-again bull market. It should come as no surprise that to the reader that, given the case he makes in his book, Day believes GD2 to be the most probable and, if Austrian theory is to be believed, the most healthy for our country overall. Thus, Mr. Day suggests that we're in store for a GD2 that will be one-third worse than GD1, with a 35% decline in real GDP over a five-year period and a bottom on 2012 or 2013 at a Dow below 1,500. Stern and sobering stuff.

Day ends his book with a laundry list of things that the US could do immediately to bring about economic recovery. 1. **Stop digging**. Raise interest rates, allow deflation, and permit the deleveraging process to begin. 2. **No more bailouts** that create zombie banks and zombie companies. 3. **Cut takes in half**. This permits consumers to deleverage themselves faster, as well as help shape the economy in a way that is congruent with consumer preferences. 4. **Require a supermajority for federal spending**. It goes without saying that there should not be a third simulus package. 5. **Audit the Fed**. Find out where the ugly truths are, and expose the inner workings of this semi-independent institution to the light of day (no pun intended). 6. **Repeal** laws that partially nationalize the financial industry. 7. **Withdraw American troops** from all overseas locations. War is expensive, and these resources are and will be needed elsewhere. 8. **Stop the expansion of the labor force** and the collapse of wages by halting immigration and establishing incentives to permit married women with children to raise them at home. 9. **Ban bankster bonuses** and other perverse use of the taxpayer's money. Since they signed up for the people's money, they should have no truck with following the people's terms.

10. **End the Fed**.

My analysis: Putting aside the occasional typo error, which ocurred with some frequency toward the end of the book, overall, I thought this was a good book on par with Sowell's *Basic Economics* in terms of the "a ha!"-producing, connect-the-dots moments it provided. The book itself isn't terribly technical, and it is appropriate for beginners not steeped in Austrian economic theory, although a basic background certainly does help since Day's Austrian orientation undergirds his entire argument. I myself found grateful that I had previously read Rothbard's *America's Great Depression*; Rothbard's tome certainly helped to provide the cognitive backdrop useful to understanding Day's book.

One of the things I liked best about this book is how it absolutely shreds the idea that smoothing out business cycles using technical analysis and intervention is even remotely possible, or should even be attempted in the first place. Here Day's argument dovetails nicely with Sowell's…that there is no way that the socialist planner can know all the information at every point of transaction in an economy…and thus the same principle of lack of sufficient knowledge extends to bankers and monetary authorities as well.

Reading this book, I was also interested to note the Fed and the Bank of Japan take an active role in monetary policy management whereas the Swiss National Bank, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, the Riksbank of Sweden, and the Reserve Bank of Austria take a more mechanistic rules-based policy of monetary management. I wonder if there is a correlative relationship between the large Japanese/American investment bubbles and the smaller ones in these other countries as a result of this active management style?

Lastly, I also very much appreciated Mr. Day's casting of the field of economics as "the study of political economy". This terminology reinforces the fact that economics is not a physical science but more a study of the interactions of people, institutions, and governmental organs. In other words, politics. And politics often trumps facts, and any attempt to study the field without considering the effect of irrational politics on supposedly rational transactions in an economy will likely fall short.

* For more reading on usury lending, I suggest a trip here.

** U-3 also excludes other institutionalized populations, such as the uniformed US military, which was a whopping 2.2M in FY2005.

*** I found the footnote on the bottom of page 157 particularly apt: "Mainstream economics today is largely an incoherent synthesis of Keynesianism with Friedmanite empiricism tarted up with econometrics and flavored with a dash of neo-classicism. It seldom makes any sense, for the very logical reason that it is not a theoretical system but a collection of concepts taken from various economic theories.

**** The below table drawn from RGD shows the timing of each anti-recession stimulus package. Note how each comes "late to need"

Table 6.2. U.S. Recessions, 1948–1990

Recession Starts	Recession Ends	Anti-Recession Legislation
Nov 1948	Oct 1949	Oct 1949
Aug 1957	Apr 1958	Jul 1958
Apr 1960	Feb 1961	May 1961, Sep 1962
Dec 1969	Nov 1970	Aug 1971
Nov 1973	Mar 1975	Mar 1975, Jul 1976, May 1977
Jul 1981	Nov 1982	Mar 1983
Jul 1990	Nov 1991	Nov 1991, Apr 1993

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Communicating Thoughts and Thinking About Communication; The Duality of Reason

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(Author's note: this piece was originally prepared as an essay for a philosophical conference, and so was so tailored to be as general as possible. The application to men's rights should be obvious and I encourage readers to comment on various points raised in the essay as they apply specifically to men's rights. There should be plenty of points of departure.)

1. Introduction

The objective of philosophy, in the broadest and most fundamental sense, is concerned with thinking. But this begs the obvious question – what is thinking? One professor at the University of Utah asked his students this simple question with varying results:

> I recently asked some college honor students to define thinking. After pondering the question, a student majoring in sociology said, "It consists of reflecting on some idea or insight and exploring its logical connections and implications for making sense out of something." In response to the same question, an English major responded: "It's the ability to write a convincing argument in support of a particular point of view." According to a premedical student majoring in biology, "Thinking is the ability to use information for analyzing data in order to solve some problem." A philosophy major said without hesitation, "It's a critical openness to new ideas as one explores their logical foundations." And a student whose major is undecided said "It's what I'm trying to do in response to your darn question." (Geersteen, 2003)

It seems that a precise definition eludes consensus; indeed, as American writer and television producer J. Michael Straczynski once famously remarked, "The quality of our thoughts is bordered on all sides by our facility with language" (Lewis, 2009). The purpose of this essay is to more closely examine the link between language and thought, and put forth the foundation for an argument that asserts that language *is*, more or less, thought, as well as consider the implications of that idea.

2. Evolution of Language

In his work, Evolutionary Biology of Language, Martin A. Nowak goes to great lengths to establish a logical model that tracks the way in which a simple system of symbols could have evolved into modern language. His model involves quite a bit of advanced logic and mathematical concepts (which are beyond the scope of this essay), but the basic idea is that language evolved from a rigid system of limited symbols whereby one object had one symbol to the more modern system which allows for (perhaps) unlimited expression of ideas and events. Another expert who has also tracked the evolution of language remarks on the character of modern language systems: "Present-day human languages can be readily deployed to talk about events, objects, people and places far removed in space and time from the act of speaking, and the signs used to talk about such displaced referents have no detectable physical similarity to the referents themselves" (Urban, 2002).

Nowak (2000) incorporates arguments about evolution in his analysis of language: "Evolution relies on the transfer of information from one generation to the next. For billions of years this process was limited to the transfer of genetic information. Language facilitates the transfer of non-genetic

information and thus leads to a new mode of evolution." Essentially, he asserts that language has evolutionary advantages, and thus more effective (or "fit") systems of languages would be the ones that get passed down from our ancestors, while less "fit" systems would become extinct. How do systems become more or less fit? It has to do with how many symbols and how many definitions there are in a system:

> In other words, adding the possibility of describing more and more objects (or concepts) to the repertoire of a language cannot increase the maximum amount of information transfer beyond a certain limit. If, in addition, we assume that objects have different values, then we find that the maximum fitness is usually achieved by limiting the repertoire of the language to a small number of objects. Increasing the repertoire of the language can reduce fitness. Hence natural selection will prefer communication systems with limited repertoires.

He goes on to assert that "successful communication increases the survival probability or performance during life history and hence enhances the expected number of offspring. Thus, language is of adaptive value and contributes to biological fitness."

If languages which retain fewer concepts ("reduced repertoires") have increased biological fitness and evolutionary advantage, how did modern language come to be so complex and accommodate so much ambiguity and confusion? Nowak (2000) offers his thoughts in his conclusion (emphasis my own):

> Efficient and unambiguous communication together with easy learnability of the language is rewarded in terms of pay-off and fitness. While we think that these are absolutely fundamental and necessary assumptions for much of language evolution, *we also note the seemingly unnecessary complexity of current languages.* Certainly, systems designed by evolution are often not optimized from an engineering perspective. Moreover, it seems likely that at times *evolutionary forces were at work to make things more ambiguous and harder to learn, such that only a few selected listeners could understand the message.* If a good language performance enhances the reputation of the group, *we can also imagine an arms race towards increased and unnecessary complexity.* Such a process can drive the numbers of words and rules beyond what would be best for efficient information exchange. This should be the subject of papers to come. (Nowak, 2000)

Here Nowak admits to one of the most fundamental problems with language – the way in which it can be ideologized. Before I tackle that idea, which deals with large social systems, let us first examine more mundane dangers associated with misunderstandings of language.

3. Language Assumptions

"Everyone who reads this paper knows of the order of 50,000 words of his primary language. These words are stored in the 'mental lexicon' together with one or several meanings, and some information about how they relate to other words and how they fit into sentences" (Nowak, 2000). Language is a fundamental fact of human existence, but it is also one that is taken for granted. As the quote above illustrates, we all have a sort of mental dictionary we tote around, and during communication, it is all too natural to assume that the definition we have in mind for a word we use when we are speaking matches the definition that our listener has in mind for the same word. Often times, conflicts that arise as a result of this are minimal, but other times they can have important consequences. Imagine a scenario where a friendly girl tosses around the phrase "I love you" in the most trivial of ways,

utilizing the phrase as a sort of goodbye, which seems so common these days. (Her interpretation of the word *love* is casual and can be supported by more than one of the many definitions found in any number of dictionaries – the dictionary.com website has no less than 14 definitions for *love*.) In a communication moment with someone who thinks of the word *love* as having more gravitas, she is bound to create a miscommunication – the person to whom she is speaking will receive an entirely different message than the one she intends. This could result in disappointment for her listener, such as in the case of her listener being a man who was infatuated with her. Twist the scenario a bit, and imagine she did mean the more serious interpretation of *love*, whereas her male listener assumed she meant a more casual one, and now *she* is prone to feel the negative impacts of communication loss.

Recall Nowak's (2000) idea of language fitness, first visited above: "…The fitness contribution of a language can be formulated as the probability that two individuals know the correct word for a given event summed over all events and weighted with the rate of occurrence of these events." Essentially, a language is more "fit" if the chances of the speaker and listener having the same definition for a word (*love* in the previous example) are high. It follows that the higher the number of disparate definitions for the same word there are in a given language, the less fit that language becomes. English seems especially rife with words that have numerous and disparate meanings, and it is no exaggeration to say that a 15-page paper could be written on this subject alone. I implore you to consider the use of words such as "socialist," "communist," "harassment," "equality," "family values," "oppression," or nearly any other politically charged word in the public sphere, with the idea that the person speaking the word could be talking about something entirely different from the person listening to the word, even though they are both considering the same word. Since this essay is concerned only with impelling contemplation, the previous analyses should suffice as a primer on this particular point.

However, definitions of words are not the only assumptions we make regarding language. The literature establishes that the average person is both ignorant and arrogant when it comes to language, a rather dangerous combination:

> In matters of language history, structure, function, and standardization, the average individual is, for the most part, simultaneously uninformed and highly opinionated. When asked directly about language use, most people will draw a very solid basic distinction of 'standard' (proper, correct) English vs. everything else. (Lippi-Green, 1994)

That we posit the existence of something called language can itself be considered an assumption, which, furthermore, has an impact on how human societies are organized:

> Beliefs about what is or is not a real language, and underlying these beliefs, the notion that there are distinctly identifiable languages that can be isolated, named, and counted, enter into strategies of social domination. Such beliefs…have contributed to profound decisions about, for example, the civility or even the humanity of subjects of colonial domination. They also qualify or disqualify speech varieties from certain institutional uses and their speakers from access to domains of privilege. (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994)

More examples of how language has a tangible impact on our lives will be discussed later. We hold other assumptions about language that are of paramount philosophical importance. Indeed, how we think about language may impact perceptions as fundamental as how we define ourselves: "Language socialization studies have demonstrated connections among folk theories of language acquisition,

linguistic practices, and key cultural ideas about personhood" (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). Moreover, thoughts regarding language (especially in the Western nations, like the United States) underpin assumptions regarding the nature of reality: "In the vernacular belief system of Western culture, language standards are not recognized as human artifacts, but are naturalized by metaphors such as that of the free market" (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). This stands in stark contrast to a more reasoned and self-examined perspective, informed by a more comprehensive understanding of language, its functions, and its evolution:

> Deconstructive rhetorical analysis is based on the premise that all claims to transcendent truths are radically undercut by the fact that they are made within a given language and culture which impose limits on the thought and perception of individuals making the claim. We do not have unmediated access to a truth; rather, our view of the world is a function of a set of culturally constructed assumptions which shape our perception of the truth…Deconstructive critics also assert, though, that rhetoric is always open to multiple interpretations which are themselves a function of the interpreters' own beliefs and values. Any deconstructive reading is offered as one among many possible interpretations." (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

A key point here is that not only is language ineffective for establishing perfectly objective observations of reality form the perspective of the speaker, it also depends upon the interpretations of the listener. Thus, miscommunication can result either from poorly phrased speaking or from various deficiencies in the listener. For example, while a speaker's poor accent can increase the odds of communication loss, a listener's desire to understand the speaker is perhaps even more important:

> …Accent…is most likely to pose a barrier to effective communication when two elements are lacking. The first is a basic level is communicative competence on the part of the speaker…. The second element, even more important but far more difficult to assess, is the listener's good will. Without the goodwill, the speaker's…degree of communicative competence is irrelevant. Prejudiced listeners cannot hear what a person has to say, because accent, as a mirror of social identity and a litmus test for exclusion, is more important." (Lippi-Green, 1994)

The assumptions of language we take for granted can be exploited through the imposition of language ideologies.

4. Language Ideologies

The phrase "language ideology" is defined by different authors in different ways, but for the purpose of this essay I provide the following: "The definition [of language ideology] used here is: a bias toward an abstracted, idealized, homogenous spoken language which is imposed from above, and which takes as its model the written language. The most salient feature is the goal of suppression of variation of all kinds" (Lippi-Green, 1994). In other words, a language ideology seeks to impose a *standard* of language upon as many potential speakers as possible (for example, within a nation as in a national language, though certain social groups may exclude others on the basis of 'official' languages).

Considering that language can be crucial to how one defines one's place in the world (as examined in the article Language and Borders), such totalitarian impositions have observable consequences:

> The phrase "language and borders" suggests that language differences signify categories of person defined by ethnic or national origin and that these categories are opposed to each other. People act in ways that are taken as "having" a language, which is equated to "belonging" to an origin group. Borders emerge in specific contexts as a metonymy of person, language, and origin category. This metonymy can be fleeting or quite rigid and in varying degrees politicized. (Urciuoli, 1995)

Stated more simply, the language a person speaks comes to fully define that person in the perception of others. Ideas like ethnicity and nationality could be deconstructed as nothing more than a difference in language. Urciuoli (1995) goes on further to say, "What does exist, in any society, is the fact of linguistic variation from which people deploy language forms in acts of identity. From such acts, people's sense of community, group, and language emerge in specific places and times." This need not be interpreted only with regards to nations – think also of subcultures, such as internet gaming communities, the military, or any other culture which has a language unto itself.

Due to length considerations, this essay cannot fully examine the ways in which various parts of language have important implications. The literature points out that accents play a key role in the way a listener perceives a speaker: "…Prosidics and accents…are key in the perception of ethnic and race boundaries that thread their way through ordinary situations and that have real-world consequences for people's social options" (Urciuoli, 1995). Additionally, notions regarding systems of writing and literacy are fueled by cultural factors: "Anthropological studies of literacy…recognized belatedly that it is not an autonomous, neutral technology, but rather is culturally organized, ideologically grounded, and historically contingent, shaped by political, social, and economic forces" (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). I would now like to take the time to examine the counterargument that language is not the only way to think, that surely there must be some other way of thinking.

5. Alternative Models of Thinking

The most common split in cognition theories is that humans are capable of thinking verbally and mathematically, and that these two modes of thinking are distinct from each other. Such a worldview is evident in the organization of the SAT exam, for example, which is split between math and verbal components. Nowak (2000) seems to hint that language is not the only mode of thinking when he writes, "Our language performance relies on precisely coordinated interactions of various parts of our neural and other anatomy, and we are amazingly good at it. We can all speak without thinking. In contrast, we cannot perform basic mathematic operations without concentration."

Let us examine mathematical thinking more closely. At first glance, the literature is convincing in establishing mathematical thinking as distinct from thinking through language:

> Most schools assume that teaching mathematics compulsorily and over a number of years they are providing the conditions through which pupils will develop their mathematical thinking. This assumption, usually unchallenged, rests on a view of mathematics as a logically developed discipline, together with the expectation that the logic will spill over and be absorbed by the pupils into all aspects of their lives as they pursue a study of the content of mathematics, for example, in learning number, geometry, trigonometry, or algebra. Experience, however, tells a very different story…Certainly an inordinate amount of time in schools is spent teaching mathematical content and techniques while the process, the means through which mathematics is derived, receives little attention….Exploring process is not very profitable when teachers do not understand the kinds of thinking from

> which process springs. (Burton, 1984)

In summary, mathematical thinking is a different process for thinking, and one assumes it would be distinct in nature from thinking through language. However, once the literature is read more deeply, apparent distinctions evaporate (emphasis the author's own): "The process is initiated by encountering an element with enough surprise or curiosity to impel exploration of it by *manipulating*… Although the sense of what is happening is vague, further manipulating is required until the sense can be expressed is an *articulation*" (Burton, 1984). Expressing an articulation? Isn't that the precise point of language? Yet wait, there's more (emphasis my own):

> Pupils need tools to help them structure their responses so that they can build their reflective powers. Further, they need encouragement to *capture their feelings at the moment of expression.* Consequently, students of all ages have been *encouraged to develop the use of particular words* that reflect their responses as they tackle questions…*The key to recognizing and using mathematical thinking lies in creating an atmosphere that builds confidence to question, challenge, and reflect.* (Burton, 1984)

I assert that mathematics is just another type of language which is also based on symbols (generally, numbers instead of words), and that, in fact, all human thinking is symbolic in nature. There is a school of thought which asserts truth through symbolic logic, and it is worth examining at this juncture.

6. Symbolic Logic

What is symbolic logic? Aside from a rule system that has useful applications in computer programing and math, for instance, I assert it is nothing more than another language. In any event, one proponent describes it as follows (emphasis my own):

> …Symbolic logic, is, in its broadest sense, a new science which studies through use of efficient symbols the nature and properties of all nonnumerical relations, seeking *precise meanings* and necessary conclusions. As an applied science, it holds immense promise. For example, it may give us an *unambiguous language* for political, economic, and social fields, which will conveniently reflect the structure of these fields and make discussion and analysis easy. (Berkeley, 1942)

Symbolic logic seeks "precise meanings" and supplies us an "unambiguous language…" It should be clear at this point that it is nothing more than another language (and thus owes no higher claim to The Truth than any other language), but, the following quote about one of symbolic language's chief powers may help shed some more light on the situation (emphasis my own): "We observe first that symbolic logic can *define certain ideas* which neither mathematics nor the dictionary can possibly define; for example, symbolic logic can define number." (Berkeley, 1942) There again, symbolic logic is concerned with defining things (and it is even said later in the article that symbolic language competes with dictionaries); how can one not conclude it is just another language?

For those unfamiliar, symbolic language did indeed take off as a philosophical idea and has had many practical and important impacts. However, as mentioned before, it is no more a path to conceptualizing The Truth or reality as any other path. It is still a language, though a refined one, and still subject to the pitfalls of language (emphasis author's own):

> As we noted earlier, no language, as the product of a given culture and history, can claim to

> have unmediated access to the real. Making such a simple assertion implies a kind of cultural arrogance, forgetful as it is of the multiplicity of languages and of the linguistic reality that each provides a variety of ways to structure the real. Language is a mediational tool which enables the construction of cultural reality. Such terms as *real*, *authentic*, and *genuine*, especially when they are repeated without much critical self-awareness, give the impression that successful language use provides access to The Truth itself." (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

Symbolic logic was not without critics, however.

One author wrote a multifaceted rebuttal based on logical arguments, though a full treatment of those arguments is beyond the scope of this essay. Of more relevance is the following analysis, which rejects the idea that the definitions of things should be fixed, or, in other words, that language ideologies should be enforced (emphasis author's own):

> But Formal Logic has perversely chosen to build on the fiction that the meaning of terms is (or ought to be) *fixed*, and to talk about propositions rather than judgments. So the proposition becomes a helpless formula, totally incapable of reproducing the features of living thought. It has acquired its meanings from *past* uses; but these do not protect it against 'willful modifications' at the hands of masters of language like Humpty Dumpty, who make words mean what they please…Is not the whole history of philosophy one long illustration of philosophic audacity in manipulating language, and does not experience show that philosophers frequently get away with their arbitrary modifications of '*the*' meaning of words and 'propositions?' I can not admit, therefore, that…symbolic logic [is] in any way relevant to the procedures of our actual thinking. (Schiller, 1932)

An important implication of this argument is that words/ideas/what-have-you are defined by past uses, but this provides no protection from those who would manipulate definitions for their own advancement. Thus the Jew in Nazi Germany, for instance, can suddenly become the scapegoat for an entire nation's woes. There are many examples of this but unfortunately little room for a detailed analysis; I am sure the reader can think of his or her own examples of how words have been manipulated to mean entirely different things, for good and for ill. The take away point from this section is that a more accurate conceptualization of human thinking is thus: all human thinking is symbolic – and language can be thought of as nothing more than a system of symbols created for the purposes of communication. Therefore, symbolic logic is 'just' another language, like English or mathematics.

7. Practical, or Less Abstract Implications

So far, many of the examples mentioned in this paper have been of an abstract nature. Here, I hope to provide a brief look at some real-world, practical implications to the understanding of language I have outlined above. Geersteen (2003) outlines why it is important to think more clearly:

> What makes higher-level thinking so important? To begin with, we live in a world of unprecedented change and expansion in information. New information continues to multiply as old information becomes obsolete…Constant and accelerating shifts in information mean that all members of society need greater skill in assessing and evaluating knowledge.

An understanding of language ideologies may yield answers to significant and challenging

contemporary problems, including (but certainly not limited to) those outlined in the quote below:

> Many populations around the world, in multifarious ways, posit fundamental linkages among such apparently diverse cultural categories as language, spelling, grammar, nation, gender, simplicity, intentionality, authenticity, knowledge, development, power, and tradition. But our professional attention has only begun to turn to understanding when and how those links are forged – whether by participants or their expert analysts – and what their consequences might be for linguistic and social life. A wealth of public problems hinge on language ideology. Examples from the headlines of United States newspapers include bilingual policy and the official English movement; questions about free speech and harassment; the meaning of multiculturalism in schools and texts; the exclusion of jurors who might rely on their own native-speaker understanding of non-English testimony; and the question of journalists' responsibilities and the truthful representation of direct speech. Coming to grips with such public issues means coming to grips with the nature and working of language ideology. (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994)

Indeed, an understanding of language ideologies may be critical to achieving true intellectual freedom. As was quoted in Nowak (2000)'s work above, it is not unfeasible to imagine that certain people/groups/interests have a vested interest in an "arms race" towards ever increasing complexity and ambiguity. As his work demonstrates, this is more than just a social justice issue – if the fitness of our language continues to deteriorate and we can no longer efficiently and effectively communicate with one another, we will be at an evolutionary disadvantage. How much danger we are in is up for debate, but it certainly warrants consideration.

We should be wary of ideological interpretations of language: "Important sociolinguistic changes can be set off by ideological interpretation of language use, although because they derive only from a larger social dialectic, such changes are likely to take an unintended direction, as in the historical case of the second person pronoun shift in English." (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994)

One example I would point out would be the "politically correct" movement, which seeks to define what is and is not acceptable for conversation and even intellectual debate. Such ideas are dangerous because they limit the amount of discourse in society and in the academy, and, further, can allow for certain ideologies to propagate unopposed and without critical evaluation. The whole idea of freedom of speech, after all, is to protect the ideas that we do not like to hear; the ideas that we enjoy hearing need no protection, and yet, if we do not listen to ideas we do not like, we may not be able to see the ways that the ideas we do like potentially poison our thinking (and in turn, our society and world).

Figurative speech is often employed for ideological purposes. This essay cannot hope to examine every use of figurative speech possible, but will provide one example related to the "whole language" movement in education to illustrate the point (emphasis author's own):

> We mean the term *rhetoric* to refer to the effort to persuade or argue forcefully for a position. More specifically, following a tradition that goes back to antiquity, we use it to refer to…figures of speech….An example…is the use of the word *ownership* to describe the relationship that the movement wants to foster between student writers and the texts they produce. In this context the word *ownership* is being used figuratively. It does not refer literally to an act of economic possession; rather, it uses that act as an analogy for the idea that writers can have control over and feel pride in what they write. The use of the word

> *ownership* in this metaphorical or figurative way serves as a rallying cry for teachers. The intense control that the word implies is a goal that teachers can strive for, a value that they can share. Thus the use of this figure attempts to persuade the uninitiated and to produce group solidarity. It serves the rhetoric of the movement. (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

Figurative language can be evaluated critically to reveal the deepest assumptions of its users, however:

> We argue, though, that the figurative language of a text does more than persuade. Read critically, it also reveals the deepest assumptions that underlie the text's arguments. All arguments proceed from a set of assumptions held by the persons making the arguments. These assumptions are what can be taken for granted, the unquestioned 'truths' that underlie the explicit claims evident in the text. (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

A wise philosophy professor I had the good fortune of studying under once told our class that philosophy was the business of questioning assumptions. If that is the case, we should always be on the lookout for figurative language, and seek to evaluate the assumptions that lie lurking below powerful rhetorical language.

8. Conclusion

We are left then with the simple-seeming question posed at the beginning of this paper: what is thinking, and what is the proper way to go about thinking? The answer is likewise simple: thinking and the proper way to go about are entirely up to the thinker to define. Some may deride this idea as infantile and naive; but I believe a full appreciation of the implications of this idea reveal it to be as liberating a philosophy as can be conceived – it permits true freedom of thought. As Kierkegaard once remarked: "The thing is to find a truth which is true for me, to find an idea for which I can live and die." The extent to which we can conceptualize of thinking as correct applies only so far as a thinker can effectively communicate with another through whichever language facilitates the most clarity between the two – be it English, algebra, symbolic logic, or some soon-to-be invented language. Cognizance of the communication medium and respect for differing abilities among speakers/listeners to comprehend messages encoded in that medium are paramount to understanding and commonality. Indeed, "A…crucial concept is that the burden of communication is shared, on every level, by both participants…" (Lippi-Green, 1994). Perhaps, one day, humans will evolve an entirely new system to replace symbolic thinking/language, but until that day we are compelled to live with what we have. A rigorous review and critical evaluation of the mediums we choose to communicate in, and all the associated implications, seems likely to reduce unnecessary conflict and to, dare I say, promote peace.

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Rise of the "Eco-Shrew"

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According to a recent article in The New York Times, therapists claim a rise in household "green disputes." It turns out some couples are experiencing what therapist Linda Buzzell calls a "values gap," when one of them "undergoes an environmental 'waking up' process" before the other. Leslie Kaufman reports that Christienne deTournay Birkhahn of the Marin County-based EcoMom Alliance has noticed "disputes over how green is green enough often divide along predictable lines by sex."

Of course they do.

It's not that there's anything particularly masculine or feminine about having respect for nature, being concerned about the depletion of natural resources, or taking care to protect the land around you. Recycling, when it is handled effectively and efficiently, is really just cleaning up after yourself and being less wasteful. Finding and making use of alternative energy sources is a practical contingency plan, and a way to become less dependent on foreign fuel sources. There are rational, conservative arguments to be made for many so-called "green" measures.

But it's hard to blame the husbands mentioned in this article for being skeptical or a little resistant to indulging their wives' eco-obsessions. For many women, rational environmental concern has metastasized into a full-fledged, screaming-for-trees hysteria. This constant, ascetic struggle to erase one's own carbon footprint is symptomatic of the ever-penitent far left's religious conviction that the world would truly be better off if humans—especially those fat, materialistic, Wal-Mart shopping, mean, oppressive Americans—would simply disappear. And whether you believe the sky is falling or not, the idea that a coalition of middle and upper-middle class soccer moms are going to save the world by recycling their yogurt cups is patently ridiculous. Even some environmental activists on the left doubt that all of this obsessive effort will have a significant impact.

There are other reasons why men are right to remain skeptical when saner women harp on them to adopt greener practices or nag them to buy green products.

Green is a Marketing Gimmick.

"Going green" is the best marketing gimmick aimed at women since breast cancer awareness.

Just as you can slap a pink ribbon on anything from cereal to toilet paper and get women excited about buying it, savvy marketers have discovered that women will pay more for a product that is labeled "eco-friendly." I've heard salespeople note first-hand how wet women's panties get the second you tell them your company is "going green" or drop a hint that a certain product is better for the environment. It's an easy way to turn a consumer indulgence into a feel-good buy that she can brag about to her friends. So long as she feels morally superior for buying something, it doesn't matter *how* green it really is. It doesn't matter if the company she bought it from is only recycling its old invoices, and what she's actually buying came over on a slow boat from some faraway land where it was made by starving children in a factory that's dumping toxic waste in some exotic river that empties into a valley of panda bears.

Every little bit helps, right?

Extreme Green Just Moves the Problem (And Jobs) Elsewhere.

That last bit brings me to another issue. When green hysteria inspires people to "act locally" and demand extreme environmental legislation on local industry, American and international businesses

simply “think globally” and set up factories in countries with fewer regulations and cheaper labor. Importing goods requires long range shipping, in addition to domestic trucking. Long range shipping creates a tremendous amount of pollution. If we all bought from domestic factories with relaxed environmental regulations and everyone threw garbage from their windows, we’d probably be doing more to save *the planet* than we do by obsessing over household trivialities while importing so many of our goods from factories overseas. What’s more, we’d be creating American jobs—manufacturing jobs, the kinds of jobs men are more likely to do—instead of selling our own men out and shipping their jobs overseas. If you really want to go green, stop globalism, make imports a luxury again, and be ready to pay more for American labor.

Green is a Fashion Trend.

Most American women probably haven’t taken green quite to the extreme that the women in the article have. They’re simply caught up in the emotional excitement of the green movement, and they’ve been convinced by Hollywood and the media and daytime television personalities that going green is “important and the right thing to do.” It makes them feel like good citizens. It appeals to their nurturing instinct by making them feel like good mothers who are doing something to make the world better for their children. And *all of their friends are doing it*.

It’s been pretty obvious since the green trend really took off that “going green” was just another way to keep up with the Joneses. The first desperate housewife with a gray-water system gets to shame all of the other women around her. Instead of gossiping about how unkempt Sally’s house is, or how Susan dresses like a whore, Mary and Jane can gossip about how they “just *throw* their empty bottles in the *trash*!” John Waters was ahead of the curve when he satirized the self-righteousness of the new, greener *hausfrau* in *Serial Mom*.

Many women are probably going with the flow, doing just enough to avoid becoming social pariahs. Going green also gives Betty and Wilma something cheerful and uplifting to talk about.

As I mentioned earlier, there’s nothing really wrong with recycling or trying to minimize waste. But it makes sense for men to avoid becoming enablers when their wives or girlfriends begin to reach what Mr. Fleming referred to in the article as the “high-priestess phase.”

Kaufman managed to avoid portraying the men interviewed as hopeless Troglodytes, though men’s concerns were trivialized and women were portrayed as having “seen the light.” The piece ends ominously, suggesting that unrepentant husbands may someday find these petty household disputes about going green have become “deal breakers.” And that’s probably the most disturbing thing here—that women may begin seeing insufficient adherence to the green code as grounds for divorce. Men will lose, and women will lose, and their children will lose—all in the name of “going green.”

The supreme irony of this is that the people most obsessed with “going green”—white, educated liberals—will only hasten their imminent demographic irrelevance by sacrificing family life for a smaller carbon footprint.

Sobbing and sniffling, Mark McGwire finally answered the steroid question.

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I'll put right up front that I am not a sports fan – particularly pro sports. I've always derisively referred to athletes – "jocks" – as "steroid mutants." I know a lot of men like sports, so I generally keep quiet in order to stay out of arguments.

But, once in a while a case comes along that puts my hype and hypocrisy aversion into overload. Tiger Woods only got me to the yellow zone, but the pictures of Mark McGwire simpering and sobbing as he Oprahfies himself and seeks sympathy for lengths he went to in his pursuit of fame and money just made me want to puke.

There is much to admire about a man pushing himself toward excellence and achievement. A good challenge will stir up a man's blood and spirit like nothing else. Setting a record, being "the best" at anything, can create a sense of pride that nothing else can.

Unless he has to "cheat" in order to do it.

And then no matter how great the public praise, the accomplishment really means nothing to the person who did it. Oh, how the high and mighty do fall. In the past month we have witnessed the public spectacle of not just one, but two, larger than life, record breaking, superstars be reduced to pathetic groveling.

Personally, I believe there is much wrong with the famous Vince Lombardi-ism "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." In McGwire's case, "winning" seems to have been so important that he was willing to do anything in order to do so. And now, whatever he did accomplish is being discounted due to the fact that he didn't actually accomplish it on his own, but with pharmaceutical help. "Winning" for him isn't "everything", or "the only thing", or now even **any**thing.

In both McGwire's and Woods's cases, we see men who sell out their integrity in exchange for an image – and a bit of wealth. But those images were both fragile, and based on lies. And, when those lies were finally exposed, both of them crumbled into pathetic heaps of apologetic Jello.

> In a quavering voice, McGwire apologized and said he used steroids and human growth hormone on and off for a decade, starting before the 1990 season and including the year he broke Roger Maris' single-season home run record in 1998.

I could have some respect for him today if he had stood up, either then or now, and say "Yeah, I juiced. So what? Most of the guys who are any good do it. If you want to be at the top of the game, and everyone else around you is giving themselves an edge, then you have to give yourself that same edge."

I think there are a whole lot of important issues in these cases for men. First, is the trade-off between honor and competition. Is there any pride to be had in winning without honor? Is being "the best" by cheating the best really something that can make a man hold his head high? And, the "fans" who make these guys what they are… do they admire ruthlessness and cunning more than honest achievement?

For some reason, the strains of Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days" are running through my head. McGwire and Woods had theirs, but they are **over**. And everything they worked to achieve has been eclipsed now by their feet of clay being exposed. Public adoration is fickle. In 20 years I can easily imagine a couple of golf fans talking about great golfers – "Palmer, Nicklaus, and that guy who was boinking all those bimbos." Or a couple of baseball fans talking about home run kings – "Ruth and Maris… they did it without 'roids."

Truly, what does it profit a man if he gains the entire world, or just fame and money, but loses his soul? How many of us would go for 10 years as a sports hero knowing that at the end of it we would have to make humiliating public spectacles of ourselves?

These guys are only a couple of examples, but they are the reason why fame and wealth do not interest me all that much. I would not trade all of both of their money for the ability to look anyone in the eye, including myself in the mirror, and have no fear of a lie I have been living being exposed.

Don't Hate The Player

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Denise Romano v. The Seduction Community

> Denise Romano is no friend of pick-up artists. Ms. Romano has accused pick-up artists of being abusive to women. She claims that Game represents a kind of Fraud, invalidating consent for women who have sex with pick-up artists.
>
> Ms. Romano believes that Game, and pick-up artists, are morally culpable for coercing women into having sex. She believes that Game is a kind of brainwashing, that it manipulates the will, therefore constituting sexual assault.
>
> Denise Romano is just bitter . . .

Ms. Romano argues *ad nauseum* that Game is morally wrong. She attacks the specific terms that pick-up artists use, claiming that they objectify women. She thinks that some pick-up artists are rude, awful jackasses who use women for sex without consideration for that woman's feelings.

On some accounts, she is right.

Ms. Romano makes a Kantian argument. Intentionally or not, she evokes the Categorical Imperative.

In the First Formulation of the Categorical Imperative, Kant states:

> *"Act only according to that maxim whereby you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law."*

The first formulation is based on the "golden rule", *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*. A universalizable maxim is a moral duty. A maxim must be logically consistent. It is not logical to will that you can steal from others without allowing that they can steal from you.

So don't convince attractive people to have sex with you unless you want them to do the same.

The Second Formulation is closer to Ms. Romano's logic:

> *"Act in such a way that you treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, always at the same time as an end and never merely as a means to an end."*

This second formulation more specifically addresses Ms. Romano's objection to Game and the Seduction Community. Her real objection is that pick-up artists use women for sex without regard for their inherent moral value as persons (i.e. moral agents; people are capable of making moral choices, and therefore have moral worth).

If I were a Kantian, I would care.

The premise that seduction is inherently abusive assumes that people have a moral duty to one another. Where does this moral duty come from? Is there a divine law that we mustn't break? Does the power of Christ compel us?

No it doesn't.

There is no such thing as moral obligation. Morality is a social construct, an abstraction grown out of the human aversion to pain and death. Right and wrong amount to personal injury and property damage.

How can this be? If this were the case – if the world were, in fact, amoral – then life would be horrible! We would all live in constant fear of pain and death. The truth is, we do. The world is a

dangerous place. It does not care about your pain.

Only you do.

Each of us recognizes the fact that such an existence – one of constant fear and danger – is miserable. Each of us accepts, if only tacitly, a kind of great truce with our fellow man. Thomas Hobbes calls it the Second Law of Nature:

> *" . . . that a man be willing, when others are so too, as far forth as for peace and defence of himself he shall think it necessary, to lay down this right to all things; and be contented with so much liberty against other men as he would allow other men against himself."* – The Leviathan; Chapter XIV

There it is again, the Golden Rule. The difference here is that Hobbes isn't concerned with universalizable maxims. Hobbes suggests that we shouldn't run around bonking each other over the head and stealing one another's shit because a world like that would be miserable.

That does not mean we are obligated in any way to treat other persons with regard for their moral agency. It means we must treat them with regard for their ability to kill us and take our shit.

See the difference?

Society is not based on altruistic principles, but on self-interest. Each of us are responsible for our own well-being. We are not obliged to worry about the wants or needs of others, except when we *choose* to.

As far as Game is concerned, Consent is the extent of the Law.

Here is where Ms. Romano's argument thickens. She holds that Game is a kind of Fraud, therefore legally invalidating any Consent given.

Ms. Romano's premise relies upon the fact that Game is a form of deception. Pick-up artists will often use a variety of deceitful practices in order to seduce a woman. They adopt persona cultivated to entice women, they use canned material that is often little more than phony stories, they may lie about their names or facts about their lives.

Pick-up artists <u>lie their asses off</u>.

The problem is that lying and Fraud are not the same thing. People lie all the time, and are guilty of nothing more than bad taste. Pick-up artists lie and are guilty of nothing more than being douche bags.

Women wear flattering clothing to hide their flaws. They use make-up to conceal blemishes and padded bras to accentuate their breasts. They tell men all kinds of things to attract them, and sometimes they *lie.*

Does any of this constitute Fraud? No.

> **<u>Fraud</u>**: *A false representation of a matter of fact—whether by words or by conduct, by false or misleading allegations, or by concealment of what should have been disclosed—that deceives and is intended to deceive another so that the individual will act upon it to her or his legal injury.*
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> *Fraud must be proved by showing that the defendant's actions involved five separate elements: (1) a false statement of a material fact, (2) knowledge on the part of the defendant that the statement is untrue, (3) intent on the part of the defendant to deceive the alleged victim, (4) justifiable reliance by the alleged victim on the statement, and (5) injury to the alleged victim as*

a result.

Elements 1-4 are clear; they outline the constituent parts of a lie. Element 5 is where things get tricky. In order for a lie to constitute Fraud, it must cause injury. Specifically, the victim must be deprived of rights or property. Furthermore, any lies must be false "statements of fact".

Opinions and qualitative statements don't count.

When a woman has sex with a pick-up artist, she is not buying a sales pitch or exchanging goods or services. She is engaging in consensual sex. Sex is straight-forward, what you see is what you get. There is no false advertising once the clothes come off.

Buyers beware.

One sticking point here concerns STDs; a person who knowingly endangers another without making their partner aware of their condition beforehand obviates that person's ability to make an informed decision.

. . . And if you're having unprotected sex or being incautious with your body, shame on you.

In most cases, when someone goes home with a person they have just met, they do so at their own peril. If bad sex or a smirch on your reputation is the worst that happens, count your blessings. Consider the ramifications of your actions *before* you act, there is no **RESET** button.

Denise Romano's argument is the argument of a bitter woman looking to obviate her own responsibility for having slept with someone she regrets. I am not stating that this is actually the case. I don't care.

Game is just nerdy guys trying to get laid. It isn't magic. It isn't hypnosis. It certainly isn't sexual assault. It's just a game.

If women want to stand on equal footing with men then they have to accept the fact that, when they wake up next to a Gorgon, maybe they should have said No to that last shot of Jagermeister.

As for Denise Romano, maybe she should stop drinking the Kool-Aid.

Max is probably drunk. You can sift through more of his nonsense at FKIN.

Toxic Fathers

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In dysfunctional families there is something called "the no-talk rule." Talking about the source and cause of the dysfunction is prohibited. If one of the parents is an alcoholic, then no one is allowed to speak of the drinking. This rule is rigidly enforced by a variety of means, including invoking family loyalty in an "us versus them" mentality. "We" must stick together because "we" are all each other have in our struggle against all of "them" in the outside world. The no-talk rule is in effect regardless of whether the problem is alcohol/drugs, abuse, incest, gambling, or any other uncontrolled behavior by one member which affects the family as whole.

Both sides of the gender war have their own set of no-talk rules. Women cannot and will not talk about violence by women, the lies they tell, or their manipulation. Men are much more willing to tear into and attack each other, but there is one subject which does assume a bit of the status of a sacred cow – fatherhood. Out of deference to our brethren who really are good fathers fighting tooth and nail for the smallest opportunity to remain part of their children's lives in the face of the anti-male, anti-father, feminist onslaught, the subject of fathers who left a lot to be desired in how they fulfilled their roles is seldom discussed.

This is extremely unfortunate, because there are a lot of issues around fatherhood which would behoove men to address as we endeavor to get our own house in order. A man's relationship with his father has a very profound influence on his life and how he will choose to conduct himself as a man. Men with good fathers get a head start, because they have a model to follow. Men without a good father, either totally without one or with one who for various reasons (including not having a good father of his own to teach him) does not do a very good job, may be able to substitute brothers, uncles, or other mentors. But there is an emotional bond between a boy and his father which is unique and for which there is no substitute.

Here at the Spearhead we talk about things which men are not encouraged to talk about anywhere else, and in most places are actively discouraged from talking about. In fact, some of us take a bit of perverse delight in breaking the no-talk rule, and spitting in the face of the mandate "you can't say that!"

It is too bad that the lame-stream media did such a hatchet job on the mythopoetic men's movement, because I think it had a lot to offer men to help them understand and put in proper perspective both their own internal experiences and the expectations and demands placed on them as men by their cultures. Mythology is full of examples of the complex relationships between fathers and sons – the competition, the love, sometimes the hatred, and a great deal about the tension between a man's sense of loyalty to his mother versus his father.

The power that a father has in a young man's life and to affect his sense of himself can be illustrated by fairly contemporary example as well as a biblical one. The actor Burt Reynolds was once asked "How does a boy know when he has become a man?" Reynolds's answer was short, sweet, and to the point – "You know you are a man when your daddy tells you that you are one." The power of, and need that a boy feels for, his father's blessing is illustrated in the biblical story of Jacob and Esau. Even though fathers generally lack the social power today that they had in biblical times, they still have a great deal of psychological and emotional power over their sons. Few things matter more to a boy than his father's blessing. Boys will often turn themselves inside out to hear their father say

"You are good. You have done well." Even seriously defective fathers – rogues, drunks, compulsive gamblers, etc. – often hold their sons in thrall, chasing the approval and blessing of the most significant man in their lives.

And when that happens, a whole host of stresses and distortions enter the picture. In a story that goes back to Hesiod's ***Theogony*** composed circa 700 BC, the creation myth of the ancient Greeks, the primordial god Uranus came every night to cover the earth and mate with Gaia, but he hated the children she bore him. Uranus imprisoned Gaia's youngest children in Tartarus, deep within Earth, where they caused pain to Gaia. She shaped a great flint-bladed sickle and asked her sons to castrate Uranus. Only Cronus, youngest and most ambitious of the Titans, was willing: he ambushed his father and castrated him, casting the severed testicles into the sea.

There certainly are men who want to "lay with" (or just "lay") a woman but who hate the children she bears as a result. Perhaps such men would be better described by the breeding-stock term "sire", representing a purely biological role, than by the honorific term "father" which has positive social connotations that simply getting a woman pregnant do not earn a man.

And, there are women like Gaia who love their children greatly, but despise the men who fathered them. And frequently such mothers will enter into collusion with the sons against the fathers. Seldom is the castration physical, as Cronus did to Uranus. But, boys and young men who sense that their fathers are destructive and not using their male power in a constructive and responsible manner will seek to psychically and emotionally castrate them and take away their power.

Robert Bly, in one of his videos, goes into great depth about the glee he used to get from sticking it to older men. Boys, deprived of the blessing of an older man they admire, often carry a deep and seething resentment against the way that their own fathers failed them, and will often get trapped in alternating between knocking themselves out trying to gain the blessing of an older man – a father figure – and hating them for the psychological and emotional power they have over the younger man.

The sins, and failures, of the fathers do, indeed, get visited on the children unto the 3rd and 4th generations.

Such men are sitting ducks for women, because in the absence of approval and blessing of their fathers, they sought it from the only place they could get it – their mothers. And thus does an unholy alliance of emotional incest often form between boys and mothers, with the boys displacing the fathers as the emotional mate of the mother. For many of them, being a "good man" involves both making "mama" happy, and being as unlike their fathers as they can manage to be.

What does not work, and never works, is to replace "blessing" with "berateMent." Nothing will alienate a boy from his father faster, or more thoroughly, than a sense of being unfairly attacked by the older man and used as a whipping boy for the old man's rage. As Cronus castrated his father, and Oedipus killed his, a boy left without a means to form an emotional alliance with his father will become his enemy, and seek alliance with his mother.

I think that if you look around today at the effects of feminism on the culture, and the wholesale loss of allegiance to manhood and manly ideals, you will see a lot of the effects of men feeling betrayed by older men – sometimes their own fathers, and certainly by powerful men in the culture in general. The emotional allegiance to women we see today is an inevitable result of boys and young men who lose the ability to trust older men. In every man-bashing advertisement created by a man, and in every sitcom where the man is portrayed as a clueless buffoon, we see the traces and lingering after-effects of a boy who never had a man he could respect and admire, tell him that he was now a man.

In fairness to some of the men who dropped the ball on handing off the mantle of manhood to their sons, many of them were set up. From the Industrial Revolution onward, and even before, men were isolated from their families for the workday and when they returned home at night were often stressed out, angry, tired, and had little if anything left to give their families because they had given it all to the role of being the breadwinner. For many kids, all they ever saw of their fathers was their temperament. And, being children, they did not see the stresses and pressures which caused it.

But, under such stresses to be the sole providers of their family's survival, many men did a poor job of making a distinction between being dominant and domineering – or between leadership and being a petty tyrant. Their frustration and rage at their own sense of being entrapped came out at the most convenient targets, the ones close and present – their families. And, sons in particular often bore the brunt of it.

In my own specific case, my old man's two favorite sayings were **"YOU AREN"T WORTH A PINCH OF SOUR OWL SHIT!!"** and **"I'M GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS "TILL YOUR NOSE BLEEDS!!"** – both delivered from a state of red-faced, bellowing, rage. He never actually succeeded in kicking my ass until my nose bled, but he did succeed in kicking it until I absolutely hated his guts.

Many men today have mixed and conflicted feelings about their fathers, their own roles as fathers, and fatherhood in general. Most men do love their kids with all their heart and soul and the news is filled with stories of men who give their lives protecting their children.

Nothing I say here is intended to give fathers a hard time, nor to denigrate fatherhood in general. But I have some serious questions and reservations about certain elements within the generalized Men's Movement who have attached a certain mystique to fatherhood in the same way our culture idealizes motherhood. Some parents are not good parents – both mothers and fathers. But, having either a toxic mother or a toxic father will skew a person's perceptions for life, and often lead to them following a very roundabout path to maturity – if they ever achieve it.

It is easy to lay blame, but often difficult to move forward. A great many men of current and future generations are suffering and will suffer from what the mythopoetics call "The Father Wound" – the loss of the part of themselves which the father represents. I'm not big on obsessing about "wounds" because in today's chaotic world we all have them. But, I think it will benefit everyone – men, women, and children – to give **good** fathers their just due and recognize how vitally important they are to both future men and future women, as well as their future spouses and future children.

Because **some** fathers give children little choice except between being destroyed by them or repudiating them – and along with them, most if not all of the **good** things which fathers do. And those are things we cannot afford to lose.

Woman Says "Combat Not For Women," Other Musings of Interest to Men

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Ah, women in combat.

This hilarious and wonderful piece spotted in the 18 January 2010 Marine Corps Times by one of my buddies needs no commentary, but will certainly be getting some (emphasis my own):

> I totally agree with the Jan 4. forum entry "Women in Combat." I have been in the Marine Corps for nine years. After deploying to Iraq and going outside the wire with an infantry battalion, **I realized that women do not belong on the battlefield.** The male Marines were outstanding and supportive, but the locals were the problem. **Locals thought female Marines were a joke when they saw us on patrol.**
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> I am not saying that women can't handle the job of a Marine. I am just saying that having them on the battlefield causes way too many problems.

Sounds to me like having them on the battlefield, causing problems, is another way of saying that they can't handle the job. You know a third way of saying it? By acknowledging the fact that women, on average, have half the upper body strength of men and 25%-30% less aerobic capacity.

> Females get pregnant. They are a distraction to males who are away from their wives and girlfriends. **People have to watch their words for fear of a misstep that could cause a sexual harassment case.**
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> The way I have felt for the past nine years is nothing I would ever want my daughter to experience.

At least she didn't suggest we need to radically revamp military culture to make soldiering safe for women.

> **Now, as a mother, I can see why my mother never wanted me to join the Marine Corps.** I love the Corps but **I feel, as a woman, we should go back to the way things used to be.** Every day in the Marine Corps is a struggle to compete and be a leader. At least I will retire in 2011 knowing I gave 110 percent.
>
> Sgt. Charity Perrine, Jacksonville, N.C.

I like math. Let's assume she is an average woman. If she gave 110% effort, that means she had a whopping 55% of the upper body strength and 77% of the aerobic capacity of an average man! Still not quite cutting the mustard, but hey, she did her best, right? I'd like to quote Sean Connery as John Mason on this point: **"Losers always whine about their best. Winners go home and fuck the prom queen."** Sounds like she'd be better off as the prom queen.

There were some other noteworthy comments in the publication (collected from their forums) I thought I'd go ahead and share too:

> "When you have aggressive, young, alpha-male types who join an organization to kill and have limited contact with women … there will be a problem. The only real solution to this

> issue is to not have women [in the Marines] at all. It's sickening that the military has become a big social experiment. My buddy on Okinawa says he's not even allowed to enter a female's room in the barracks. Then the command will turn around and talk about how there are no female Marines, only Marines. – ivantense

Aside from the obvious concurrence with common sense observation of alpha male tendencies in the military…I'm stationed on Okinawa. The male-female ratio out here is so bad that as soon as a female joins a unit – any unit – on base, practically all of the men hear about it through the grapevine. Considering rules and regulations for going off base can be hugely restrictive, what do the brass expect to have happen when a woman "comes aboard?" News of women joining other units on other bases can even spread, so long as she is attractive enough. Women literally become celebrities just by virtue of their gender out here – Meritorious Mediocrus, anyone?

> My only fear of the "crackdown" on sexual assaults ["Zero Tolerance," Dec. 28] will be male Marines fearing to even speak around female Marines because they're afraid of nonjudicial punishment for offending a woman. – NRTrackChamp2004

There's nothing to fear. Most of the more sensible male Marines already **do** avoid speaking around female Marines because they're afraid of nonjudicial punishment! What you should really fear is the fact that male Marines are almost certainly **going to** face nonjudicial punishment as 'investigations' turn up instances of 'harassment.' Pretty easy to convict someone of something that the "victim" has 100% leeway to define, now isn't it? Complete avoidance seems the only way to avoid such outcomes – but this is antithetical to ideals of unit cohesion (or as the Marine Corps calls it, "esprit de corps").

Long-time MRAs will love this quip about service members who commit suicide while deployed (from the editor):

> …One group of families does not receive such letters [of condolence from Defense Secretary Robert Gates]: the families of troops who die by their own hand in the war zones. Pentagon officials explain that there is no official policy to exclude the families of suicide victims; it's simply the way it's always been done…That is no excuse for ignoring the pain of these families' loss, which they feel no less keenly than do the families of troops killed in action…The suicide rate is at a record high in the military. That suggests troops are struggling to cope with truly extraordinary levels of stress.

Somebody really pulled out all the feminist-language-ideology stops on this one. Notice how use of gender is avoided (because we all know that the vast majority of "troops who die by their own hand in war zones" are, first and foremost, men), and how the suffering of the men in combat zones is downplayed by comparing it to the grief of the families they leave behind. Such rhetoric assumes that all families are supportive, when more reasoned and cognizant individuals could postulate that families may be an additional source of stress and woe for the men overseas – it's not 'out-there' to think that a man might 'snap' or 'lose-it' after receiving news that his wife is cheating on him or walked away with all his assets. These horror stories are all too common in the service. Lastly, I like how the editor acknowledges that suicide rates are at a record high, yet the only suggestion is to help comfort the grieving families, rather than address why (mostly) men are killing themselves at accelerating rates.

Ending on a more light-hearted note, I suppose at least we can be enthused that even women are

beginning to recognize the illogic of females in combat situations – although, it did take motherhood to knock her into her senses. One blogger thinks, contrary to popular wisdom, marrying young may have a good effect on women. Perhaps motherhood plays a role in that?

Bartender! A Round of Baumeister Please

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One of the most trenchant breakdowns of men's position in modern society is psychologist Roy Baumeister's presentation for the American Psychological Association titled "Is There Anything Good About Men?" . Some of the topics of Baumeister's speech have been covered here before, but they can bear repeating. He also fuses several of our previously known ideas together to give us a clear picture of the development of culture. (HT: Ferdinand Bardamu).

1. Men are at the top of society, but they're also at the bottom

The feminist movement sought to usurp modern culture based upon the observation that men occupy the upper echelons of society. The problem with the feminist argument is that, because women were too busy looking upward, they didn't notice that men occupied the bottom of society as well.

Men operate in the boardroom, courtroom, and legislature; they are also fixtures of the battlefield and prison cell. They sleep in the most plush beds with sheets of a high thread count; they also occupy real estate under the most rickety of bridges using local business' most recent cardboard throwaways as padding. Men are risked, experimented with (both by nature and by culture), and used for the greater good. They reap large rewards by incurring more risk. Women who complain about the male-dominated social structure fail to understand the concept of trade-offs; the men who now dominate have reached those positions against a backdrop of an unseen number of men who have failed.

2. Men are the extreme sex

Men and women may have average intelligence or behavioral measures across a broad spectrum of ability, but men occupy the extreme tails of those distributions. With regards to IQ, men have the highest incidence of genius, but they also have the highest incidence of mental retardation. The average IQ of men equals that of women because the highs for men are balanced out by the lows.

When businesses make employment decisions, they prefer to choose from the right tail of the employability distribution (this was the point Larry Summers tried to make, for which he was canned). Men tend to be chosen for higher level jobs because they exhibit more extreme intelligence and ability. When a job has a limited number of positions available with no requirement for gender, people with the most intelligence, ambition, creativity, and work ethic will be selected; this is an evolutionary outcome.

Male extremity leaves room for people to fabricate their own stories with regards the "superiority" of either gender. As Baumeister said:

> "Men go to extremes more than women. Stereotypes are sustained by confirmation bias. Want to think men are better than women? Then look at the top, the heroes, the inventors, the philanthropists, and so on. Want to think women are better than men? Then look at the bottom, the criminals, the junkies, the losers.
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> In an important sense, men really are better AND worse than women."

He makes a powerful point. The purpose of his speech was to investigate the cultural shift that spanned an era where men were thought of as superior (up through the 1960s), on through to a decade

where superiority was a toss-up, to the modern age, from 1980 on, where women were thought of as morally superior and "better" than men. If we want to characterize men as "good" or "bad", there are plenty of extreme examples to validate both sides of the argument.

To explain the social effects of the concept of male extremity, Baumeister points to GPA and minimum wage. Both are affected by arbitrary boundaries. For GPA, grade inflation has made it such that there can be vast differences in the mental ability required to get one "A" over another. Grade inflation has eroded the value of the highest-scoring students – presumably male. Therefore, the very low-scoring students – also presumably male – pull the average male score below that of girls who hover in the middle with their inflated grades.

The same goes for minimum wage. Workers are bounded by a wage floor but not a wage ceiling. Men's average wage looks higher than it would be if there wasn't an arbitrary floor. Account for the number of men who don't work, have shaky job prospects, or end up in prison or dead from pursuing illegal activity as a response to poor job prospects, and the average wage of men and women falls into more equitable territory.

According to Baumeister, these two statistical anomalies arising from male extremity make it seem as if women are adding more inputs into the system while receiving less compensation.

3. Can't versus Won't

Baumeister cites research that has shown that women don't *want* to engage in certain specialized fields as much as men. To be a top-notch mathematician, one has to not only have the ability to do math, but they must have the desire and devotion to it.

If men are the more extreme gender, in terms of innate ability and innate desire to achieve, it makes sense that men would more likely make it through the rigorous gauntlet that is the process towards Ph.D. math positions. Men's extreme nature means that more men – although a very small proportion of them – will have the focus *and* determination to see their math studies through to the highest level.

This disparity is a consequence of our different evolutionary-ingrained natures; men are more extreme in their wants – successful men differentiate themselves and get a leg up by being persistent in their endeavors. In the workplace too, 80% of those who work 50+ hours are men.

Baumeister also makes a particularly interesting argument with regards to men's creative extremity compared to women. Creativity can be a motivating factor that has little to do with actual ability, and it also offers a differentiation among men that can be a solid strategy towards the goal of reproduction.

Why is it, Baumeister asks, that during the 19th century, a large number of girls played the piano, yet very few women ever composed music? Baumeister shields us from the oft-repeated feminist meme that women weren't encouraged to create music by showing that, if women were inclined to, they could overcome the perception of discouragement running rampant throughout society. When newly-freed black men – who had little access to musical instruments and had every barrier in the world preventing them from playing or composing – actually did gain access to instruments, they composed jazz music and blues which have come to influence much of modern American music. There is a difference in the innate motivations of men and women.

4. The Most Underappreciated Fact

DNA research has shown that throughout human history, twice as many women as men have reproduced; something along the lines of 40% of men produced offspring while 80% of women did.

The disparity in the odds of reproduction had to have had resounding effects on the characteristics of modern day humans. Modern humans descend from the 40% of men who had to out-compete the other 60% who failed to reproduce as well as the 80% of women who were able to bear children. Baumeister asserts that we are the product of men who took on risk and differentiated themselves from other men and women who played it safe. The long gestation period and rarity of female sex cells makes it such that women are – evolutionarily-speaking – less disposable than men. Populations in which women took on undue risk had lower survival rates. From the standpoint of producing a healthy next generation, women are much more crucial than men.

Since men had a much lower chance of reproducing anyway, they are most naturally geared towards engaging in risky behavior. These risks can take on many forms: financial, physical, explorative.

5. The Different Social Natures of Men and Women

Women are often thought of as the more social gender, and Baumeister admits that women tend to be more amenable than men. But he puts forth the argument that men are just as social – but in different ways than women. Female sociability is more intimate while males' is more superficial but wide-reaching. Men tend to cast a wide (albeit flimsy) net while women lay down a steel trap.

Baumeister points to several observations of these differences. Men help strangers more than women, but they are also more likely to engage in fights with strangers. Since women care more about intimate relationships, they aggres and help people who are close to them. Since men care about broad social networks with low intimacy, they also aggres and help in those arenas.

Childhood playground observation supports this thesis. Young boys tend to engage with multiple play partners during recess while young girls tend to focus on one other person. Baumeister ties up all of this up as evidence to support what we see in the "real world": men most often dominate vast, loose, non-intimate social networks like business, politics, sports, and the economy.

6. Egalitarianism = small group; Meritocracy = large group

For small, intimate groups in-depth communication strengthens bonds. In loose organizational networks, withholding some information is part of a strategy for success while tipping your hand to the competition hinders it.

The different natures of men and women were shown by another experiment. Research in the 1970s showed that women tend to allocate resources in an egalitarian fashion; egalitarianism is more amenable to small groups and helps them survive. Men tended to allocate resources based upon merit which is a better way to maximize "profitability" and teamwork in large groups.

This provides further evidence that, because of their greater disposability, men have developed strategies to operate within large social networks.

7. Culture

Baumeister views culture as a biological strategy that has pitted groups of men and women against other groups of men and women. This runs counter to the feminist view of culture that promotes the idea that the culture of patriarchy has developed in order to hold women down.

Culture creates a fusing force called "social gain". It is a sort of electric bond that utilizes division of labor and cooperation within the given culture to aid in survival. When one culture is pitted against another culture, the culture with the most effective fusing force captures resources, survives, and

spreads through either cultural diffusion or heredity to higher numbers of surviving offspring.

Since culture's benefits are stronger with more people, and since men are more tuned towards engaging with larger groups, men have been the main drivers and benefactors of culture.

8. Men and Culture

Baumeister rejects the claim that men have benefited from patriarchy. He views patriarchy as a conspiracy theory that posits that men have systematically and purposely sought to hold women down.

Baumeister's argument is that, because men's networks tend to be shallow and widespread, they benefit from the rise of culture. As culture rises, their sphere of influence becomes more important as well. The distinction is that male-domination of social structure didn't arise because men sought to hold women down; it was a result of the different natures of male and female physiology and the surviving strategies that were most amenable to propagation of the culture.

9. Three Ways Culture Uses Men

a. Culture uses men to create large social structures

As has been repeated, men are geared towards operating within loosely-knit, superficial social settings. Culture is created out of the evolved inclination of men to compete, innovate, and work their way to the top of society.

Cultures that form using more intensive amounts of competition, innovation, intelligence, and ability will be marginally stronger against competing cultures; the culture that is strongest prevails. Following from this, if we currently reside within a given culture, we have the infrastructure of that culture to thank for our existence. If the culture – the electrically symbiotic system of division of labor and cooperative effort – wasn't in place, the ability to survive would have been greatly eroded. The culture is what got us here; arbitrarily criticizing the culture is like criticizing your legs because they "helped" you walk in front of a moving car (please note: the culture of which I speak isn't pop culture; it's the culture of hard work, duty, meritocracy, and self-sufficiency).

b. Men are Disposable

Physiological differences make each female womb coveted while each male penis is easily replaced. A fully-populated next generation can still be brought forth if half of the men have died off, but this can't be done if half the women suffer the same fate.

Men expend themselves in any number of ways. They engage in dangerous risks like combat or exploration, but they also spend inordinate amounts of time in other endeavors. Baumeister draws a parallel to the research process whereby 11 men can fail in their theories while the one who succeeds wins the Nobel Prize. There is a lot of risk involved, but the payoff is especially sweet for the one who does succeed.

I mentioned earlier that men are experimented with both culturally and biologically. In light of the recent research that shows that the Y sex chromosome is 30% different from chimpanzees (while the rest of our DNA is only 2% different), it seems that the Y chromosome (men) are the mechanisms of evolution. Experiments and mutations in human beings are carried out on the male sex chromosome. In biological terms, men are used as **guinea pigs** by the forces of natural selection to tweak and mold human physiology and behavior. Culturally as well, men develop extreme behavior which correlates with greater disposability all in an effort to come up with the strongest strategies towards propagating the culture going forward. While there will be unmitigated failures, the positive extremes add value

to the species.

c. Be a Man: create more than you consume

The whole point of male disposability is to benefit future generations. Since male sex gametes are common, we are most inclined to offer the benefit to offspring. Being a man involves risking what you have in order to benefit others. Risking life and limb on a battlefield, capital in a financial endeavor, time and brain power on innovative efforts or political endeavors don't come with a certain payoff. There are quite a few losers for every winner, but even those losers give something of themselves in order to build the culture. Their failure is a result of a contest with a man who ended up winning. The failure would have been a winner if he had faced an inferior competitor. The fact that the best man won benefits culture, society, and humanity as a whole by putting forth a battle-tested idea or innovation.

In order to incubate competition, the cultural set-up operates on the assumption that there is a limited amount of respect to go around. Not everyone can have respect in this relative hierarchy. Put-downs, hazing, and harassments have all co-evolved with male groups in order to separate the cream from the rest of the crop; culture doesn't benefit most if people aren't "harassed" or put in their place. This is a hard pill for women to swallow when they enter a workplace that wasn't designed to allocate respect to everyone from the jump.

In summary of his speech, Baumeister brings up one more interesting point. He acknowledges that culture uses men and creates an insecurity in men that leads to both grand achievements and dastardly deeds. On balance, the insecurity instilled in men pushes culture forward. It creates the desire in men to be accepted by competing and proving themselves in their cultural networks. This insecurity, stemming from the biological development of male disposability (which developed from the fact that men aren't as necessary for fully populated future generations) is culture's engine.

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Feminism as a Language Ideology

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My previous post about language only touched tangentially on language ideologies and wasn't specifically tailored to speak to feminism. I'd like to correct that, and offer something more concise and digestible for your reading pleasure. Do note that this piece does borrow upon the last post, however, and is probably best read afterward.

What is a language ideology, specifically? To recap, a language ideology is a standardized version of a language imposed from the top down. "Standard" English is an example of a language ideology – the notion that there is a correct and incorrect way to speak English, that words are pronounced certain ways and mean certain (or various) things. The problem is that, because thinking (and indeed, even fundamental concepts like personhood and identity) are entwined with our language facilities, language ideologies tend to have polarizing effects. (For more, see the post above.)

Language ideologies may be the common denominator in what defines a social group, to include a nation: **"…The nationalist ideology of language structures state politics, challenges multilingual states, and underpins ethnic struggles to such an extent that the absence of a distinct language can cast doubt on the legitimacy of claims to nationhood"** (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). The language consensus – that is to say, agreement on what is and is not *proper* language and thus thinking – informs the way the state structures itself. Absence of such a consensus may cause the entire system to dissolve as people perceive the organization to lack legitimacy. These assertions are not based on pure abstraction, but rather on empirical studies of linguistic histories: **"Macrosocial research on language planning and policy has traced distinctive ideological assumptions about the role of language in civic and human life and distinctive stances toward the state regulation of language, for example, between England and France"** (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994).

Literacy and orthographies (systems of writing) have a profound impact on language ideologies. They tend to lend credability towards notions of language consensus: **"Ideologies of literacy have complex relations to ideologies of speech and can play distinctive, crucial roles in social institutions. Even the conceptualization of the printed word can differ importantly from that of the written"** Additionally, literacy can often be fueled by cultural factors: **"Anthropological studies of literacy…recognized belatedly that it is not an autonomous, neutral technology, but rather is culturally organized, ideologically grounded, and historically contingent, shaped by political, social, and economic forces"** (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). It is relevant at this point to call attention to the distinction in linguistics between ideologies of speech and ideologies of printed word. Imagine how hard it would be to enforce a proper way of speaking, for instance – especially without the aid of the written word! Thus, written word has a synergistic effect with the spoken word; the two working together can create a far more powerful language ideology than perhaps either could alone (though it is rather hard to imagine a written language without a spoken component – unless you count math). Language ideologies can form around the spoken word, written word, or both. This post will focus more on the written word (as opposed to considerations of accent and so on), which is more relevant to feminism. Concepts of literacy have a profound impact on society:

> The definition of what is and what is not literacy is always a profoundly political matter. **Historical studies of the emergence of schooled literacy and school English show the association between symbolically valued literate traditions and mechanisms of social**

> **control.** Analyses of classroom interaction further demonstrate how **implicit expectations about written language shape discriminatory judgments** about spoken language and student performance. The nineteenth century foundation of English as a university discipline created a distinction between reading as aristocratic and leisurely and writing as work. Composition as skill training for employment is the dirty work of English departments, with consequences for gender politics (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994).

Stop and chew on that for a second. Consider what feminists have done to the education systems in the West – a topic that has been covered well by many other bloggers and authors (Christina Hoff Sommers comes to mind). Women thought they were being liberated by feminism, with its heavy handed talk of male oppression and patriarchy. Such words represent revisions; marriage was not always a synonym for oppression, patriarchy not always a synonym for totalitarian control. And yet women bought into this language ideology and structured their realities around such concepts. They traded one system of thinking – that exonerated the wifely duty for the benefit of society – for another system of thinking, one that exonerated careerism for the benefit of individuals (and often at the expense of society). But it is hard to imagine that most people have been doing any "free thinking" of late, given the mechanisms by which language ideologies propagate themselves.

One may ask at this juncture how it is that language ideologies are imposed and sustained in the first place. This is an excellent question with an unfortunate answer – the entire system is imposed right under our noses. It begins in the classroom: **"Standard language ideology is a basic construct of our elementary and secondary schools' approach to language and philosophy of education. The schools provide the first exposure to SL ideology, but the indoctrination process does not stop when the students are dismissed"** (Lippi-Green, 1994). I hypothesize that this may be a result of how education has come to be synonymous with college (evidence by the phrase "get an education," which generally means, a college degree) thus eliminating the perception that education is a multifaceted process and that there are many ways to become educated. This is probably unsurprising to those familiar with MRAs and the "men's movement," if you buy into that phrase. Critique of the modern education system is generally a component of such philosophies, but I think they've missed the subtle nuance of language ideology and instead blanket-blamed feminism. **"Much of what the American educational system teaches children about langauge is factually incorrect; in this it is thorough, consistent, and successful across social and economic boundaries. The phenomenon has been observed by others"** (Lippi-Green, 1994). After the school system, there are several other guardians of standard language ideology: **"There are four immediately identifiable proponents of SL ideology…: the educational system, the news media, the entertainment industry, and what has been generally referred to as corporate America. At the end of the article, I argue for adding the judicial system to this list"** (Lippi-Green, 1994). Lippi-Green's article provides a convincing case to consider the judicial system as a fifth enforcer:

> Transcription, or the written representation of speech, within academic disciplines and law, for example, relies on and reinforces ideological conceptions of language…In the American legal system the verbatim record is an idealist construction, prepared according to the court reporter's model of English, against which incoming speech is filtered, evaluated, and interpreted. It is considered information if a witness speaks ungrammatically, but not if lawyers do, and edited is applied accordingly (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994).

I don't think I need to make the case that the education system, news media, entertainment industry,

corporate culture and the legal system in the West are biased against men. Those sacred cows have been gored before – far better than I could ever hope to gore them. But I think it is interesting to note that those five sources of woe for men can also be thought of as indoctrination engines, prone to propagating any sort of language ideology – of which feminism is but one kind. We understand the ways in which women have been divisive, but do we fully appreciate the mechanism?

I propose two steps. We need to eliminate the fiction that any language provides unmediated access to "the real" or "the Truth," because it is precisely this fiction that has motivated many women (and men) to believe in feminism's vile lies, double standards, and illogic. Feminism purports to be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to its adherents, and they take such sentiments literally. A person who vehemently believes in feminism will be impossible to communicate with (and come to a genuine understanding with) *unless* you are speaking the same language (ideology). You can't ever tell a die-hard feminist that marriage is a good idea, because that is not part of their perception of reality.

In order to do this, we may want to re-examine the way we approach language and language education. I theorize that refining languages to be more precise (as English has an awful lot of ambiguity) would help make them less susceptible to malicious abuse. Additionally, however, we should not teach children that there is only one language and only one correct way to speak that language. I believe we should encourage our young to learn many languages, if possible, so that we could learn to express ourselves in a variety of ways to a variety of people. Greater respect for diverse languages (and thus diverse ways of thinking) may engender a respect for coming to understanding as opposed to the more common approach of "winning" an argument. Communicating should not be viewed with an adversarial attitude, as that is antithetical to understanding. I do not mean to assert that we should all come to agreement, mind you – it is perfectly appropriate to understand another and disagree with them, and generally disagreements sprung from understanding are more respectful and civil than those sprung from misunderstandings.

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Taking the Cougar Trend Way Too Far

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Single mother Angela Sullivan, who lives in Middlesbrough England, slept with a 12-year-old boy she ensnared almost 200 times, marking each illicit encounter with a star and written entry in her personal diary. She was caught after the boy began to tell friends about his abuse. Ms. Sullivan would send her own son over to her parents' house while she engaged in sex sessions with the boy.

Sullivan first ensnared the boy by getting him drunk and then performing oral on him. She wrote that she "loved" the boy in her diary, amidst other hideous acts she detailed, which provided the evidence needed to remand her to custody. In court this week, she admitted to abusing the boy for at least ten months during which the two participated in some 200 sex acts.

As the photo accompanying the article demonstrates, this woman is no Mary Kay Letourneau (in terms of looks), so perhaps her dalliance with the pre-teen was simply because she couldn't convince a male at a higher level of cognitive development to overcome what in normal circumstances would have been natural revulsion.

The deeper issue here is that the bombardment of women with the message that sex is the penultimate in personal fulfillment is having an effect on the more marginal elements of the population, and giving them the sense that it should be pursued even in clearly inappropriate circumstances. However, it still isn't entirely clear whether the recent explosion of sexual misconduct amongst women is really as dramatic a change from the past as it appears; it may simply be that shifting attitudes toward female sexuality are allowing people to openly discuss a tendency that may well have been with us for a long time.

However, given that such behavior in the past would have met with universal horror rather than the milder disapproval combined with occasional congratulation from more radical feminist types that we see today, there probably has been an overall increase in sexual abuse perpetrated by women.

Tiger Woods and the Sex Addiction Scam

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Addiction is a real phenomenon, and most people who have smoked as well as quite a few who drink alcohol and coffee will confirm that. Breaking an addiction can be quite difficult for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the psychological component of addiction, which can send those suffering from withdrawal into anything from an annoyed to a profoundly depressed state. However, it IS possible to break an addiction. People who do so of their own accord tend to have far higher success rates than those who seek out or are ordered into "treatment." This fact should focus some serious scrutiny on the enormous treatment industry even where hard addictions such as alcoholism and drug addiction are concerned.

Once we drift further and further from the hard, undeniable addictions we get into the realm of more nebulous cases of so-called addiction, such as porn addiction, video game addiction, sex addiction, etc. There is certainly a psychological component to these forms of compulsive behavior, but there is no alteration of the brain's natural chemistry with exogenous substances, such as cocaine, ethanol, nicotine, and others too numerous to list. In my opinion, the term "addiction" ought only to be appled to the latter. Other forms of behavior would be more properly termed "compulsions," which are definitely a characteristic of addiction, but do not exactly equate.

Compulsions are not always a bad thing. In fact, we often feel compelled to do things that end up benefiting us throughout our lives. They are a necessary part of our psychological makeup, and a large part of what keeps us ticking throughout the years. It is, however, easy for clever people to manipulate compulsions, and make a lot of money by doing so. Hence we find that Blizzard Entertainment is raking in money by selling World of Warcraft to compulsive gamers, certain individuals grow very wealthy off porn sales, and women are generally enticed into shopping sprees everywhere one looks.

A sexual compulsion is probably one of the most natural of all. Without it, after all, the human species would be in the same boat as the panda bear, which evidently has a very low interest in mating. People, and the young in particular, do not require very much manipulation to engage in sex. In fact, it has always required a great deal of conditioning to get them to *avoid* having sex in inappropriate circumstances. This has generally been understood throughout the ages as a timeless reality.

But not so anymore. Recently news reports that Tiger Woods has entered a sexual addiction treatment center – the Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services Center – have surfaced, adding him to the list of celebrities who have sought out sex addiction treatment. Mr. Woods, either intentionally or not, is now displaying himself as a victim of an "addiction" over which he has no control — an addiction he needs "treatment" for. No, it isn't that a young, healthy man let his success go to his head; it is that he suffers from some disease if you believe it, and the good people in Pine Grove are there to make him get better.

The sex addict treatment regime at Pine Grove appears to be fairly onerous, consisting of constant monitoring, being locked in, and a prohibition of any kind of sexual activity at all, including masturbation. There are also daily psychological evaluations and counseling – ordeals in and of themselves – and activities that don't sound all that appealing. The treatment lasts some six weeks.

For the therapists and owners of these centers, getting a patient like Tiger Woods must be something of a bonanza. This is becoming a real industry with a substantial amount of income, and threatens to spread out to the wider population, as so many of these fads do. This is really where the problem lies.

Woods himself probably knows that sex addiction treatment is a waste of time, but in all likelihood it was inserted into an intra-marital agreement (similar to a prenup, but written during the marriage rather than before) by his vengeful wife. Just as DV treatment, substance abuse treatment, anger management, psychological treatment and various other evaluations and regimes can be forced by the party with the upper hand – that is, the party that will win custody, which is almost always the woman – now we can add sex addiction treatment to that list.

Along with their attorneys, angry wives and ex-wives can make men jump through all sorts of hoops to see their children. Men rarely have the power to do the same, and even when they do they tend not to make full use of this power as women do. Perhaps this has something to do with the different nature of the sexes, but it probably is also a result of caution on men's part as the last thing they want to do is appear "vengeful" or "abusive" in front of notoriously feminist judges and commissioners, whereas women need not restrain themselves.

So I can pretty much guarantee that if sex addiction treatment becomes widely accepted, it will soon become part of the divorce industry, and it will be overwhelmingly men who are subjected to it. Certainly, adultery is just as common amongst women as men (it takes one of each to consummate an adulterous coupling, after all), but there is no way that – barring work in the "sex industry" – women will be ordered to attend sex addiction treatment at anywhere near the frequency men will.

If we lived in a practical society with some sense of decency, adultery would be seen for the moral failure and betrayal of one's spouse that it is. Those betrayed by their spouses, ultimately, should have two choices: forgive or divorce. If forgiveness is the choice, legally enforced punishment should be off the table. Divorce, as many of us know, is punishment enough. There is no need to add one more tool to wives' already overflowing arsenal of legal weapons, nor should we give them more incentives to abuse family law to punish their husbands.

“Ball-Tapping”

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Slwerner just alerted me to the disgusting practice of “ball-tapping”. I’d never heard of it before, and I’m not *that* old. Anyway, I looked around and found a video of what it’s all about. the video pretty much speaks for itself, so take a look:

My how low we’ve sunk. Even when I was in high school in the 90s boys had a lot more self-respect than they do now. I guess the feminists have finally gotten what they wanted all along: boys who will hold their hands up while girls kick them between the legs.

Groping OK When Victim is a Man

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A reader sent me this article about the shocking behavior of an Italian TV hostess who decided to have some fun and boost her ratings by grabbing David Beckham's crotch while he was speaking with reporters. She prepared for the assault by putting on some rubber gloves and practicing the grab. The video of the incident is available in the article.

While it is quite clear that what the woman did constitutes assault, she apparently got away with it without any punishment, and then went on to mock Beckham's genitalia on air, saying "David you have conned us all … what did you use, cotton wool?" Beckham's reaction, which can be viewed in the video, is clearly one of shock, anger and disgust. It's pretty obvious from his expression he wanted to give that woman a good smack, but ironically he would be the one to go to jail if he had reacted that way, and he seemed to be aware of that.

Imagine the reaction if some paparazzi photographer grabbed a female Hollywood star's breasts on air to determine whether they were real. The guy would probably get beat up, arrested, and then convicted of sexual assault and have "sex offender" stamped on his record for the rest of his life. Yet a woman in Italy can pull this off with no consequences.

The double standards across the West are beginning to become so blatantly obvious that they can't realistically be hidden anymore. Additionally, female misbehavior is so widespread that it is starting to become disruptive even to the lives of the rich and famous.

It Isn't Just The Government

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It shouldn't surprise any of our readers that corporations often practice discrimination against men; the federal government *orders* them to, after all. However, a number of corporations and very rich individuals go above and beyond the call of duty, contributing generously to sexist organizations that promote women over men explicitly and publicly.

The largest such organization is the San Francisco-based Global Fund for Women, which is a hardcore feminist organization with tens of millions of dollars of assets that doles out cold, hard cash to what it considers "progressive" causes. Recent articles featured on the homepage include Sometimes Change is About Who Washes the Dishes: GFW's MDG3 Goals, which discusses what they will be doing with millions of euros courtesy of Dutch taxpayers, and European Feminist Forum: Herstory Project, which highlights the efforts of Filipina lesbians in Europe (what's with the feminist obsession with Filipinas, anyway?), and abortionist Polish women. The latter article also features a link to an e-book, which I am sure our readers at *The Spearhead* would all find a great pleasure to read. The following passage from the book is an example of the lofty thought and fine writing that characterizes the entire publication:

> In today's feminist approach the binary opposites of man/woman have been displaced to more fluid sexual identities which are incorporated in the ontology of gender. This gives new meaning to what it is to be a man or a woman. Body politics is now about the challenge to create new forms of relationships between people – with their bodies and sexualities expressing new social subjectivities and favouring more fluid, open and democratic ways of living together, breaking through heteronormative expressions of gender to include lesbians, homosexuals, queer, transgender, transvestites and intersex identities.

How generous of them to give it away for free! Surely this one would have been a bestseller…

Although this may seem like a bit of a joke, there is nothing funny about the 21 million dollars of assets owned by the GFW and 71 million dollars of grants it has handed out.

Now where did all this money come from? Aside from the bonanza they got from the Dutch government, GFW appears to be feeding off West Coast tech largesse. The most important founding donor was William Hewlett of Hewlett-Packard. Hewlett's charity, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, is a notoriously leftist organization. Curious how guys who gamed the capitalist system tend to swing that way, isn't it?

Perhaps the most illuminating fact is that the *president and CEO* of the GFW is also on the Global Development Advisory Panel of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Kavita Ramdas, who "has dedicated herself to empowering women worldwide with the financial resources to increase girls' access to education, defend women's right to health and reproductive rights, prevent violence against women and advance women's political participation" has presided over an explosion of cash available to the organization. Ramdas is the shining star in a

constellation of progressive fundraising efforts, utilizing her considerable talents to extract money from near and far, and networking with ivy league academic departments to bolster her credibility.

As a Seattlite, I have long been subjected to paeans to Bill Gates, who has offered me nothing but mediocre software and an increasingly painful drive across the bridges that span Lake Washington. I was always willing to give Mr. Gates the benefit of the doubt, but this is too much: Not only has the man sold us second-rate software, but now he rubs it in our faces by taking the proceeds and handing them off to this high-flying poverty pimp who drops cash from airplanes to the most execrable of feminist organizations to give them leverage in impoverished, corrupt third world hell-holes.

Ms. Ramdas is the penultimate example of international waste gone awry: she is an unrestrained feminist spraying a firehose of cash at the the kinds of programs highlighted above, and she is funded by some of the world's most powerful men.

Going after Ramdas would probably be a waste of time, because this is a racket that she could never dream of topping in any other circumstance, but we ought to hold the irresponsible plutocrats responsible for their malfeasance and the harm they are likely doing to families across the world by funding these radical groups.

There is no reason to be afraid of Bill Gates and the Hewlett Foundation; they are not actually all powerful members of some invincible illuminati group, they just have a whole lot of money, and as Ramdas has so convincingly demonstrated, *it is there for the taking*. With concerted effort and enough outrage, even the tallest pillars of wealth can be cut down to size. Perhaps it is time to think about turning the screws on them just as their little pets would on honest, hardworking men across the Anglosphere. There's nothing sacred about a few zeroes, after all…

Male-on-Male Sexual Harassment?

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A recent Newsweek article reports that restaurant chain The Cheesecake Factory settled a sexual harassment claim in November. This would hardly be news, except for the fact that *both* of the alleged victims and the alleged abusers were *male*.

As I skimmed the article, I prepared to dust off a link to my favorite essay on homo/hetero male relations, "Why I Treat Straight Men Like Married Women." I've seen a lot of homos *actually* harass straight guys in the workplace—especially in restaurants and bars and in retail, where the two groups are most likely to…brush against each other. The lass-lover usually has the choice of either getting fired for clobbering the butt pirate, or simply shrugging it off. In especially PC joints, he also runs the risk of being considered a "homophobe" if he gets miffed.

But, at least according to the information given, there was no homo/hetero dynamic in this suit. All of the parties involved, we're told, were heterosexual.

Huh.

I dug around, but couldn't find many specifics. And specifics would be useful here, because depending on who was being harassed and who was doing the harassing, there could be a number of different male-male conflicts involved. I'll throw out a few possibilities, and would welcome more information.

Routine Male Socialization

Men harass each other. It's what they do. They mock each other, goof around, call each other names, enjoy crude humor, test each other and push each other around. The guys who don't cry about it—or better, give as good as they get—end up being included in the social group. The guys who don't know how to handle it are harassed and pushed out of the group. They have rejected The Form; they're Omegas.

Also, when men share close quarters, they sometimes play a game I call "homo gross out."

There's something innately comedic to most men about two men having sex, so in addition to testing your pal's boundaries and making light of male-to-male physical proximity, the real point of it is to get a laugh.

On one of the first days I was packed into a truck beside a pal of mine, he put his hand on my knee…just to see if I'd say something. He thinks it's hilarious. And it is. The look on his face when he does it cracks me up.

Then there's the sneak attack nipple tweak, and the occasional dry hump. A familiar and much discussed variation is the famous football ass pat. The majority of men who do this stuff are completely straight; they're not repressed homos looking for an acceptable outlet for their forbidden desires. There's rarely anything to it.

Women and omegas rarely understand this. Some guys of a reserved sort are uncomfortable with almost all physical expressions of fraternity between men, and they demand a little more personal space. They don't find this kind of goofing around funny, either. But they usually handle it and set their boundaries in their own way.

This kind of crude male socializing is one of the problems I foresee with open homosexuality in the

military. Our society is going to have to be honest about certain aspects of male fraternization and be careful that the mixed messages men send when they're goofing around aren't regarded, in one way or the other, as "actionable." And the experts (see below) aren't properly equipped to really understand or be honest about male behavior. Not by a long shot.

Mixed messages could be the case here. Or routine fraternization could have escalated into "hazing the outcast"…which can admittedly get out of hand.

Class or Race Issues

It was difficult to tell from the information provided, but I have to wonder if there weren't some class or race issues involved as well. It's Arizona, in the kitchen of a chain restaurant. In the American southwest, restaurant kitchens tend to be dominated by Hispanics—good and bad alike. Kitchen jobs also tend to be places where ex-cons find employment after prison. I can imagine a situation where a bunch of suburban (post culinary school?) crackers with last names like "Fitzpatrick," end up being bullied. Prison or ghetto humor could be a bit much for a guy from the other side of the tracks. There could have been a real effort to "drive out" the unwanted outsider through bullying.

When you're being bullied, a good revenge tactic would be to imply that your bullies are homos. In court. It's also a great way to extort money from a former employer.

However it came down, I have trouble feeling bad for the "victim" unless he was truly humiliated in some tremendously lurid way or full-on butt-raped in cold storage.

But if you can't handle a little name calling and crude horseplay, you deserve to be ostracized. You're part of the problem.

Playing into the whole litigious victim culture is in most cases dishonorable, and at the very least, distasteful and unmanly. If you don't like the way the men around you are treating you, you settle it with them like a man or you decide they are assholes and you get out. If your co-workers are physically assaulting you or making legitimate threats, fine. Otherwise, get over it and stop feeding a phenomenon that eats manhood and freedom.

A Feminist Phenomenon?

A final note that struck me about the article was that all of the so-called experts on male-to-male sexual harassment were women. And as women who specialize in sexual harassment, they're pretty clearly projecting their own ideology and experiences onto a scenario in which a variety of different dynamics could be at work. The female reporter repeated the catch-all feminist, Marxist "truth" that, "sexual harassment of both genders has more to do with issues of control and abuses of power for the purpose of humiliation than with sexual attraction."

But, for cultural Marxists, isn't *everything* about power imbalances between the oppressors and the oppressed?

The Looking Glass

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Since it's the weekend and I'm in a reflective mood, I'll editorialize a bit on the phenomenon known as "Game," and what my take on it is. Many of our readers are very enthusiastic about Game, some of them hate it, and a lot of others have ambivalent views on Game. I fall in the latter camp, because, for one thing, it wasn't necessary for me when I was an errant youth, and I'm past that stage of my life now, so I don't really feel any need for it. And, quite frankly, I'm not all that thrilled about the idea of spending time with what you find out there these days. Better than most, I realize just how flat-out *dangerous* women can be today (many men don't see it because the danger is by proxy), and I don't want my kids to grow up with daddy in prison or dead because I got mixed up with the wrong one.

However, the emergence of Game is endlessly interesting because of what it says about what has become of our society. This is not a positive or negative judgment concerning Game, but rather an objective declaration.

To me, Game reveals an inversion of gender roles in our specific cultural context. The goal of Game is to get a woman (or women) to choose the man applying it. Historically, Game has been the preserve of females, who endlessly preen, jockey for social dominance, and do their best to enhance and display their sexually appealing attributes. Women play hard to get, they lie about their sexual virtue, and they position themselves so as to be in the most visible places where desirable men might congregate. Incidentally, the last is probably the most important reason even non-feminist women have generally supported the dismantling of all-male institutions — so that they could have better chances in the mating game through access to a larger pool of males. There is a subconscious calculation going on behind all of this, and its force is as strong as a river.

But now men have begun to adopt certain calculated measures toward a purpose that is fundamentally at odds with the female goal of corralling the best/strongest/wealthiest man she can find to labor for her. From the female point of view, Game is entirely subversive. It confounds women by manipulating the subconscious calculations they make in their own Game. It causes them to make what they may later perceive as the "wrong choice." Of course, the idea that the men they snared were often swindled into making the wrong choice doesn't occur to them, but even such self-protective attitudes as that can be manipulated by skillful application of Game. For example, many Game techniques involve giving a woman the impression that one is higher status than her, which triggers her instinct to go in for the kill before the "unwary" man detects this, and can get her into bed very quickly.

When properly applied, Game is doubtless effective. If it weren't, we wouldn't find certain women growing so alarmed by its emergence. It probably isn't possible for all men to learn effective Game; just as some men can never quite wrap their heads around a foreign language past a certain age, many will probably never quite "get it." However, it is likely that a very significant proportion of men can learn to apply it. Only a few will be masters, of course, but as The Fifth Horseman has pointed out it will only take some 10% of men running Game to start shifting social power back toward men.

Morally speaking, Game is troubling for many. Even if one is to take the issue of deceiving women out of the equation, it is bound to cause a lot of damage to men. Given our social reality and the removal of risk (female adultery is, in fact, protected by law and its enforcement mechanisms at the

insistence of women), plenty of men will have no qualms about using it to seduce others' wives. For women, there is no cost to committing adultery today, and for men no cost is incurred by sleeping with married women. In fact, given most child support and divorce settlements, both are rewarded at least as often as not. Single men who have adulterous relationships with married women often stand to gain under the current family law regime. This is a fact. Game will only make it easier for them to act on this incentive, and the philosophy behind most versions of Game can only serve as a justification for this behavior.

Then, consider the married men who will be tempted to run Game on women outside their marriage. They may find themselves successful, and then what? Inevitably, their wives will find out, and they will not feel very alpha after the lawyers and judges have their way with them.

So, certainly, Game can be destructive. In some situations it can be evil if you want to call it that. But if you strike out against it, you will not be changing a single thing. Let me explain why:

Game is a looking glass. This cultural adaptation did not emerge out of nowhere, but rather arose as a response to a specific set of conditions. It was not Game that created the conditions for its adoption, but rather the demands and actions of a loose coalition of people, including feminists as well as a surprising number of conservatives. Just as the use of poison gas by the Germans in WWI quickly led to its adoption by the allies, and the detonation of atomic bombs over Japan led to an arms race with the Soviet Union, unleashing female sexuality led to a male response that reflects the new reality. Call it a sexual arms race if you will.

When women go after Game, they are being just as disingenuous as the United States would have been had we condemned the Soviets for developing the bomb after we had already done so. If men want to attack Game without first calling for dismantling the family law regime, they are being just as kooky and short-sighted as the activists calling for unilateral nuclear disarmament during the Cold War.

My take on Game is that, given the enormous advantages women have gained through oppressive laws and institutions over the past half century, Game has emerged as one of the only weapons available to men. Certainly, it is toxic to many men, because it is really not suited all that well to our nature (which is why men have to make a concerted effort to study it) and will cause plenty of damage, but on the balance it empowers men, so it probably isn't going anywhere. If, on the other hand, the EEOC were dismantled, the Civil Rights Act (included women at the insistence of dixiecrats) repealed and affirmative action done away with, Game would no longer be of net benefit to men, and would be suppressed very rapidly. But seriously, that won't happen until the US government can't afford to pay its employees anymore.

The greatest irony of Game is that men have coopted something that has always come naturally to women – cutthroat competition in the sexual marketplace – to advance their own interests. This is why I call it a looking glass. For those female readers who are disturbed by Game, I say take a good hard look at it, and if you have any perception at all you'll see yourselves.

Western Men Abroad — Reader's Opinions and Experiences Wanted

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I went expat for a couple years as a very young man, and had the experience of my life. I lived in Beijing, working and learning Chinese language and culture. It taught me invaluable lessons about the profound differences between cultures, but most importantly, it helped me realize that there is more than one way to run a society.

Of course, humans all have a lot in common, but our cultures can be quite divergent. For example, "culture shock" is very real, and is a result of the profound cognitive dissonance that can set in when one starts to understand the new culture and realizes how very different it is. Culture shock generally sets in months after arrival in a new culture, and the more different the culture the more difficult it can be to overcome. Culture shock really set in for me when I began to understand the Chinese language and realize the major philosophical differences between Eastern and Western civilization. I'd say it took me about six months to get over the shock phase, but I was in a state of negotiation with the host culture the entire time I was in China. I couldn't have fully adopted Chinese culture (my heart wasn't in it), but I came to enjoy it and have a functional, pleasant life there before I came home.

Western European countries present their own problems and differences, but generally they aren't all that different from Anglosphere countries. I imagine Eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union are somewhere in between East Asia and Western Europe. India may even be more difficult to adjust to than China, while Islamic countries are probably the most difficult of all. However, I don't have any direct experience with either India or Muslim countries.

What is most relevant to us is that when comparing different cultures disparities concerning the status of men and women emerge. In the Anglosphere and Northern Europe – in fact, all countries of Germanic origin – women are legally and socially privileged, whereas in Islamic countries, men are clearly dominant. The rest of the world falls in between on a continuum.

What I'd like to hear from readers is what they have observed in foreign countries concerning the status and treatment of men. If you've had any particularly good or bad experiences, I'd like to know. Many Western men have the money and time for travel, but few know where they will be treated well as men. As more and more Western men eschew marriage, single men will inevitably become a greater proportion of Western tourists and expats. There is already a growing need for information that could help them have a positive experience in doing so, and it's time we started making our voices heard so that both the travel industry and local governments listen and take steps to accommodate us.

Gender-Based Affirmative Action: Do Two Wrongs Make a Right?

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Sweden's plans to eliminate gender-based affirmative action laws for higher education lead me to an interesting dilemma. I'm against affirmative action in all its forms because it tries to solve the lack of equal opportunity in this world downstream, once people have gone through 18+ years of an unfair system. But I find myself pondering actually supporting affirmative action programs for males, at least temporarily.

Affirmative action for girls was wrong. Affirmative action for boys is wrong too. Is it worse to eliminate affirmative action for boys now, leaving them on their own in a system that has all but destroyed their opportunities, or to keep the flawed program in place until the root problem is solved?

In the end affirmative action needs to be replaced with upstream programs to give children from different social classes a minimum amount of base support from an early age. One aspect of this will be to make the educational system fair to boys by allowing them to learn in ways suited to them and fostering competition in the classroom, which tends to drive boys to succeed. Today's feminized classrooms stifle boys' natural energy, promoting purposeless cooperation over competition, taking the focus off achieving the correct solutions to problems. We need to treat boys like they are boys, not little girls. In fact, since boys and girls learn in different ways they should be educated separately until a certain age.

It's entirely hypocritical for the same folks who pushed affirmative action for girls to demand we cancel it for boys. Pushing affirmative action only when it suits select groups is shameless discrimination. The same double standards show up in child support and alimony cases. Although these programs were meant to be attacks against men, some women find themselves owing child support and alimony to men as they are propelled higher into the workforce through affirmative action programs. Feminists cry foul, but what's good for the goose is good for the gander, right? Or is it?

There are actually a lot of situations where laws or society's views, which are wrong in the first place but only applied against men, start to be applied to women as well. Alimony, child support, education, arbitrary age of consent, military conscription. When this happens I'm torn between supporting the flawed law for the sake of equal treatment between the genders or condemning the law because it's unfair regardless of whether it's applied to men or women. I worry that if I condemn it, it will still just be applied against men but never for women.

Until the entire educational system is made fair to boys, can we really allow gender-based affirmative action programs for higher education to be eliminated? Do two wrongs make a right? Really, we're stuck with two very unattractive options. If we support retaining affirmative action programs that benefit boys we are supporting a form of discrimination. If we support eliminating these programs we are leaving boys defenseless in a world that is already against them. The best option is to fix the educational system, but how long will that take?

In fixing the educational system we also have to realize that not all boys learn the same way. Is education based on sex really the best method or does it need to be based more directly on how an

individual child learns? Although a lot of men's rights activists like to say men are smarter than women it's just not true in every case. I know some women who are just as skilled at engineering and management as men, if not moreso. And I think it's very likely that when I have a daughter someday she'll be inclined toward math, science, and engineering far more than women's studies.

I wonder what will happen to gender-based affirmative action in science, math, and engineering. Politicians may try to eliminate affirmative action programs favoring males but will they simultaneously try to find a way to retain the programs favoring females, who are on average less adept at high level science, math, and engineering? I wonder how they'll explain that one away. What can we do about it?

The Misandry Bubble is Similar to other Economic Bubbles

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(Disclaimer for this post: I am not nor do I claim to be an economist or have any formal education in economics.)

By now you have read The Fifth Horseman's post on The Misandry Bubble. (If not, go read it right now.) The term, misandry bubble, is very accurate because the misandry bubble operates like an economic bubble.

Economic bubbles fall into two types. The first type is typically a technological related economic bubble. The Railway Mania in the 1800s and the dot com bubble are two examples of this type. Both of those bubbles had all of the typical behaviors of economic bubbles, over-investment, rampant speculation, etc. However, when all was said and done there were real economic gains. The Railway Mania produced railroads, and the dot com bubble expanded the internet and created related businesses such as amazon.com. The second type of economic bubble is what might be called an asset bubble. The Tulip Mania of the 1600s and the recent (or current depending on where you live) housing bubble are both examples of asset bubbles. In an asset bubble the price of an asset increases beyond its fundamental value so the price of that asset must come down through inflation, a price collapse, or a combination thereof.

The misandry bubble is clearly an asset bubble. The fundamental value of women has not increased. Women aren't becoming more beautiful, or smarter, or better cooks, or better girlfriends, etc. By any metric you wish to use, women are not improving. If anything they are getting worse so their fundamental value is going down not up. Thus, the misandry bubble exists because the demands, the "price", women are demanding from men is going up while the fundamental value of women is holding steady or really going down.

In an economic bubble there are several social psychology factors. One is extrapolation, the idea that because prices have risen in the past they will do so in the future. During the housing bubble we saw this with speculators who flipped houses, and other people who bought houses because if they didn't buy soon, "they would be priced out forever". Realtors would say, "real estate only goes up". David Lereah, the former Chief Economist for the National Association of Realtors, wrote books about how home prices would continue to rise until around 2010 or so. The same claims were made about the oil price spike of 2008 such as demand from the BRIC countries would remain high. We see the same claims in the misandry bubble. A lot of men accept the increasing demands of women because either they are "white knights" or believe that they have no other choice. However, as we see from the collapse of the housing bubble and the 2008 oil price spike, extrapolation is wrong, and this is true with the misandry bubble as well.

Another factor is herding, the idea that investors buy or sell in the direction of the market trend. In the housing bubble, many investment fund managers bought the investment vehicles that were designed to sell mortgages. During the bubble, there were hardly any voices speaking out about how the problems with these mortgage investment vehicles. There were people who noticed, but kept their mouths shut since it could mean losing pay or their jobs. Herding also existed on the level of individual buyers who bought because "everyone else was doing it".

One aspect of herding that isn't well know is the use of shaming language to get people who would

be skeptical of the behavior causing the bubble to fall in line. There was plenty of shaming language used in the housing bubble. Many made claims that renters were losers and "would be priced out forever" (as in they would forever have the stigma of being a renter since they wouldn't be able to afford buying a house in the future). The biggest example of shaming language has to be the Century 21 commercial from 2006 (the below video).

In addition to the shaming language to get the husband to buy the house, there is also a great deal of misandry in this video. This is a case of the housing bubble and the misandry bubble overlapping. The husband was right to be skeptical. This commercial aired in 2006. If the couple was really worried about schools, they could have waited two years (when their oldest was starting kindergarten) and saved a boatload of money. Even better they could have rented waiting out the housing bubble in the location with the schools they wanted. However, it was more important to make the husband fall in line despite the fact that he was originally right. With the misandry bubble, shaming language is nothing new as we have the Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics.

We also see moral hazards with bubbles where the decision making of investors in terms of risk and reward is interfered with. With the housing bubble, they are plenty of moral hazards as the government was and is encouraging people to buy houses. The $8000 tax credit for new homeowners is a prime example. It encourages people who would otherwise rationally weigh whether they would want to buy a house or not to believe there is less risk in buying a house than there actually is. Moral hazards aren't limited to government policy either. The explosion of exotic mortgages during the housing bubble allowed people to buy houses they otherwise could not afford. These moral hazards lead to many of the foreclosures we see today since they threw the risk-reward relationship of whether to buy a house or not out of whack. Moral hazards also exist in the misandry bubble. The clearest example is with divorce and family courts. With the way divorce works now, women can easily divorce their husbands and get rewarded for it both financially and in getting the kids creating an incentive to get divorced. The same is true with the false rape industry. A woman can get away with making false rape accusations which creates an incentive to make false rape accusations. In the churches, priests/ministers/pastors "encourage" men to get married (using plenty of shaming language) creating a moral hazard of men marrying women they otherwise wouldn't.

When economic bubbles happen, people who implicitly or explicitly realize there is a bubble, make changes in their behavior. Many people decided to wait out the housing bubble by renting to the point of deciding to rent their entire lives in some cases since they were soured on buying houses. With the 2008 oil price spike, people changed their driving habits and started buying more fuel efficient cars. The misandry bubble is no different. Many men learn game, go ghost, become part of the marriage strike, or even just minimize their time alone with certain types of women.

Overproduction and the search for alternatives is another aspect of a bubble. With the housing bubble, many more houses were built than needed. Areas were gentrified by people looking for cheap housing. The 2008 oil price spike led to increased oil production where possible and investment into alternative energy and other alternatives to oil. With the misandry bubble many men decide to expat to find women or bring foreign women to where they live. In the longer term, alternatives will include virtual reality sex, sex bots, and artificial wombs. The creation of these technologies is guaranteed by the fact that the misandry bubble is an economic bubble.

However, the misandry bubble is different from economic bubbles in one important way. The prices due to a bubble must come down through either inflation, lowered prices, or a combination. There is

no equivalent to inflation in the misandry bubble so the “price” women are demanding from men must by definition collapse to where it was before. With the creation of technological alternatives, it will collapse to a lower level than it was before.

White Game?

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The Spearhead is not a "white" site. We promote relevant content by people of all races. See the ad to your right for "Going Ghost with John Nada."

And for what it's worth, they'd come after me on The Night of the Long Knives.

But, tea party etiquette aside, I came across this essay offering a "white nationalist" take on Game. The Spearhead has been tracking the development of the Game concept as it continues to evolve, and there was so much crossover content in this piece that, having read it, it would have seemed prissy to me to avoid posting a link to it here. Change a few words, and the majority of the post could be on this site. If nothing else, this is more evidence that something is happening out there.

> I am no misogynist; I am merely an observer with a knack for characterization. One thing I have noticed about women is that their minds are chaotic places, rife with insecurities, second-guessing, emotionalism, sensationalism, caprice, naivete, worries, self-contradiction, and an unhealthy preoccupation with immediate concerns.
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> And for God's sake, get laid.

It seemed like fodder for conversation. One interesting angle was the idea of using game and sex to "convert" a woman to your particular ideology. We could just as easily be talking about Patty Hearst, or an Obama-worshipping college girl, or a member of the Manson family, or some other doe-eyed damsel under the spell of a smooth-talking Svengali.

Alpha Wives

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The NY Times – along with other media outlets – has been delving further and further into the debate about changing gender roles and what their effect has been on our society. Unsurprisingly, this is usually approached from a feminist point of view.

In the "Room for Debate" blog in its opinion category, the Times has published the opinions of a number of people, mostly women, concerning the empowerment of American women and emasculation of their husbands. Out of seven essays, five view the change positively, one seems a bit cautious, and another, written by Ralph Richard Banks, is skeptical of the new trend.

Despite the generally triumphant tone and victory forever chord struck by several of the female writers, there are some slight expressions of unease about the fact that it appears that not all men are very happy with the new setup.

Stephanie Coontz, a history teacher at radical leftist Evergreen University in Olympia, WA., writes:

> There are lots of people or trends we might want to blame for our economic stresses. But women and the women's movement should not be included in that list, and most men know it.

There is obviously some insecurity over the idea that some men may not "know it."

As usual, the essays dwell largely on housework, where it is seen as a universal good that men are doing more of it. That more and more husbands are less educated than wives is held out to be good by each writer except for Banks, who warns that what has happened to black families – where this disparity is highest – could soon become the norm throughout the country.

It is good to see some discussion of these issues reach the mainstream, but it is also important to realize that this is – at least in part – a reactionary response to growing men's awareness. For example, Kathleen Gerson, a Professor of Arts and Science at NYU, writes: "Whatever term we choose, it's clear that the gender revolution is here to stay." Declarations of eternal victory are rather typical of new regimes, and one should not take their projections of confidence seriously.

If there is anything we should try to keep in mind, it is that the subjugation of the American male is not a permanent condition. We can overturn the new, feminist order, and we should be making every effort to do so.

Inspiring Men: My Grandfather

January 25, 2010 | by J. Durden | Link | Original Link

(Below is a mostly unedited letter I sent to someone a few months ago. The only changes I have made were grammatical and removing my grandfather's name for operational security purposes. Even though, at time of writing, I hadn't had some of the epiphanies I have had recently, I still think my story may be of some use to some of the readers of the Spearhead.)

Nothing – absolutely nothing – in life is permanent. If you spend your entire life dreading the loss of something, you might not ever get to fully enjoy that thing. This is a lesson I've had to learn the hard way, and I think it might help you to hear a story from me, maybe so you can learn the same lesson I did.

Part of the reason I enlisted in the Marine Corps was because my grandfather retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Marines. Growing up, he had always been something of a hero to me – even if I didn't really understand much about the Marine Corps, or felt like I knew him much. In fact, he once made it very clear to me that I was the son of the black sheep of his family – he still loved me, I felt, but my exposure to him was limited. I take my middle name after him.

After I enlisted – and saw what the Marine Corps was really like – my love and admiration for him sky rocketed. It's something people could never understand unless they go through it. I can't even try to put words to it, I know it's futile – others have tried and failed. I heard that my graduation photos from boot camp had circulated back to him, and that for the first time in a long time, his family saw him cry, he was so proud.

Training in the Marine Corps is lengthy and intense. I wanted very much to, when I was first able, take leave and meet with him, to talk about the Marine Corps and give him a chance to talk to someone who could understand. As I continued to work on my own memoirs, I realized that my grandfather had stories – amazing stories – that he had probably never told anyone. He had fought – and survived – on Iwo Jima! He never talked about it much with anyone, and after being in the Marine Corps, I can understand why… people on the outside just **don't get it.**

As my training was nearing completion, I received bad news. My grandfather was coming down with Alzheimer's. By the time I graduated, members of my extended family, who were with him, made it clear that his memory was pretty much gone – he couldn't remember his own children anymore. I had missed my chance – forever – to really talk to him and understand his life.

I grieved, candidly, in my own fashion. I grieve now, as I recall. Grieving is natural. You just can't get stuck on it. What I realized, as I became stuck on it, was that I couldn't control the situation – I had no ability to influence his disease or his memory. Furthermore, I was sure that I would do his spirit no honor by remaining paralyzed in grief. Instead of grieving, I took the time to drudge up a deep introspective dialogue – sifting through my own memories for my memories of my grandfather.

And as I did this tough work, rather than remember with grief and regret and longing, I focused instead on cherishing each memory, remembering it to the fullest and enjoying it as though I were there again. Some memories I enjoyed for the "first" time, having, as a child, not enjoyed that particular experience, but as a man with new understanding, cherishing it in a new way.

Part of my healing process involved investigating my family history. I tried to learn as much about

him as I could – being that I hadn't known him very well, and what I did know came from youth. He was a beautiful man. (I'm crying a bit right now, but it's not painful. I am proud to be his grandson.) The trials and tribulations he went through – being one of MANY children from a very poor family, suffering through abuse, disowning his own family much like I have had to do, paying his own way through college, entering the Marine Corps as an officer in lieu of what he could have done with his education, and serving in World War 2 and the Korean War (he proposed to his wife and got married shortly before reporting in for The Basic School, right after receiving his commission – he would not see his wife again for two years…they stayed married until she died of old age), retiring in order to become a public servant in another way – by being a teacher and then principal at his local high school.

Did he do everything right? No, perhaps not. My father claims the way he was raised by my grandfather was not fair or healthy – but my grandfather's other children seemed to have turned out better than my father, so who is to say who is right? But the struggles he went through, the pain and adversity he must have felt, resonated with my own life, and I felt very close to him. There was nothing that I could do for him in his final days, but that was okay, because I could live the rest of my life in his honor. I used to want to change my name in order to disown my family, which I had come to hate. But learning about my grandfather this way, after he was already effectively taken from me, restored my faith and pride in my family name.

Now, when times are dark and when I wish I wasn't in the Marine Corps or doing other things, I turn my thoughts back towards Bill, and it gives me strength and resolve.

This turned out longer than I intended. A lot of my coping with Bill's situation was done on a more subconscious, nonverbal level, also. This is the first time I've told ANYONE – even my few close friends – about this. The lesson I learned was to not be consumed by grief over loss; to instead channel that grief into something more positive. Everything must eventually come to an end, so it does not make sense to dread that time and to waste your energy being full of regret and sadness. Let the passing of something you've cherished be a cause for remembrance and cherishing. Let it be a new beginning – something to live the rest of your life for, rather than spend the rest of your life mourning.

These philosophies dovetail also with the revelation of thought I had while in the more intense training phases of my Marine Corps career, where I literally trained for every waking moment to kill and be killed. Life is so fragile and transient. We are all so very fragile and vulnerable. It makes no sense, none whatsoever, to dedicate your life to seeking achievement or seeking material gain over emotional depth and well-being. There will always be more work to be done tomorrow, and there will always be another achievement to seek or another record to break. Eventually, we will all pass our peak, and in all likelihood, have things left we still want to achieve or accomplish that we cannot. However, we may not always have a second chance to tell someone that we care about that we love them, or another chance to get to know that someone interesting just a bit better. Take risks in the name of enriching your relational life – strip everything else away and the measure of your life, I think, is the impact you had on other people and on the bonds you forged with them – on the families and communities you forged or were a part of.

US Clamping Down on Indian Surrogacy Industry

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Chennai:

Perhaps sensing a threat from foreign wombs and fertile ova, US consulate officials have been closely scrutinizing children of American citizens – in some cases interrogating the parents – carried to term by Indian surrogate mothers or otherwise conceived by ART.

The Times of India speculates that this may be due to worries about Indian court rulings vis a vis custody, but it is more likely that, in the spirit of IMBRA, American feminists in powerful positions (e.g. our Secretary of State) have ordered these measures to safeguard the inflated value of American women, who could be bypassed as mothers by men seeking to have children by purchasing donor eggs and having them implanted in Indian surrogates.

US consulate officials in Chennai have remained tight-lipped, repeating only legal definitions of citizenship when asked about policy.

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Women Don't Create Jobs (Part I)

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The major lamentation over women's slide into the workforce has been the number of jobs taken from men. Underlying all of that is the structural shift from the private to the public sector and from manufacturing to service based economies; both trends favor female employment.

But even if those are plausible issues for male concern, there is another issue with female upward mobility that is of consequence to the whole economy (local, national, global).

Women don't create jobs.

Besides becoming more omnipresent in the workforce, women are taking on more upper management, consulting, and "50,000 foot view" strategic roles. The latter group are of most importance here as they deal more with large-scale risk implementation and capital deployment – the main thrust behind new products, new markets, and new jobs. Not only are women more than half of the U.S.'s workforce, they comprise a near supermajority in college attendance. Affirmative action type policies and general wailing for diversity have forced women up through the glass ceiling into these upper management positions whether they display merit or not. In Norway and France, policy dictates that 40% of a corporation's upper management must be female. In business, one prospers by adhering to the mantra: "Don't be France."

In economics, the most important decision-making factors are opportunity costs and tradeoffs. A woman taking a man's job on a production line has no reverberating consequences for anyone besides the man and his family (my examples are deliberately simplistic) – the opportunity cost is the same whether the gender is switched. But a woman taking a role in these high-level strategic positions – by the more sinister "invisible hand" of equality – has unseen opportunity costs arising from the differences in each gender's nature: one more woman in the boardroom costs a man a boardroom job (which is a moot point) and perhaps a few other people jobs lower down the ladder. How so?

Job creation stems from "creative destruction", innovation, and technology development which all stem from risk. I'll preemptively put one argument to rest that I see springing up: innovation and technology *do* create jobs. It's true that corporate men destroy jobs and green light endeavors that quickly fizzle out, but on the whole and in the long run, risk-taking men create a net benefit in the job market. The poor economic showing of the past decade is a bump in the otherwise long-trending trajectory of quality of life improvement.

My discussion of Baumeister last week underscores the dichotomy between male and female risk-aversion. Men have innately developed low risk aversion out of necessity. The men who passed on their genes engaged in riskier behavior *and succeeded* at higher rates than men of genetic inconsequentiality.

On the flip side, women are more conservative than men. This is biologically and behaviorally true. A woman is not only less likely to use drugs or go sky-diving, she is also less likely to engage in financial risk. In organizations with an AA infused feminine influence, risk will be lower, but so will return. Jobs may be preserved, but even more jobs will *not be created*. This is the important unseen tradeoff.

There are even more resounding knock-on effects to women's unmerited infiltration of the

boardroom. As more and more women sneak through the cracks of the glass ceiling, the competitive nature of industry that has led to massive job creation in the past will have compounding effects. Not only will an individual company take on a less risky strategy, the fact that it is up against less risky competitors who have followed the AA/PC path implies that the whole industry will be less risky all together. Lower levels of risk imply lower levels of innovation and job growth for the whole economy in the future. The problem is that we won't notice the effects because we won't know what the tradeoff scenario would have brought.

To make a quick example, the computer chips of Intel and AMD would be of lower quality and more expensive if one or the other company didn't exist. Each company took on risk because they had to develop smaller, faster, and cheaper chips in order to stay abreast of their competition. The innovating drive for Intel was spurred by the chip developments and risk-taking of AMD. We can apply this concept to the risk-aversion of upper management. Depleting the level of risk taken on by one company affects not only that company but companies in similar industries. The lower levels of competition, over time, lead to less highly developed markets and products. More highly developed markets with higher levels of technology and cheaper products create more jobs and higher qualities of life for a nation.

Supporting this hypothesis, research at the London School of Economics showed that companies with higher ratios of female boardmembers have poorer financial performance. The research points out that, while women do their jobs very well, they tend to take on corporate governance roles that stifle growth. The females not only bring their singular risk-averse vote, their influence decreases the risk-taking of other members of the board.

> Dr Ferreira said: 'Women directors appear to have a significant impact on the governance of companies. However, it is not necessarily that the women on the board are doing all the monitoring. The behaviour of the board as a whole is affected by increased diversity.'

Decreased risk may be a sweet song to some, but risk-taking is the lifeblood of our businesses and our culture. Especially for companies that are already reasonably well-governed, this extra red tape (on top of the red tape strewn about by the government) stifles creativity, innovation, risk, profit, and job growth.

If a woman enters the boardroom because she has proven that she has a good grasp on the risk/reward profile that the company embodies (i.e. the same track on which a man has to prove himself), she rightfully deserves her place. But if a woman enters said boardroom because some external pressure compels the boardroom gatekeepers to let her in, and this same policy is administered in boardrooms across the nation, female admittance implies worse financial performance, anemic job growth, and less-than-optimal quality of life. As with most governmental or socially structured dictates, inefficiencies arise. In the past, men have been mostly concerned with the primary effects of women in the workforce: men's focus was on their replacement by females and the capitulation of the breadwinner role. But if we look a few steps further and a couple of levels above us, we'll see that womens' decisions in the boardroom have amplified effects on the millions of men *and* women down below them.

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British Feminists Desperately Trying to Defend Themselves

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In response to undeniable evidence that British women have taken their newfound feminist privileges to mean that they are free to engage in something akin to mass prostitution, hardcore feminists are trying to find a silver lining in the PR disaster that feminism is fast becoming.

Writing for The Telegraph, Ceri Radford acknowledges that young women are letting it all hang out and, in her words, wearing "underwear to nightclubs."

However, Radford, ever the optimist, writes that this is good because it proves that women now have a "choice" to have sex with whoever they want. Since when have men generally had a "choice" in this matter?

Finally, she suggests that it is better for a woman to be a shameless hussy than a wife:

> I feel far more sympathy and concern for the woman trapped in a miserable marriage by a culture untouched by feminism than I do for the British girl shivering in her skimpy outfit on her way home through the snow because she's too vain to wear a coat.

Indeed, this is what feminism was about all along: better a public whore than a wife.

Men's Issues and Race

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I'll try to make this short, because this is one of those subjects that tends toward long-winded, contorted, and usually unsuccessful attempts to get a point across.

First, race is real, race is important, and race is an issue. Only people who are afraid of it or who don't have to deal with it claim that it isn't. It is human nature to separate ourselves into distinct groups based on various attributes, and racial characteristics are the most obvious of these. So I'm not going to try to convince anyone that race is irrelevant, or even that racial conflict will ever disappear. It never will, but I *do* think it can be managed pretty well.

Despite the fact that this is a huge issue in society that is deeply relevant to American culture (although perhaps not so much for other Western countries), it's something we're going to have to put aside here just as we would were we in the Marine Corps and facing battle. This is a fraternal effort, and each of us is defending the next man's most fundamental right, which is to be free in his own affairs from the depredations of oppressors.

It is dedication to this freedom that is the cornerstone of The Spearhead, and it is unconditional. Just as a man should not have his Constitutional rights thrown in the toilet because his wife decides to run off with his children, he should not lose any of his rights because of his race. Both the former and latter situations are out of men's hands, and there is nothing more disgusting and unjust than punishing people for what they have no control over. I'm sure all decent men will agree with that.

What we're confronting here is a merciless anti-male regime that does not care about the rights of any man. That's the enemy. Any man who stands up against it is my brother in arms, and I am his. I can't afford to worry about his hair texture or the shape of his nose, nor can he about mine. None of us can afford to bother with these things in this effort, because if we spend too much time bickering amongst ourselves we have no chance at all.

Keep these words in mind while here at The Spearhead

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The Changing Sexual and Cultural Mores

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Read more of Whiskey at Whiskey's Place.

Two recent stories illustrate the changing sexual mores of women. In one, a now 20 year old woman alleges that age 16, she was forced into sex with a supervisor when she worked as a Starbucks barista. The kicker? That the woman acknowledges she had sex with 12 other men, 7 before she met her alleged sexual harasser (who pled guilty and served several months in prison). The other is one of Tiger Woods mistresses tawdry retelling of her affair with the celebrity golfer. What these stories show is a very big shift in female sexual behavior. Which is changing the culture radically. Making in particular, older men and women absolutely clueless about how families (mostly don't) form.

In the first story, we have the remarkable news that an otherwise ordinary, attractive but not jaw-droppingly beautiful young woman, had sex with 7 men by age 16! And went on to have sex with another four men (without coercion). This is a sea change in female behavior. Moreover, the young woman in question does not feel shame at such a high partner count (much of done underage, I must add). The plural of anecdotes is not data, of course, but what is most telling is the lack of shame and indeed, pride at the high partner count. Certainly there seems to be no social pressures or control to keep young women from having many sexual partners. The AIDS crisis is long past, ads for Valtrex and other medications make STDs socially acceptable (notice the attractive young women in relationships getting approving smiles from their hunky partners and doctors), and there is no sense of social shame making women with many partners less desirable. Indeed, the lack of shame points to a defacto "woman shortage" where any woman, who is halfway attractive, can get some sort of relationship with a man no matter how many prior partners (indicating a bad bet for the current relationship).

In the second, we have a lack of shame by Woods mistress. Indeed, much of the story is filled with female bragging about sex in all sorts of places, and the thrill of having sex with a celebrity:

> " It was a thrill to be the secret lover of such a famous star. In front of TV cameras he acts shy and professional, but away from that he is very macho, cocky and has a huge eye for the ladies."
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> "As a sportsman he is in great shape, but he is also very well endowed. He kept on complimenting me on my figure and kissed me all over.
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> "That first time he was very dominant and knew what he wanted and what he was doing. By the time we finished I looked like a rag doll, but we both had big smiles on our faces."
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> Despite being the first billionaire sporstman, Woods was not generous to Mindy. She said: "He did not buy me anything, not even a meal."
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> Mindy said that after a while she fell deeply in love with Woods, but he made it clear he only wanted a physical relationship.
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> "I really did fall for the guy," she said. "I began to dream that I would some day be the next Mrs Woods. I really did think that he would want to be with me. He is such an attractive

> guy and what woman wouldn't be attracted to him. Of course it probably helped that he is worth millions."

Writer Julia Baird in Newsweek echoes many of these assumptions young women make when she urges young women not to settle. Criticizing the book by Lori Gottlieb "Marry Him: the Case for Settling for Mr. Good Enough," Baird asserts that women should not compromise on passion and sexual attraction. Indeed, Richard Whitmire, author of "Why Boys Fail" in a Wall Street Journal piece, itself from a New York Times Magazine article, notes the case of one Rachel Downtain, 36, attractive, single, and searching for a sperm donor instead of a husband (she won't compromise). Downtain's real complaint? She can't get Mr. Big from Sex and the City to marry her.

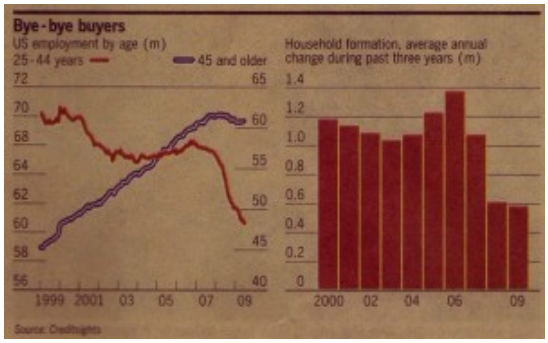
Contrary to Whitmire's naïve, chivalrous older male view of women, the operational sex ratio is driven by women's hypergamy. Women desire generally, the highest available man for a mate. Even a waitress can get a celebrity like Tiger Woods to have sex with them (marrying them is a different story, of course). Women can and do delude themselves over the power of their sexual attraction, "dreaming" as in Mindy Lawton's case, that they will get the superstar over the current wife. Feeling no shame at that, either, and facing no social condemnation (the dog that isn't barking, so to speak). There were plenty of men available for Rachel Downtain, in her twenties. They merely lacked the superior status of all the "Mr. Big" types that Downtain obviously preferred.

What has happened is the sexual revolution, encompassing the pill and condom, reducing risks of pregnancy and disease, along with urban anonymity, a consumerist approach to sex (conspicuous consumption), and critically, lack of social condemnation by other women **AND** potential partners lead women to have a lot more sexual partners than they did in times past.

Why can't Rachel Downtain find a husband? Because she lived like Mindy Lawton, and the Starbucks barista, pursuing and catching their own many, Tiger Woods-types, during the peak of her attractiveness. Now, many partners later, and significantly older, she isn't very interesting to the Alpha Male types she desires. She's unwilling to sacrifice by marrying downward, to a man less attractive or status-laden. Even those types of relationships don't work out when the man is significantly younger. Ashton Kutcher notwithstanding.

What this means is that the fundamental way in which families formed has changed. Instead of most men and women marrying equally, and forming families, in a middle class America, we have a "Brave New World." One in which women (and significantly, underage girls), have many partners (most of them the typical Alpha Male, from Tiger Woods to "the Situation" on "Jersey Shore"), and then finding few Alpha males wanting to marry them, forming single mother families.

The graph below, taken from the "Lex" column of the Thursday, Jan 21, 2010 Financial Times shows how household formation has fallen off the cliff. If a man lacks the asshole cocky nature of say, "the Situation" (which women love), his only play is that of provider. However, employment for those 25-44 years (almost 75% of the job losses have been male) has fallen off the cliff. Employment of that age group is down 8%, since the start of the recession, again almost all of them men. If past recessions are any guide, finding jobs for that age group and new entrants into the labor force will take between six and fourteen years.



Household Formation has fallen off the cliff

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The "Beta Male" is not even on the playing field. Given downward pressure on wages for those employed, and uncertainty in employment as the economy teeters on the precipice of a double-dip recession. Instead we are shambling towards a new model, one characterized by short-term hook-ups, driven by sexual desire (by the women for guys ranging from "the Situation" to Tiger Woods types), and not much else. Women just don't like marrying down, or even equal, if they can find a man who is Alpha to have sex with, and don't face social condemnation for single motherhood, or even not marrying an ordinary, same-status guy in their twenties. This is our new reality. And it is already shaping our culture.

Two interesting movies, show how romance leading to marriage is now dead. The George Clooney, "Up in the Air" centers on the impossibility of traditional romance **OR** marriage among the yuppie professional set. Clooney plays a man who travels around the country to lay people off, and lives to collect frequent flyer miles and live anonymously. He meets a woman (Vera Farmiga) with whom he has an affair, to the point of taking her to his sister's wedding, and a young female co-worker dumped by her boyfriend by text message. After falling for the woman (Farmiga), Clooney shows up at her home, only to discover she is married with young kids, and that he was just an escape. Clooney remains an empty, anonymous professional firer, living for frequent flyer miles. Because, intriguingly, marriage is redefined to mean "stuff at home" while men and women have affairs in the workplace. The dream of marriage and family Clooney's character chases is as empty as his frequent flyer miles. Marriage is redefined as "cheat but don't get caught."

The other is "(500) Days of Summer", which bills itself as "not a love story." It spends nearly all of the movie with the young male protagonist, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, in love with a young woman (Zooey Deschanel, daughter of cinematographer Caleb Deschanel) who likes his attention and devotion but exploits him for her own emotional validation. In the end, Deschanel's character is engaged to someone else. While it takes Gordon-Levitt's character to begin greater career success to get a date. [Indeed, he meets a woman called "Autumn" while applying for a more prestigious job interview, and makes a date. It is implied, however, that his character must win the job and the woman lose, for the date to occur.] The whole point of the movie is the Gordon-Levitt character learning that "true love" does not exist, and killing his romantic impulses by becoming adult and cynical about relationships.

What this means is social reality (family formation is for the middle-rich, the upper class but not ridiculously wealthy) is making culture reflect the reality. Movies, the purveyor of "Its A Wonderful Life" images of family and the sanctity thereof, now do not even believe that George Clooney can get married (OK, they have a point there), or even an earnest young guy get a girlfriend. Given how culture is a lagging indicator, this is a big shift. America is moving to a single-mother dominated

family structure. Like Chav Britain or ghetto Black America. The nuclear family is dead, not even Hollywood believes it can exist in its old form given female hypergamy and relaxed sexual mores. Both “Up in the Air” and “(500) Days of Summer” wear their cynicism about love and relationships on their sleeves. At best both are for other people who exist outside the yuppie world of professions and upper middle class life.

At best, this is what America will become, a nation of cynics who know, because they’ve lived it, that sex and love are conditional, fleeting, short-term, and so not worthy of commitment or sacrifice. The cost of no real social control for female and Alpha Male sexuality (women do not desire Beta Males so their control is irrelevant) is quite high. As satisfying as it is for most women to have many, many Alpha males (young girls aged 16 do not rack up seven sex partners if they do not like it), the ultimate cost is male cynicism and lack of investment. Removal, even. As women and families and children become something for the upper class rich or a few Alpha Men with significantly younger women.

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A Spearhead Fisking

In the last few months, The Economist has published several articles that celebrate the changes to society, the economy and life in the 21st century because of the advent of women in the work force.

Those of us that see the big picture of gender politics and the ulterior motives of the social engineers that inflicted feminism on the Western World as a means of population control read such articles and notice the sheer amount of feminist shibboleths and memes that are assumed as a given premise – in which the author presumes the reader already accepts the feminist point of view as normative.

As I labored to point out in We Are All Misogynists Now, there a number of assumptions that have been inculcated into mainstream consciousness by a variety of cultural influences; points of views that the larger society accepts at face value that are never questioned — just accepted as factual.

But when one learns to recognize these premises, it's rather easy to start to deconstruct the kind of articles that pass for conventional wisdom in mainstream media outlets like The Economist. The following fisking will show just how many assumptions and premises of the politically correct, feminist mindset are taken as a "given" by some of the contributors to this magazine.

From: We Did It! The rich world's quiet revolution: women are gradually taking over the workplace

> AT A time when the world is short of causes for celebration, here is a candidate: within the next few months women will cross the 50% threshold and become the majority of the American workforce.

Just who is "celebrating?" Those that gleefully rejoice in watching more and more women forsake marriage and creating families with multiple children so that they can pursue the education-career track? How about the growing number of working women growing disenchanted and harried as they try to find "balance" between careers and home making responsibilities?

> Women already make up the majority of university graduates in the OECD countries and the majority of professional workers in several rich countries, including the United States.

Note…*professional* workers. Get back to us when they make up the majority of blue collar, hazardous and physically laborious jobs as well. Until then, your cheers of victory for "equality" ring quite hollow.

> Women's economic empowerment is arguably the biggest social change of our times.

Now there's something we can all agree on. The real question you should be asking is whether or not this change has been good for society or not.

> Just a generation ago, women were largely confined to repetitive, menial jobs.

Just like most men. Except for most, you could also add hazardous and physically laborious to that description as well.

> They were routinely subjected to casual sexism and were expected to abandon their careers when they married and had children.

Ahh yes. Now that women are 50+% of the workforce, casual sexism is no longer a problem! At best, telling Betty she looks "pretty in that dress," will land a man (that Betty doesn't find attractive – remember, it's only harassment if he's ugly,) in "sensitivity training sessions" and a permanent mark in his company file; or at worst, summarily fired and sued for "creating a hostile environment"

And of course, now women do not have to "abandon their careers" — I wish I could have "abandoned" my career once I got married…but I digress — they now have the freedom and joy of dropping off their kids for babysitting by minimum-wage paid workers at a day care center or the nearest State-run public educational system's indoctrination and social engineering facilities (aka public school,) so now they too can pursue the fulfillment of being a corporate-drone wage slave in a cubicle farm…just like the lucky men!

> Today they are running some of the organizations that once treated them as second-class citizens.

Running them alright…right into the ground.

> Millions of women have been given more control over their own lives.

Got that ladies? Unless you become a *human resource* for a giant corporation, you don't have control over your own life! Those of you that are stay at home housewives don't even know how little control you have over your life!

> And millions of brains have been put to more productive use. Societies that try to resist this trend—most notably the Arab countries, but also Japan and some southern European countries—will pay a heavy price in the form of wasted talent and frustrated citizens.

Oh yes, they most certainly will pay a heavy price…they will actually have above-replacement levels of children so that they won't have to encourage mass immigration from poorer countries to prop up their tax base and menial, service-sector work force. After all, what a waste to have millions of female brains focused on nurturing and raising their own children…better to have them devising sensitivity training courses and power point presentations for their *Human Resources* department!

> This revolution has been achieved with only a modicum of friction. Men have, by and large, welcomed women's invasion of the workplace. Yet even the most positive changes can be incomplete or unsatisfactory. This particular advance comes with two stings. The first is that women are still under-represented at the top of companies. Only 2% of the bosses of America's largest companies and 5% of their peers in Britain are women. **They are also**

> **paid significantly less than men on average. The second is that juggling work and child-rearing is difficult.** Middle-class couples routinely complain that they have too little time for their children. But the biggest losers are poor children—particularly in places like America and Britain that have combined high levels of female participation in the labour force with a reluctance to spend public money on child care.

Note the bolded section of this excerpt. This is the classic case of feminist cognitive dissonance. The idea that women who "juggle" work and child-rearing, would have nothing to do with why women *on average* making less than men? Or that many never attain the top-level positions in companies…that would have nothing to do with the time *voluntarily* taken off of work over the course of a career to meet familial responsibilities and obligations…nah, couldn't be…IT'S SEXISM!

> **Dealing with the juggle**
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> These two problems are closely related. Many women feel they have to choose between their children and their careers.

Many women FEEL? Feelings have nothing to do with the reality of opportunity costs my dear! I hate to break it to you, but you simply can't be in two places at once. No matter how you *feel* about it, you can either take the time to be a great Mother or a great Career Womyn…not both.

> Women who prosper in high-pressure companies during their 20s drop out in dramatic numbers in their 30s and then find it almost impossible to regain their earlier momentum.

But never forget…it's still unfair and oppressive that these women make less than men *on average*!

> Less-skilled women are trapped in poorly paid jobs with hand-to-mouth child-care arrangements. Motherhood, not sexism, is the issue: in America, childless women earn almost as much as men, but mothers earn significantly less. And those mothers' relative poverty also disadvantages their children.

Now they're "trapped?" I thought women have escaped the "trap" of Patriarchal oppression by eschewing marriage and entering the workforce to become "economically independent!?"

> Demand for female brains is helping to alleviate some of these problems. Even if some of the new theories about warm-hearted women making inherently superior workers are bunk, several trends favour the more educated sex, including the "war for talent" and the growing flexibility of the workplace. Law firms, consultancies and banks are rethinking their "up or out" promotion systems because they are losing so many able women. More than 90% of companies in Germany and Sweden allow flexible working. And new technology is making it easier to redesign work in all sorts of family-friendly ways.

Sorry dear…these "trends" that are favoring the "more educated sex" are merely indicators of the misandry bubble. Eventually, all bubbles pop…

> Women have certainly performed better over the past decade than men. In the European Union women have filled 6m of the 8m new jobs created since 2000. In America three out of four people thrown out of work since the "mancession" began have been male. And the shift towards women is likely to continue: by 2011 there will be 2.6m more female than male university students in America.

Take note, Men. Remember the opening sentence of this paragraph: "*AT A time when the world is short of causes for celebration, here is a candidate: within the next few months women will cross the 50% threshold and become the majority of the American workforce.*"

Female empowerment = Male dis-empowerment

Isn't it great that your fathers, your husbands, your uncles, your brothers, your nephews, your boyfriends…they're losing their jobs at a record pace…BUT WOMEN ARE SOON GOING TO PASS THE 50% THRESHOLD OF THE WORKFORCE! Still feel like celebrating, ladies?

> **The light hand of the state**
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> All this argues, mostly, for letting the market do the work. That has not stopped calls for hefty state intervention of the Scandinavian sort. Norway has used threats of quotas to dramatic effect. Some 40% of the legislators there are women. All the Scandinavian countries provide plenty of state-financed nurseries. They have the highest levels of female employment in the world and far fewer of the social problems that plague Britain and America. Surely, comes the argument, there is a way to speed up the revolution—and improve the tough lives of many working women and their children?

Of course there are plenty of calls for hefty state intervention. Never mind all of the social ills, the broken families, the neglected children…never mind the "tough lives" that are the results of these "modicum of changes," *more of the same* is the only solution to make things better!

> If that means massive intervention, in the shape of affirmative-action programmes and across-the-board benefits for parents of all sorts, the answer is no.

Why, how reasonable of you…especially since affirmative-action programs and benefits for parents of all sorts *are already the law of the land!*

> To begin with, promoting people on the basis of their sex is illiberal and unfair, and stigmatises its beneficiaries.

You don't say?

> And there are practical problems. Lengthy periods of paid maternity leave can put firms off hiring women, which helps explain why most Swedish women work in the public sector and Sweden has a lower proportion of women in management than America does.

Don't worry dear, this is changing real soon. Under the current economic conditions, America's "Public Sector" is the only growth industry.

> But there are plenty of cheaper, subtler ways in which governments can make life easier for women.

Ah yes. This is precisely what Governments are for, right? I forgot that little part of the Declaration of Independence…you know, the old "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness **for women**."

> Welfare states were designed when most women stayed at home. They need to change the way they operate. German schools, for instance, close at midday. American schools shut down for two months in the summer. These things can be changed without huge cost. Some

> popular American charter schools now offer longer school days and shorter summer holidays. And, without going to Scandinavian lengths, America could invest more in its children: it spends a lower share of its GDP on public child-care than almost any other rich country, and is the only rich country that refuses to provide mothers with paid maternity leave. Barack Obama needs to measure up to his campaign rhetoric about "real family values".

Real family values? How about changing the laws and the welfare system to restore the meaningful role of FATHER? Abolish the gender-biased family court system? Eliminate "No-Fault" (his fault) divorce? Oh wait, silly me, I forgot…men have nothing to do with "family values."

> Still, these nagging problems should not overshadow the dramatic progress that women have made in recent decades.

Isn't it great that just about every time an article or report is written singing the praises of "women's progress," much of the articles are always full of statistics, anecdotes and examples of women who are struggling…but they always conclude with a statement that despite such problems, it is still "dramatic progress" that should be hailed as some sort of grand achievement?

> During the second world war, when America's menfolk were off at the front, the government had to summon up the image of Rosie the Riveter, with her flexed muscle and "We Can Do It" slogan, to encourage women into the workforce.

Now they merely indoctrinate them through mass media and educational brainwashing to get into the workforce. Never mind getting married and having children…get that degree! GET TO WORK!

> Today women are marching into the workplace in ever larger numbers and taking a sledgehammer to the remaining glass ceilings.

More like taking a sledgehammer to Western Civilization, the nuclear family and society as a whole.

“Coerced Reproduction”: Bogeyman for the 2010s

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Here is the new bogeyman of the 2010s: coerced reproduction. It will be what “date rape” was to the 1990s, and what “global warming” was to the 2000s.

Teenage pregnancies are on the rise because girls’ boyfriends sabotage their contraception, poke holes in their own condoms, and favor the raw-dog. That’s the story. Memorize it. But to hear some feminists tell it, teenage pregnancy is on the rise because abstinence awareness pogroms have undermined efforts to prevent unwanted pregnancy – like condom and Pill use. Now we’re hit with the argument that those condoms – if they’re used at all – may have been sabotaged in order for young men to keep their women chained to their side via unwanted pregnancy. Two strikes against the patriarchy.

Before I start – a slight digression. It’s convenient that feminists try to shift the problem of increased teen pregnancy from irresponsible behavior on the part of young men *and* women to bad behavior on the part of *young men*. They correlate higher unplanned pregnancy rates as stemming from male reproductive coercion while, if it exists, it probably didn’t start yesterday. Feminists don’t consider the possibility that their relaxed attitudes towards sex are part of the cause in the increase in unwanted pregnancies; they are effectively putting the onus on us.

The headlines come from a recent cross-sectional study of five Northern California family planning clinics. In a sample of 1,278 women, 53% said they were the victim of physical or sexual violence at the hands of their partners while 20% say they were pressured into having a child. One-third of women who were party to domestic abuse felt coerced into pregnancy while 15% of unabused women felt the same way.

I really shouldn’t have to discredit the selection bias of this study. But I’m bored, so I will – succinctly. Poor women more often go to family planning clinics. Unwanted pregnancies are more highly correlated with lower socioeconomic status. Poor women get beaten by their men at higher rates. Poor men, when not beating their women, are more likely to engage in other forms of emotional abuse similar to reproductive coercion. For what it’s worth, far fewer than 15% or 33% of women are coerced into pregnancy in manners that the research suggests. But to put the actual cases of coerced reproduction into perspective, men take shits, and although we don’t like to hear it, so do women.

This just-so report has several nifty features that fit perfectly into feminist arsenals. If we believe the overarching picture painted in this report, young men trap their female partners into staying with them by poking holes in condoms and flushing Pills down the toilet. These incidents are reported in family health clinics to social workers whose job is to tease this type of information out of women like a barber teases ratted hair. Women have venues to report their stories of “reproductive coercion”.

But what about the men who undergo similar trauma? There isn’t a nearby reproductive rights facility for them to expel their crocodile tears and horror stories. Unfortunately, drinking buddies don’t carry the same academic weight as sociologists or even feminists. There no measurement devices by which to gauge the amount of coerced reproduction men face on a constant basis. What about online message boards? How about articles from a real live woman at a reputable site like

Salon.com? Females' reproductive coercion of males flies under the radar as it is more passive-aggressive. Understand: this fact doesn't make it any better.

So since we don't have any corroborating studies with evidence to support mens' horror stories of reproductive coercion at the hands of women with baby rabies, we'll have to develop *a priori* arguments and anecdotal evidence to support the argument that women employ reproductive coercion much more than men. If these arguments appear to be true, we might as well burn every rag on which every forth-coming male-bashing story is printed (in fact, let's burn them anyway).

- Who exclaims their desire to have children more often? Men or women?
- Who gets baby rabies more often? Men or women?
- Who is more likely give their partner an ultimatum to force them to have children?
- Who has the pesky biological clock that won't stop ticking?
- Who gains more, overall and on average, by having children?
- Which gender benefits most from social welfare after having a child?
- Who are the gatekeepers?

If the answer to these questions, by and large, is men, my argument is null and void.

Then there are the tactical arguments. Women have the most power over their own birth control; if anyone were going to sabotage the Pill cycle, women would be the most likely suspects. Pill skipping or misuse of the Pill is a much more passive-aggressive means to getting pregnant. It isn't as aggressive as choking a woman and telling her to have your child, but it has the same outcome. The fact that Pill skipping is perfectly legal while choking a girlfriend will get a man tossed into jail implies that the former is a much more plausible strategy if someone were going to force another person into conception. What's worse is that the man really has no say in the matter; if a man flushes a woman's Pill down the toilet, she knows that she missed her Pill. It's her choice to have sex amid such risk. If the man rapes her to coerce pregnancy; that's a whole new issue.

We also don't hear of the women who practice the Timing Method but don't keep good time – on purpose. We don't hear of the emotionally dependent women whose main goal in life is to have a child so they can trap their man. We don't hear of the relationships in which the man is given an ultimatum to either make with the sperm or pack up and leave. Again, if anyone is going to be trapped by a pregnancy, the man is the one most likely to wear the collar.

Furthermore, as with all studies that seek to rip men to bits to provide kibble for man-haters, it is most convenient to look down towards the low end of society to provide the vivid brushstrokes that help the image of male treachery pop.

If there were a dearth of men engaging in reproductive coercion at higher rates than women, it would most likely come among lower-status men. They are the ones that have a harder time finding partners; they more likely engage in mate-guarding tactics, shaming behavior, and violence to keep their woman chained to them.

But if there were a dearth of *women* engaging in reproductive coercion at higher rates than men, it would most likely happen to higher-status men. Women come out of the woodwork to claim paternity against men who have lots of money and good jobs compared to men with no jobs and no prospects.

So since women are painting this picture, and the picture sells better when the men look really bad,

ugly, and scary (and their scariness comes from the fact that there are so many men out there like this), their Muses are men from the left tail of the spectrum.

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Jack and Diane – Emblem of American (Male) Fatalism

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Some of you may be able to guess what this post will be about from the title, but others may not see where I'm going. "Jack and Diane" is a song – considered an American classic, it was written by rocker John Mellencamp, (known by the name John Cougar back in 1982 when the song came out). John was born in 1951 which means he was going through his teenage years/puberty in the 60's. This is an important point to consider when we analyze the content of the song, especially as the song was "influenced in part by John's own life experiences." Quotes will be from the lyrics.

The song is a "little ditty about Jack and Diane, two American kids growing up in the heartland." Jack's "gonna be a football star" while Diane is "a debutante [in the] backseat of Jackie's car." So far, so good, right? Young love, young dreams. Certainly, most should be able to relate. In the second verse, Jack wants to get frisky with Diane (no protest, and apparently he takes charge and isn't overly worried about contemporary concerns of complicated consent):

> Diane sittin on Jackie's lap
> He's got his hands between her knees
> Jackie say, hey diane lets run off
> Behind a shady tree
> Dribble off those bobby brooks
> Let me do what I please

Perhaps I am belaboring the point, but what I'm driving at is this – when John (Jack is a common nickname for John, by the way, so we may be able to assume that John was writing about himself and a girlfriend from his youth) was growing up, affection between men and women wasn't yet irrevocably poisoned by notions of "gender" politics, political correctness, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and all those other "progressive" ideas we've swallowed together as a culture. That he looks back on these times with fondness is more than understandable – hell, men who weren't even alive in those times look back to them with fondness.

The problems I'd like to highlight begin with the chorus (worth mentioning that the chorus is always

set off by “and Jack(ie) says” or some derivation thereof):

> Oh yeah life goes on
> Long after the thrill of livin is gone
> Oh yeah life goes on
> Long after the thrill of livin is gone they walk on

And here fatalism rears its ugly head. It is telling that this song caught on and become massively popular. It is little more than nostalgic yearning for times long gone and a fatalistic attitude towards the contemporary – and it is primarily a song which men will relate to. Why anyone would accept a life of misery as inevitable (“life goes on, long after the thrill of living is gone”) is disappointing – as humans, we may not be able to control our external circumstances (change the world) but we always have some power to change ourselves and how we adapt to that world. We do not need to adopt a fatalistic attitude towards things, and give up, as John seems to in this song. For men in contemporary times, there are many ways to adapt – learn Game, expatriate, marry a foreign wife, form or join a brotherhood, go your own way…

The refrain is even more telling:

> Gonna let it rock
> Let it roll
> Let the Bible belt come down
> And save my soul
> Hold on to 16 as long as you can
> Changes comin round real soon
> Make us women and men

Here the fatalism is even clearer. John expects the Bible belt to come and save him, rather than having to apply himself rigorously to study of the Bible in order to come to faith and understanding. (Author’s note: I am currently an agnostic.) Furthermore, his only advice to listeners is to “hold on to 16 as long as you can,” even though the 16 he experienced back in 1967 is drastically different from the 16 that someone born in 1996 (who will turn 16 this year) can expect. He tells us that changes are going to come which will make us all “women and men,” even though the changes of which he is warning (likely changes advocated and imposed by feminists and their supporters) came to pass in his lifetime. Furthermore, I doubt seriously that the changes of which he is likely speaking about are what truly cause boys and girls to become women and men – and, on my view, there are precious few women and men left in America today. (Here’s a hint: being a man or a woman has very little to do with age.)

The idea that we lose our innocence when we become adults, as we realize how “terrible the world is,” betrays an assumption that feeds into language ideologies. For one, it is not the entire world that is terrible – merely the American (and, to an extent, Western) one. This goes for men and women both, or perhaps ironically only for women. The degree to which your world is terrible is also largely dependent on how you structure your world view, and really, how much you allow things to get to you and influence you. Here, some stoicism (perhaps I could write a post on this for readers? let me know) may be helpful, but stoicism is often misunderstood as fatalism.

In his book, A People’s History of the World, Chris Harman points out two prejudices he had to overcome in his telling of human history:

> One is the idea that key features of successive societies and human history have been a result of an 'unchanging' human nature. It is a prejudice that pervades academic writing, mainstream journalism, and popular culture alike. Human beings, we are told, have always been greedy, competitive and aggressive, and that explains horrors like war, exploitation, slavery, and the oppression of women. This 'caveman' image is meant to explain the bloodletting on the Western Front in one world war and the Holocaust in the other. I argue very differently. 'Human nature' as we know it today is a product of our history, not its cause. Our history involved the moulding of different human natures, each displacing the one that went before through great economic, political and ideological battles.
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> The second prejudice, much promulgated in the last decade, is that although human society may have changed in the past, it will do so no more.

That Harman's arguments here feed naturally into my reflections on language ideology (the main enforcers of language ideology are, again, public education, the news media, the entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system) I'd like to think is more than just a happy coincidence. I feel strongly that a proper understanding of language and language ideologies is a sort of missing link when it comes to understanding why and how feminism has wrought so much damage, and, more importantly, how to make sure it doesn't happen again. It has certainly happened in the past, after all.

Fatalism seems to be the domain of little men who are too afraid to believe in themselves and their own power to change their own circumstances. Wilhelm Reich may have been on to something well ahead of his time. He was writing about the evils that permitted the atomic bomb to be created and used, but the attitude that allowed for this atrocity seems very similar in character to the attitude that permits feminism to destroy civilization (emphasis my own):

> You see, little man, it all boils down to one thing, to you and your sound or unsound thinking. And you, the most brilliant scientist of the twentieth century, if you were not a microscopically little man, **you'd have thought in terms of the world and not of any nation.** Your great intellect would have shown you how to keep the atom bomb out of the world; or if the logic of scientific development made such an invention inevitable, you'd have brought all your influence to bear to prevent it from being used. **You're caught in a vicious circle of your own making, and you can't get out of it because your thought and vision have taken the wrong direction.** You comforted millions of little men by telling them your atomic energy would cure their cancer and rheumatism, though you were well aware that this was impossible, that you had devised an instrument of murder and nothing else. You and your physics have landed in the same blind alley. You know it, but you won't admit it. You're finished! Now and for all time! You know it, I've told you so very plainly. **But you keep silent, you go on dying of cancer and a broken heart, and on your very deathbed you cry out, "Long live culture and technology!" I tell you, little man, that you've dug your own grave with your eyes open.** You think the new "era of atomic energy" has dawned. It has dawned all right, but not in the way you think. Not in your inferno but in my quiet, industrious workshop in a far corner of America.

A parting note I'd like to leave you with is this – John Mellencamp originally intended for the song to be about an interracial couple, but was afraid of the backlash that would result. Language ideologies regarding racism were undergoing drastic change when John was growing up, much like ideologies

regarding the sexes were. I intended on writing a piece about language ideologies and race, but I thought perhaps Spearhead readers were getting tired of me hammering on this point.

MSNBC: Be a Bitch to Get Married

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In a prime example of what Western men face today, Sherry Argov writes for MSNBC that women seeking to tie the knot should be “bitches” to get men to propose. I doubt this advice will be particularly effective, but like so many other sales pitches it only encourages American women to continue doing what got them into a fix in the first place to achieve a different outcome. Just like the countless products marketed to fat people that promise they can lose weight while eating all they want, this advice is designed to appeal to women who find the idea of changing their behavior to make themselves more attractive too frightening to contemplate.

As comforting to women as this advice may be, it is bound to disappoint them in the long run, but the real victims will be boyfriends and husbands who will inevitably be subjected to more demands, less respect and general abuse from the women in their lives.

Feminism has reached critical mass, and what we are seeing today is a sort of chain reaction, wherein each new expression of feminism leads to another. It seems that here in the West, we have built the perfect breeder reactor for feminism, in which feminist reactions actually create additional fuel as they propagate.

Outside Observations

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I just had to go to the local Apple Computer store to replace some faulty hardware. Here in Seattle, it's located in the University Village, which is a mall that abuts the University of Washington. The U. Village, as it's known here, is an upper middle class place featuring all the trendy chain stores, such as Crate & Barrel, Starbucks, Apple store, etc. Personally, I liked it better when it was a lumber yard and bowling alley before they developed the place. But it was the response to new money that flowed into Seattle during the 1990s, so I suppose it's here to stay, and perhaps the yuppies needed their own ghetto to counterbalance the Ave, which is the trashy strip crawling with gutterpunks and other assorted miscreants on the other side of the UW.

What I noticed at the U. Village is that middle class Americans are not all that attractive themselves. Last time I went to WalMart I thought it was bad there, but the frumpy, androgynous crowd at these upscale malls isn't much to crow about.

What I want to ask is whether it's just me, or has America really gotten a lot uglier over the years? I know we're fatter – that's obvious from looking at old high school yearbooks – but are we also just more run-down and decrepit?

America's First Legal Male Hooker Starting Work in Nevada

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Far out in the Nevada desert, a young man who goes by "Markus" has just started peddling himself to women at the "Shady Lady" brothel.

Markus, who compares himself to Rosa Parks, suggests that by whoring himself he is a civil rights pioneer:

> There has to be some kind of change in terminology to describe persons like myself. And it's more of a civil rights thing now. Basically this is the first time in the economy of the United States that a male has actually stood up and said, "I want to do this for a living." And be protected under law to do it. It's just the same as when Rosa Parks decided to sit at the front instead of the back. [...] This actually isn't about selling my body. This is about changing social norms…

The befuddled young man, who couldn't make it in the Marine Corps, probably doesn't realize how ridiculous he sounds. In fact, his claims are so embarrassing that I can't tell whether the interviewer is trying to turn the entire article into a joke.

It gets even worse as Markus conjures Freud in an attempt to explain what he's doing, essentially calling himself a motherf***er in the process:

> When I was 7, my father and mother applied for a divorce, and I was pretty much left sensory deprived for my whole adolescent and formative years. There was a deficit there—a sensory deficit—where I was left in a shell. [...] Psychologically, Freud always said that every man inherently has an innate desire to copulate or have some sort of relation with his mother—regardless of whether he wants to admit it or not. I think this engenders what it means to be a gigolo.

But at least he draws the line *somewhere*…

> I think gay people are very put-together. I think they're very classy, very well-organized people. They have great personalities. I have nothing against them, but that's not me… My sphincter isn't for sale.

The article is both hilarious and depressing at the same time. Tragicomique would be the word, I suppose.

Markus goes on to explain all the superhuman attributes gigolos must possess, apparently in a bid to attract customers, and spouts a fair amount of feminist ideology. He was a poor kid from Alabama who tried to make it big in California, and now he's working at one of Nevada's notorious ranches.

I can't help but feel a great deal of pity for the guy. It just doesn't seem fitting that a man should be a whore.

Another Study on Women's Sexuality Misses the Obvious

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According to a Texas A&M study on young women in their 20s, employment and financial security are negatively correlated with promiscuity.

The women in the study who were irregular workers, i.e. women who were employed less than six months over a two-year period, were found to have a greater sexual appetite and to be more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior.

Researchers speculated that this may be due to jobs providing women with a sense of structure and purpose. Of course, the fact that unemployed women might be the type who are less likely to control their impulses in the first place was never mentioned, but another, probably more important factor was completely left out:

Women have traditionally secured resources through sex. In contemporary society, there is little preventing them from attempting to do so from numerous different men. The woman without a job, therefore, is still providing for herself after a fashion through sexual engagement with men.

One could even say that unemployed women who sleep around are actually independent contractors — they have simply traded the job at the office or the restaurant for another one in the bedroom.

Democrats and Republicans Unite to Form the Misandry Party

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Reader DC Handgun Info (visit his blog) emailed me this link of U.S. Representative Carol Shea-Porter (D-New Hampshire) saying that healthcare reform could be passed into law if only those dastardly men weren't around to muck it up. From the horseface's mouth:

> We go to the ladies room and the Republican women and the Democratic women and we just roll our eyes. And the Republican women said when we were fighting over the healthcare bill, if we sent the men home…

The full video of her comment, courtesy of *Hot Air*, can be viewed below. The quote above was met with enthusiastic applause from Shea-Porter's audience:

Additionally, Shea-Porter's blatant sexism was defended by one of her lady colleagues:

> Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) on Monday called "irreverent" but accurate, comments made by a female colleague that Congress could pass healthcare reform if men were sent home.

> "Carol Shea-Porter was I think expressing the frustrations in an irreverent way of a lot of women across this country," Wasserman Schultz said on MSNBC. "We do have conversations like that in the bathroom among Republican and Democratic women."

> "In terms of healthcare decisions, women make virtually all of the healthcare decisions, or are the main decision makers for most families," Wasserman Schultz said.

In his introduction to *The Spearhead*, Welmer wrote the following:

> We aren't really interested in conservatism or liberalism — when the entire structure is rotten you might as well bring it down so as to build a newer, better temple.

On the governmental level, he was dead on correct. When female legislators from the two major parties in the world's most powerful nation can come together through their disdain for men, it is obvious that we have no allies in the halls of power. The Democratic Party is the party of feminism in the U.S., but let it not be forgotten that conservatives and their Republican allies possess their own brand of misandry, an antiquated brand that endorses heavy-handed regulations on men to protect "innocent" young women. To excerpt Welmer again:

> They [social conservatives] are not driven as much by an altruistic desire to improve society as they are by the lack of sexual and emotional fulfillment in their own relationships with their mother-wives. They find fulfillment of these desires through an incestuous relationship, both symbolic and real, with the daughters of America, and they wage war against America's sons with all the primitive passion of savages raiding a village to carry off its maidens.

> This is what I have in mind when I think of social conservatives. Essentially, I see them as people who have a strong impulse to judge and punish others – men in particular – for flimsy or backward reasons. They justify their sadism by portraying themselves as

> defenders of virtuous, defenseless young maidens who, not coincidentally, are the objects of their lust. This is why one can see some very odd intersections between policy advocated by lesbians and social conservatives, who disagree violently on some other issues, such as abortion — they both have similar motives in the matter of relationships between females and other men.

This mentality runs through modern conservatism like a throbbing artery, to the point where the most punitive anti-male legislation of the past two decades, the Violence Against Women Act and the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act, were tacitly endorsed by conservatives (the latter being co-sponsored by two conservative Republicans). Their ingrained ignorance of the nature of women leads them to place them on pedestals, giving them common cause with feminists who seek to beat down men at every opportunity. While I imagine the majority of *The Spearhead's* readership is right-wing, we shouldn't look to mainstream conservatives for our salvation.

On a related tack, this story also lends credence to the idea that allowing women to vote and participate in government inevitably shifts the state towards socialism. Writes Vox Day:

> I think every male politician in America should resign his office and let the womenfolk run things for as long as they want to do so. Because that will be the fastest and easiest way to end the disastrous women's suffrage experiment that I can imagine. There are two words that describe a matriarchal society and those two words are "grass huts".

Think about it.

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Life and Times in Old Peking (Part I)

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A reader asked me to share a bit about my experience living in China, so I thought I ought to oblige both him and my nostalgia. I suppose China is on my mind lately, because an old friend of mine – a woman from Kunming – recently got in touch. She's a professor of Chinese calligraphy in France now. Not sure how she pulled that off, but the girl sure did have some spunk. I have nothing but fond memories of her, and am happy to see that she has found a place for herself in France.

I lived in Peking, now known as Beijing, from 1997-1999, when I could barely call myself a man. Life in Seattle had become something of a dead end for me, or so it seemed. I hated school, and found myself descending into the underworld of youth subculture, which involved all the usual hedonistic pursuits of the 90s. I decided that I had to get out, and having studied a couple years of Mandarin and made friends with some visiting Chinese students, decided that Beijing was the place to go.

I started by renewing my passport, obtaining a three-month tourist visa and purchasing a round trip ticket with an open return date. I had no idea how long I'd last in China, but I knew when I would go, so at least there was some kind of a plan. Fortunately, my friend suggested that I stay in his parents' house for a couple of months, so I knew I at least had a temporary place to stay.

When I arrived in Beijing the city was in the midst of a transformation. Buildings were rising like mushrooms after the autumn rains, and armies of construction workers marched to their jobs every morning. It was early September, so the weather was quite pleasant, but the haze of coal smoke and the dust from the incessant building gave the streets an otherworldly ambience, which I would take in as though in a dream on my first walks around the neighborhood.

My friend's parents lived in a danwei, which is a neighborhood built around a work unit. This was a relic of the Communist system of organization, and because each danwei was organized to provide for the needs of its workers and families, it had something of the feel of a town within a city. Everybody knew about the newly arrived young foreigner, and watched me with curiosity, and probably some suspicion as well. It took a while to grow accustomed to the fact that *everyone* around me was Chinese. For a while, it seemed a bit surreal to be surrounded by a sea of bronze-colored faces, but eventually it simply became the norm.

After staying with my friend's family for some six weeks I found a job as a teacher, and then they helped me find an apartment nearby in a neighborhood close to Sanhuanlu (Third Ring Road), which was almost suburban at the time, but due to development is now well within the urban confines of Beijing. The people running the school I was to work at advised me that I needed to go to Hong Kong to get another visa, so I made arrangements to do so. I decided to fly to Hong Kong and then take the train back to Beijing after obtaining my visa. All in all, Hong Kong was an interesting place. I'll never forget landing in the old airport, where the plane descends over the water and then suddenly huge buildings rise all around and you touch down right in the middle of the city. I went in November of '97, so it was still suffering from the effects of the economic crisis. The shopkeepers in Kowloon seemed rather dejected, and I stayed in a cramped hotel room, sharing a bathroom with several other people. I have never in my life seen people packed together tighter than in Hong Kong. The city is like a honeycomb of humanity.

After procuring my visa, I took the train across the border to Shenzhen, where I bought a ticket to

Beijing. I opted for the “luxury” soft bed, which was essentially a mattress on a board (at least it was clean), and then stayed overnight in Shenzhen pending departure. While in the hotel in Shenzhen, I was harassed by whores, who would call up on the hotel phone and ask if I wanted a girl. One of them even came to my room, and was so pushy that I ended up giving her money to go away. The beggars in the streets were even worse. Gangs of street urchins with babies in their arms mobbed me outside the train station so closely that I had to wrap my jacket around me as tight as possible to keep them out of my pockets. There were legless beggars strategically placed on bridges and such, lying on their bellies and pathetically extending their tin cups. After a while I began to realize something awful: the beggars and kids with babies were part of an organized beggar gang. They all looked the same — each beggar had both legs cut off at the knee and the kids all had obviously drugged babies in their arms. It brought the beggar gangs of pre-industrial London to mind. Shenzhen was truly a wretched place at the time.

With great relief I boarded the train for Beijing in the morning, finding myself in a coach with a middle aged couple. They turned out to be very nice, pleasant people, and my Chinese was just starting to click at that time, so I appreciated the conversation and company. Unlike your typical American couple, the Chinese husband and wife were perfectly relaxed with each other and happy together. The wife was well past her prime, but she had such an accommodating, easygoing attitude toward her husband that he struck me as a lucky man. She called him her “old man,” and would stretch out languorously on the berth next to him, while he would contentedly sip tea. They were what one would call “laobaixing” in China — that is, the Chinese version of what Americans call the middle class. They were neither relatively wealthy nor poor for city folk (they were headed home to Beijing), and they didn’t seem at all stressed by their station in life. Theirs was a good life from the looks of it, and they complemented each other perfectly.

This was one of the first examples I saw of the natural affection Chinese men and women had for each other, and it was comforting to the child that still dwelt within me, young as I was at the time. I was to see more over time, but for me it always remained elusive; a sort of wistful ideal that was to haunt me the entire time I dwelt in China.

I was supposedly on the fast train to Beijing, but in fact it was pretty slow. Not that I minded all that much — the countryside that rolled by the window was fascinating. As we rolled north through the rice paddies of southern China, I saw ancestral tablets, peasants plowing fields with water buffalo, and people wearing the traditional garb of the region. Where we crossed the Yangtze it was so vast that it hardly seemed a river. It was more like a great lake spanned by an endless bridge.

China is effectively divided into north and south, and the great Yangtze River is the line. The change is immediately noticeable even from a train. After crossing the river the fields of bok choy became fields of bai cai, the water buffalo were replaced with oxen, and the lush rice paddies of the south gave way to dusty, dry farms of the north. Even the hats the peasants wore changed shape — from conical to funnel-shaped. Although it took about three days to get from Shenzhen to Beijing, I was glad to have seen so much of China from the ground. Flying over the country just isn’t the same; one doesn’t get a feel for the land from 30,000 feet.

Soon I was back in Beijing, armed with a new visa, a job and an apartment. I was ready to strike out on my own as an expat, and filled with a nervous kind of excitement. I knew at that point that I wasn’t going to come back home to Seattle for a while, and looked forward to facing the unknown.

–To be continued…

Middle School Kids Arrested, Facing Draconian Punishment Over Sexting Incident

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Lacey, WA: A 14-year-old girl sent a naked picture of herself to her boyfriend over her mobile phone, and after they broke up a couple of other girls convinced him to send them the photo, which promptly spread all over Thurston County. Soon, a snitch alerted school officials, who then called the police. The boy and two girls from the original incident were promptly arrested and are facing child pornography charges that could have them all marked as sex offenders for life.

The exhibitionist girl's mother, Toni, claims that her daughter sent the picture out of "lack of self-esteem and confusion." Despite the fact that she was the one who originally sent the photo, she has not been charged with distributing child pornography.

Thurston County prosecutor's office official Rick Peters has suggested that the boy and two girls will not face anything more serious than sex offender status:

> Juveniles who are committing certain types of sexual crimes do have to register as sex offenders, but certainly that is the most serious sanction that would go along with this charge – if they were to be found to be … guilty," says Rick Peters of the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office

Prosecutors have also suggested that they could do a month in lockup.

Personally, I'm curious as to why the school officials had to take the initiative and call the police. Why not grab the kids, call the parents, and nip it in the bud? Now these kids – and probably others – will face an inquisition for this stupid incident. Of course, the original act of stupidity was the girl taking a naked picture of herself and sending it to another student. Her mother seems to have no problems with what the other kids are facing for her daughter's stupid, slutty decision.

Let's be honest here: the girl was being a tramp. The other kids shouldn't have sent the picture around, but *they're in middle school* for God's sake! Middle school kids do this sort of nasty, thoughtless thing all the time. To turn it into a full-bore child porn prosecution is cruel and doesn't serve as justice.

This is just another example of official white knighting to protect the sullied "honor" of a teenage slut. The other kids who got mixed up in it have already paid a heavy price for her exhibitionism, and we can only hope they aren't permanently ruined over this by being classified as sex offenders for life.

I shudder to think of what the young hussy will learn from all this. Probably that she can do whatever she wants and then have others punished for the fallout. This is the story of our society.

Spain Seeking to Impose Police Surveillance of Men Throughout Europe

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In an Orwellian effort, Spain has proposed setting up a domestic violence tracking system throughout Europe, purportedly to help victims of abuse. However, Spain has already mandated electronic shackling of men subject to restraining orders, which are obtained without due process, so this is far more sinister than it might appear at first glance.

The following gives us a hint of what's in store:

> Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, a self-proclaimed "feminist", pledged before the European Parliament last week to advance gender equality in the EU and "eliminate the scourge of violence against women".
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> Specifically, Equality Minister Bibiana Aido has said the government plans to promote "the creation of a European observatory on domestic violence to gather information, create common tools and be able to make a global diagnostic of the situation."

This so-called observatory is little more than a police database, obviously, to be used for God knows what.

It is starting to become clear that feminist-mandated chivalry is the current excuse governments are using to increase power over citizens. Their argument goes something like this: "If you oppose these measures, you must be all for beating up women, right?"

Feminism has matured into the totalitarian system it always wanted to be, and seeks to extend its tentacles into every nook and cranny of our lives. Like all totalitarian ideologies that have no purpose other than consolidation of absolute power, it is the mortal enemy of free men.

Frankly, I am deeply disappointed by Spain, but I suppose totalitarian tendencies die hard. Perhaps the feminists have simply replaced the Falangists. Nevertheless, I have always had an admiration for the Spanish people, and thought their women to be particularly attractive and graceful in comparison to other Europeans. Unfortunately, it appears that their lust for power has contorted them into twisted monstrosities compared to what they once were.

Tragedy for You

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> With that skill that was hers alone,
> She drove her clutches into me.
> I was dumbfounded.
> She was hungry.
> She required me entirely.

Beginning in the early 1980s, a group of Belgians known as Front 242 laid the foundation for a second wave of industrial music, though they called what they were doing Electronic Body Music. Their songs were hostile to religion and tradition in the customarily ironic European way. Ah, angry youth.

> All that's left is here to remain.
> It's a dull and cruel pain,
> That passes the ages unaltered.
> Her stamp is in my heart.

As a teenager, I rocked out (with nothing out) to Front 242. A friend and I once used one of their tracks as the incidental music to a church talent show act that caused substantial damage to a theater. We thought they were the shit.

But I found the words to my absolute and totally favorite song, "Tragedy for You", bizarre to the point of comedy. These masters of hard-hitting, block-rocking beats used their platform to *whine about a woman*? A life-ruining, emasculating woman? Come on, you Walloons, grow back a pair.

> I still feel disemboweled.
> I clearly retain
> A blank
> The void,
> The sore in my soul,
> The mark in my heart,
> Her acid reign

"Tragedy for You" is the almost-eponymous single from their 1991 album, *Tyranny for You*. I lost the jewel case to that album years ago, and the CD has been floating around since. Tonight I found it and popped it in the car stereo on the way to buy some booze. On a hunch, I skipped straight to "Tragedy for You". And then I rocked out (still without anything else out). I've taken control of my marriage to a great extent, thanks to what I learned from this community, and I'm happier than I've been since high school. But I feel it still, the mark in my heart, the sore in my soul. Her acid reign.

> And that voice that was hers alone
> Still resounds in me.
> She left me dislocated,
> Disemboweled,
> And twitching.

> Her rhythm is in my heart.
> She inspired in me,
> An acute sense of treachery

I had a dim memory of the video Front 242 had made for this song, something about a fat woman and a shopping cart, so I looked it up when I got home. It exceeded my expectations, by a long, long shot. See it here. Genius. Between the song and the video, they completely nailed the modern feral female. Fat, self-absorbed princesses who permit us to worship them with offerings of cash. It's a pity that we all didn't learn not to nail the modern feral female.

My musical heroes tried to warn me about women, but I refused to listen to their misogyny. The more fool I.

Your Feelings, and Why They Don't Matter

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Dear ladies,

Let's talk feelings. Actually, forget that. *I'll* talk feelings, because if you talk feelings, I won't get to talk at all.

I know, that sounded insensitive. Well, it was insensitive, and quite intentionally so. But keep reading, there is a method to my malice, and a message that you really need to hear. I don't want you to miss out on it because you're in a huff over the fact that I regard your feelings at best, as obstructive, and at worst, the primary and overarching cause of failure in your love life. And worse yet, as a source of abusive control for anyone crazy enough to get close to you.

As ironic as it may sound to you, if you want a good love life, the first step is to get your feelings out of the way, or at least quit using them as a weapon. So let's get out of Oprah mode and just use our brains long enough to sort this thing out.

It starts, like most of your problems, in childhood. That's the cute and annoyingly whiney phase of life that boys, unlike you, are forced to outgrow. You don't get all the blame for that, but if you really want a meaningful relationship, you'd better start taking some responsibility for correcting it.

Babies, whether blue or pink, are pretty much alike. When a child gets hungry or dirty or tired or sick or lonely or scared, they tend to react by screeching until someone does something about it. It makes sense. Babies, after all, can't take care of themselves.

But not too far along in life the paths of boys and girls, emotionally speaking, fork into two very different directions. By the time both have some measure of language and cognitive skills the reaction to all that caterwauling changes, and not so subtly.

Pretty early in a boys life, about the time he can speak in complete sentences, tolerance for remaining a baby wears thin. His wailing is met with everything from ridicule to threats. If "big boys don't cry," doesn't work, then, "I'll give you something to cry about," usually does, especially after a few rounds of following through.

Psychologists will tell you that this is where we harm boys, that we dissociate them from their feelings and shut down their emotional selves. They even call it *emotional abuse*.

But in most cases, unless taken too far, it doesn't abuse boys feelings as much as it teaches them to start mastering them. That kind of self control is a pretty good skill that comes in handy for a lot of things, like, say, being an adult. You see, before the psychologists came along to tell us what rotten parents we were, we had a different name for the effect we had on boys, although not so catchy and marketable.

We called it *growing up.* It was all the rage.

We knew, even without a Ph.D. in conjecture, that not maturing was a bad thing. It resulted in all sorts of problems, like permanent childhood and self centeredness.

And *women*.

That's because while we were insisting that boys learn real life skills, girls got a different message. Actually, they got the same message that they'd been getting since birth. Namely that squawking loud enough will get you what you want. And that is why that while boys your age grew into manhood,

you just got older, hairier and more irritating.

And more vulnerable to being exploited.

The self help gurus have zeroed in on that one like chicken hawks and turned your feelings about your feelings into a cash cow. For a fee, they tell you to express your feelings, write them down, trust them, affirm them, discuss them in groups, put them in a journal, confront people with them, list them, learn more words for them, read about them, mouth them through a sock puppet like a neurotic ventriloquist and above all, get them validated as something sacred by all in your life.

That have led you to attend the Church of Emotionalism, where your tears are holy and Kleenex are passed right along with the collection plate. Can I get an amen?

But they aren't telling you anything really different than the same bullshit you have been told your whole life, and that you now tell yourself. When you have pain, or even a sense of slight annoyance, someone else is supposed to by God fix it.

And so you remain, born again baby that you are, stuck in self delusion until you get some things straight.

Despite what your therapist told you, or what you saw on Oprah, your feelings don't have any inherent value compared to say, facts, logic or a good cheeseburger. Most of the feelings you think are so important are as transient as campaign promises and worth just about as much attention.

What you feel right now won't be the same thing you feel in a few hours, or, if you are like a lot of women, in a few minutes. So expecting your man to stand constantly at the ready, as though his purpose in life is to validate and honor every fleeting emotion you have at each and every point of their temporary existence is a non starter. If that is what you expect, you don't need a relationship, you just need a better therapist.

And the same for taking your relationship straight into turmoil because you use your feelings to undermine communications every time a logical solution undermines your agenda.

You know exactly what I am talking about. The more reason and logic point to your being wrong, the more unreasonable and illogical you become. It is calculated and intentional. It's the tried and true plan of "If being reasonable doesn't get me what I want, I will just be increasingly unreasonable till I get it anyway." Nothing like frustrating someone into compliance.

And in a really twisted, perverted way, it makes sense. Heck, you're a slave to your feelings, why shouldn't everyone else be?

For a while, in many cases, it even seems to work. But it ultimately blows up in your face because all this nonsense is just a recipe for him to eventually cook up a great big casserole dish full of *fuck-this-crazy-bitch*.

Are you feeling me?

Ladies, the only real purpose for your feelings is to tell you there is a problem you need to fix. After that, continuing to dwell on them, or childishly forcing your partner to obsess on them with you, only keeps you from finding solutions.

It may annoy him into fixing things for you, as surely as you were still laying in a crib, but at this point in your life that is only to shut you up, and leaves you less respected, and less respectable, every time it happens. And so when your man gives in to this, he isn't meeting your emotional needs, and you certainly aren't meeting his. All you have accomplished is pressuring him into changing your

diaper.

If you think that is the path to a healthy relationship, think again. Jerking people around on an emotional leash is only good thing if you are a psychopath.

Hostility will always be the natural result for people who use emotions not to connect or to create intimacy, but as a weapon to control and manipulate. It is hostility well deserved.

Now, there has been a long running misconception about men and women that has been around about as long as igneous rock. That is that women are somehow more gifted in the emotional department than men.

Of course, that's more bullshit. Training half the population to be childish, emotional puppeteers in ways that ultimately sabotage their own emotional fulfillment is hardly a gift. It is more like a cruel joke. And it may seem funny with you are 20. But it may seem much different at 45 when you are rapidly graying, cooking for one, and wondering why so many men get tired of listening to you in about 5 minutes.

With that in mind, if you want to see evidence of real emotional acumen, consider the following names:

Shakespeare, Keats, Hemmingway, Steinbeck, Gibran, Kipling, Blake, Wordsworth, Byron and Shelly. Or even the great contemporary songwriters, Simon, King, Kristofferson, Dylan, Hiatt, Lovett and Henley. This list is a drop in the bucket, and if we added to it till we covered every genius in world history in the realm of the human heart, we would have to address 95% of them as mister.

In fact, truth be known, most of the men in your life who you have dismissed as emotional zeros more likely belong on that list than you do. You just never knew it because you are such an emotional mess.

Feminists would tell you that this is sexism, and perhaps they are right, though as usual for the wrong reasons.

It may well be sexist to the core to raise half the population, *your* half, to be emotional cripples while telling them they are emotional giants.

Dr. Paul on Youtube

A Voice for Men

Life Without Feminism

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Sometimes it's worthwhile to speculate a bit about how things could be better. People need more than just alarm and gloom and doom to motivate them, so I think we ought to make an effort to think about what would be positively different in our lives if feminism were finally evicted from power.

I imagine a world where men aren't afraid to speak their minds like they are today. At work, in the home and in public, men could make their opinions heard without worrying about being canned, browbeaten or denounced. Free speech could once again be practiced as intended, rather than the exercise in spin and avoidance our public discourse has become. People would be less afraid to give voice to new ideas and opinions, which would provide us with a greater abundance of solutions and a better understanding of real problems and issues.

Men would no longer fear the women in their lives, and would thereby become more attractive to those women. Women despise a timid man, but feminism and its enforcement mechanisms have made us into cringing, cowering curs, always expecting the whip to cut into us at any moment.

A masculine sense of virtue would return, affecting both sexes, and relations between men and women would become more forthright and honest. Not only would men straighten out their own behavior, but women would come to appreciate the concept of honor once again. Husbands could have some confidence that their wives were not debauched, and men would have a greater respect for the concept of marriage.

Freedom of association could be returned, and men could feel free to enjoy time with each other without fear of government intrusion forcing women with questionable motives into their midst. Men would no longer be jailed or dispossessed without due process, nor would their children be seized from them.

Fear of women in the workplace would dissipate, and PC authoritarianism on campus would fade away, freeing up far more opportunities for men who would otherwise have been pushed aside to make way for politicized, resentful women.

Billions of dollars could be saved by liquidating institutions of oppression that thrive off of unconstitutional family law. Taxes could be lowered even as the huge expense of divorce would be reduced dramatically, freeing up more money to drive economic growth rather than be squandered in unproductive, parasitic family law and social services. Those who lose their jobs because of this could retrain and find something else to do, as millions of men have done since the destruction of America's manufacturing base.

There are so many benefits that would come from dismantling feminism that it would take volumes to list them all, so I'd like to see our readers add a few of their own to the list in comments.

It really is important that we remind ourselves that we're not simply struggling against something awful, but trying to bring about a better world. This doesn't need to be a zero-sum game — we could actually have a society where freedom and decency take precedence over the trends and fads that now drive politics and law.

It may sound like a dream for now, but some dreams can be willed into existence.

Deconstructing Popular Music: Fall Out Boy's G.I.N.A.S.F.S.; A Lament for Patriarchy

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So, like most people I know, I am a fan of music. Moreover, I enjoy analyzing music and figuring out what sorts of messages listeners decode, and what sorts of messages the musicians intended on encoding. I'm not so good at the instrumental theory part, but I love picking apart lyrics for meanings. If this sounds like a waste of time to you, then depart now. This post is meant purely as an enjoyable intellectual exercise for myself and for any like-minded readers. If the readers like this sort of thing, I could make it a sort of regular feature. Mind you, I don't often listen to "popular" music, but I think pop music can reflect a lot of cultural values (see my previous post on Jack and Diane, for instance).

That being said, I know the intent behind the song in question. G.I.N.A.S.F.S. (the video isn't perfect, I just pulled one quickly) is, apparently, an acronym which stands for "Gay Is Not A Synonym For Shitty," and the song is generally interpreted as a sort of homosexual love ballad. This was probably the intention the band had for the song. I am not rejecting this interpretation or saying it is wrong or anything of the sort (complaints about political correctness aside).

However, I think it's possible to interpret the lyrics with a different bent – note that I am acknowledging that the artist probably had no intention whatsoever of the lyrics being interpreted this way, but that's half the fun of deconstructing music. My theory is thus: the song can be interpreted as a sort of lament from women to men, a longing for a return to patriarchy in light of the ills of feminism. This will be fleshed out, but keep in mind the fact that most women are not "feminists" in the sense that they are die-hard believers – they mostly believe since everybody else believes and they experience a lot of cognitive dissonance about it.

Let's take a look at the first verse:

> I loved everything about you that hurts
> So let me see your moves
> Let me see your moves
> Lips pressed close to mine
> True Blue

First, it is relavent to note that the opening line is apparently a quote (first one) from the movie Closer. I've never seen the movie. Facts aside and back to my "for fun" interpretation:

Here, we can see the beginnings of Woman's (read as: the average woman) lament. She loved everything about men – even the parts that hurt, or were hard to swallow (standard male emotional masks, over aggressive tendencies, insensitivites, you get the idea). These things that hurt caused her to pursue alternate modes of fulfillment – specifically, male modes ("so let me see your moves, let me see your moves"). Because she wasn't satisfied in her womanly role, she was easily lured into pursuing traditionally male modes of fulfillment (careers, etc).

For the sake of my theory, let's say that the bottom lines represent Woman's struggle to fully adapt to a man's world – "True Blue" can be interpreted as a symbol for Woman's desire for a traditional relationship/traditional man, and "lips pressed close to mine" indicates that, at some point in the past,

she had such a relationship.

It is interesting to note that in one of the communication courses I've taken, "blue" is described as having the following characteristics (keep this in mind for later):

> Blue represents people who prefer a calm life – neat and orderly, with peace and tranquility. They are introverts, often deliberate and introspective but not too intellectual. Blue people are steady, diligent, hard working, and with the persistence to become successful and make a lot of money. They are admired and respected for their sensitivity to others and their secure hold on their emotions. Blues know how to concentrate and how to accept responsibilities and obligations.

I know what you're thinking – ultimate Beta? Still, as we all know, Betas had a much better go at life (to include a lot more respect) under patriarchy. This fits with Woman's desire for a True Blue – for a very strong Beta that could provide for her, if only things weren't so different now.

Next verse:

> But the prince of any failing empire knows that
> Everybody wants, everybody wants
> To drive on through the night
> If it's a drive back home

Now, this is a great verse that lends itself strongly to my theory. Here, Woman is chastising Man ("the prince") for his failure to keep the empire together. She's saying, don't you know that everyone really does love the empire, and you can't let a few naysayers tear it apart? What everyone truly wants, she's saying, is for you to stay the course and take us through "the night" (the night almost always seems to represent trouble or danger of some kind in any sort of literary analysis – in this case, it represents the early threat of feminism to more traditional ways of living). Specifically, everyone wants this to drive on through the night, especially if it's a drive back home – home of course, in this context, meaning back to more traditional modes of living and organizing society. Woman is angry with Man for this failure. It's a sort of sly dig – since "the prince of any failing empire knows," what is really being said is that all princes in all failing empires should know that, despite loud complaints, what Women want is strong leadership and solid commitment to going back "home," home here being a symbol for (lack of better terms) patriarchy.

Now, the chorus:

> Things aren't the same anymore
> Some nights, they get so bad
> You almost pick up the phone
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> Trade baby blues for wide eyed browns
> I sleep with your old shirts
> And walk through this house in your shoes
> I know it's strange
> It's a strange way of saying
> That I know I'm supposed to love you
> I'm supposed to love you

There's a lot going on here. Clearly, things aren't the same anymore – society, if we can call it that,

now barely represents what it once was. Woman is encouraged to pursue a career and basically live like men used to in order to find fulfillment. Giving into natural impulses over rational ones (hypergamy and polygamy versus monogamy) and pursuing hedonism (under the guise of consumerism) rule the times, rather than the values civilization used to be known for (in living memory!). Woman is simply trying to do what society has told her to do, buying into the language ideology (imposed by public education, the news media, the entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system) which tells her that the key to happiness and fulfillment is career first, family later. Some nights, however, it gets so bad (the cognitive dissonance becomes so great) that she almost picks up the phone (note the literary use of the universal you, a technique I often employ in my own writing – using "you" even when I mean "I"), presumably to call True Blue back – you know, opting for traditional ways over contemporary ones.

To cope, she's traded True Blue in for wide-eyed (read: innocent, credulous, even childlike and simple) Browns. Remember how I described Blue, above? Here's Brown from the same sheet:

> Brown[s are] steady in their ways, persistent and tenacious, rational, and sensible. Brown people tend to indulge themselves; they have an ageless quality and never seem to change. They are able to think things through and assume responsibilities. They never seem to make promised that they do not intend to carry out, and they are conscientious in all they undertake.

To me, this sounds like a toned-down beta. Just as feminism has impacted women negatively and sullied them overall, so too has feminism toned down traditional male values and had a negative impact on men overall. Rather than Blue's ability to "know how to concentrate and accept responsibilities and obligations," we have Brown's reduced but similar capacity to "think things through and assume responsibilities." Blues are "steady, diligent, hard working and…[can] become successful and make a lot of money" whereas Browns are merely "steady in their ways" with no hint as to being successful. If Woman becomes tired of pursuing endless hypergamous fantasies (which she may not be able to do successfully, especially as an "average" woman – alphas will only bed the best), Brown is the best she can hope to settle for.

The last few lines are the ones that initially tuned me into this song, specifically the part about "I know it's strange…it's a strange way of saying I know I'm supposed to love you." Here, Woman is saying that she's dressing up like men (see also: women in business suits, women in uniform), which she knows is strange. The best she has to offer is that perhaps this is a strange way of saying she loves men, after all – despite the misandry that society pushes on her and, at times, can brainwash her into promoting. How's the old saying go – imitation is the highest form of flattery? Furthermore, it seems to make sense that women would attempt to play out these roles, if they have a deep yearning for them, absent a culture where men play them out.

Next verse:

> I've already given up on myself twice
> Third time is the charm, third time is the charm
> Threw caution to the wind
> But I've got a lousy arm

This is pretty straightforward. We can interpret her "giving up on herself" to mean that she's already tried to toss aside feminism and its model for her success twice before. After all, if she is the average

woman, she is prone to think that the messages society broadcasts to her are to be trusted and best represent "reality." Perhaps she's been married twice before, or she's "fallen in love" twice before. "Third time is the charm" means that she's found another man to love/marry. The part about having a lousy arm fits too, since we know women on average have half the upper body strength of men.

> And I've traced your shadows on the wall
> Now I kiss them whenever I'm down
> Whenever I'm down
> Figured on not figuring myself out

More lament for the loss of Man in Woman's life. The last line is the most important. She is cognizant enough to realize that she doesn't know herself very well (more evidence of cognitive dissonance) but perhaps isn't cognizant enough to know why she has a hard time figuring herself out (protip: it's due to the constant bombardment of the enforcers of language ideology – public education, news media, entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system!).

The chorus repeats and we move into the refrain:

> Born under a bad sign but you saved my life
> That night on the roof of your hotel
> "Cross my heart and hope to die
> Splintered from the headboard in my eye"
> Photo-proofed kisses I remembered so well

I suppose this is a sort of happy ending to the tale. Woman was born under a bad sign (feminism) but luckily she was able to find a Man to save her life – presumably, show her how feminism has poisoned her and many others, and show her the path to happiness. The rest of the lyrics here probably reference something very personal to the band or what have you and aren't easily interpreted for my purposes, so I kind of just ignore them. Feel free to help me out, though!

The song kicks into the chorus one more time before closing. So, major points – women like patriarchy, too (even if they aren't cognizant of it), and can be upset with men for failing to enforce it (as, after all, women can't rightly be expected to impose anything by their very natures).

Let's not forget that patriarchy works, and when patriarchy fails, so too does civilization.

Who knew you could learn such important and far-reaching social truths from a seemingly simple Fall Out Boy song?

On Women as "Chattel"

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A pal of mine poked a little fun at me the other night on the phone.

"So, do you still believe women should be *chattel*?"

He's an independent-minded ally, and he likes to bust my balls when I shift into angry man mode.

The thing is that I've never said that I believe women should be treated like "chattel."

That's a feminist meme, characteristically distorted and hysterical, so I thought it might be worth addressing here on *The Spearhead*. I don't think most of our readers or writers truly want to see women treated like "chattel." But for attacking feminism, or suggesting that civilization works better when men and women take different roles, many have no doubt been accused of attempting to subjugate women and been likened to wannabe whip-cracking slave masters.

In some alternate feminist reality–in a galaxy far, far away from our own–men are as base and villainous as Jabba the Hut, and feminists are cold-but-comely princess Leias, heroically strangling him with the chains of patriarchy.

Yet, years after her triumph, Leia still can't stop bitching about her moment in the sun as a sex object. Her subjugation turned out to be her defining role. Without the gold bikini, she's no hero–just another cranky, boozy old broad.

The problem with the whole enslaved women song and dance is that women have rarely been enslaved in the Western World. The harem is a foreign idea, a playboy fantasy. Even Hugh Hefner's women come and go of their own free will.

Western men have been, for the most part, fairly monogamous.

Sure, women have been barred from participating in business or politics. But they were also forbidden to do the most dangerous jobs; men were the ones literally *dying* for work. And women weren't exactly kept in shackles in the basement. They had keystone roles as wives and mothers. While it is true that some men have been cruel and abused their wives for sport, I have a hard time believing that has historically been the norm in Western households. It was certainly not the *ideal*. There's too much literature to suggest otherwise.

Women were not treated like men, but that does not mean they were *slaves*. To say they were is a lie in almost every case.

First Wave Feminism was not about releasing women from bondage, it was about gaining political power. And Second Wave feminists were hardly "slaves." Second Wave feminists were primarily educated, middle class white and Jewish women who thought the role of being a good mother in a luxurious, suburban home sounded terribly boring.

So feminists piggy-backed onto the civil rights movement, and borrowed a lot of rhetoric from African-Americans–who could, however, legitimately make the claim that their people were "chattel" in recent Western history.

My job takes me into the homes of a lot of older couples. The other day, I came across a charming man and woman–probably both in their seventies. They were around to see the rise of Second Wave feminism, but it didn't seem to have poisoned their relationship. They were of the old school, like

both sets of my grandparents, who loyally took care of each other until the ends of their lives.

The older fellow bragged to me about how he used to be able to lift things like I could. His wife came in, and together, they both discussed the best possible place to put the product I was installing. They clearly had different roles, but they also seemed to be very much in love, and treated each other with deferential respect. His wife was a woman, not his slave. Not *chattel*.

This often–though not always–seems to be the case with couples of that age. Polite, respectful, dignified, *civilized*. These people are fugitives from a better time.

In those moments, I wonder how men and women of my "liberated," entitled, latte-guzzling generation will behave when they get to be that age. Will the women even have husbands? Will the men have wives? Will they complement and take care of each other, or will they just bitch at each other as "equals" engaged in a constant struggle for power?

Organized Labor Has Become an Arm of Female Supremacism

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Recently, I wrote on my blog about about an article from Reason Magazine (found via our own EW's blog) that said that the primary class war is now between public sector employees and private sector employees. The article explains how government jobs are now better paid, have better benefits, have platinum plated pensions, and in some cases are even effectively exempt from some laws such as various traffic laws. I made the observation that this meant the primary class war was now between men and women because public sector employment is now mostly female. Public sector employment is now a vehicle for promoting female supremacism.

This also means that organized labor has also become a vehicle for promoting female supremacism. It used to be that organized labor was made up of men working in the private sector. In fact, unionization of government employees at the federal level wasn't even allowed until 1962. Over time, private sector unionization has gone down while public sector unionization has gone up. For the first last year, a majority of unionized workers have jobs in the public sector (making up 52% of unionized workers) instead of the private sector. As a result, unions have become more and more about political activism for raising taxes and increasing unsustainable government spending. There are many examples of this. In Arizona, the Arizona Education Association (the teachers' union in Arizona) successfully lobbied against repeal of a $250 million a year statewide property tax and identified another $2.1 billion in tax increases to forestall spending reductions. In California, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) spent $1 million on a television ad campaign pressing for higher oil, gas, and liquor taxes. In Maine, the Maine Municipal Association, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the Teamsters, and the Maine Education Association collectively spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to campaign against a ballot initiative in November 2009 that would prevent government spending from growing faster than the combined rate of inflation and population growth and require the government to return excess revenues as tax rebates. In Oregon last week, there were two ballot initiatives to raise personal and business taxes that passed. Ninety percent of the advertising promoting a yes vote was provided by public employee unions who also made sure that the money that will be collected from the tax increases will go into benefits for public sector employees.

Knowing that the public sector workforce is predominately female, this means that all of these tax increases with increased spending on public sector employees are effectively acting as a transfer of wealth from men to women. It's no surprise that state branches of the National Education Association (the teachers' union) come up again and again when it comes to increasing taxes to spend on government employees as the teaching profession and by extension the membership of the NEA is predominately female. These are the reasons why organized labor has become another arm of female supermacism.

Female Terrorist Kills Dozens in Baghdad

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Given the recent buzz about MEK, here is a very relevant incident that just occurred in Baghdad:

According to the AP, a woman detonated an explosive belt amongst Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad, killing at least 41 and wounding over 100.

MEK (AKA MKO) has recently been threatening the Iraqi government and others over their proposed expulsion from the country, and the group has hundreds of fanatically loyal women who would carry out acts like this.

It wouldn't surprise me in the least if the feminist group were behind this act of mass murder, which a hallmark of MEK activism.

It's time to take feminism a lot more seriously; in fact, like Al Qaeda, feminist demands are deadly serious. There is even speculation that MEK is planning to set up a base in Pakistan to carry out attacks against Iran and Afghanistan.

The US state department and military should be very careful about dealing with these people, as any support we give them will only reflect very poorly on us.

Feminist Terrorism: Not a Joke

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Few Americans have heard of the Mojahedin-e-Khalq (MEK), a violent cult that was allied with Saddam Hussein, has killed American citizens and has conducted numerous terrorist attacks in the Middle East. Even fewer know anything about its leader, Maryam Rajavi, the Marxist, feminist fanatic who heads up the group and its largely female militant wing.

Also known as the PMOI (People's Mujahedin Of Iran) and the NCRI (National Council of Resistance of Iran), MEK started as an anti-American Marxist group opposed to the Shah of Iran back in the 1970s. Following the Islamic Revolution, the Communist-oriented MEK and the Islamic government of Iran naturally had a falling out, which erupted into armed conflict after MEK killed some 70 of Iran's new leaders in a bomb attack and assassinated various others. Despite the fact that MEK supported the revolution – including the 1979 seizure of the US Embassy – it couldn't see eye to eye with Islamic revolutionaries, and soon found itself in exile.

After a brief stint in France, the Iran Iraq War presented MEK with an opportunity, as Saddam Hussein invited the group to assist him in his war against Iran. Soon, MEK was established in Iraq, and began to receive substantial support from Saddam Hussein, including tanks, heavy weaponry, funding and a role in internal security. This move quickly alienated the majority of Iranian supporters, and the group became increasingly cult-like and fanatical. MEK and Saddam collaborated in cross-border raids, intelligence gathering and terrorist attacks on Iran, which continued well into the last decade. It is alleged that MEK participated in the suppression of Kurdish and Shiite resistance to Saddam Hussein following the first Gulf War.

Tank Woman

Maryam Rajavi, the public face and "President Elect" of MEK, succeeded her husband Masoud Rajavi in 1993, and currently resides in France. Mr. Rajavi has not been seen since the 2003 American invasion of Iraq, and it is not clear whether he is still alive. Over the last decade, Mrs. Rajavi has emerged as the undisputed leader of the group, and has had considerable success gaining support from various American organizations, including the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Although one might expect organizations such as the Feminist Majority Foundation to support some unsavory characters, it is a bit more serious than usual in this case. That's because MEK is officially designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the State Department, and supporting these organizations is a federal crime. Legally speaking, this would be equivalent to Fathers and Families writing checks to Osama bin Laden, and we all know what would happen if that were the case…

So what is it that draws American feminist organizations to support a foreign terrorist organization with American blood on its hands? Evidently, feminism trumps all. According to Maryam Rajavi's NCRI website, she believes in "complete gender equality in social, political, cultural and economic arenas." However, her real intent might be better gleaned from her Wikipedia entry:

> As President-Elect, Rajavi has continued to place women in nearly all of the leadership roles within her resistance movement…

Also revealing is a comment on Daniel Pipes' website:

> The MEK is a radical feminist organisation. Their leader believes that women should occupy all the leadership postitions in the resistance. This is refelcted in the current make-up of the organisation. The entire leadership council of the MEK as well as the NLO is comprised entirely of women. The President-elect of the organisation is a women Mrs Rajavi. Even though only 30% of the military resistance are women, women hold over two-thirds of the commander postions and command many all-male units. So the MEK seek to replace a male-dominated society in Iran, with one that actively discrimiantes against men. So rather than being progressive and for equal human-rights the MEK is as discrimiantory as any regime in the middle-east, if not worse because it currently masquerades as being democratic and fair. In reality the orgainsation discriminates against men.

Mrs. Rajavi must be greatly admired by American feminists. If you want to know what a feminist "utopia" would be like, this chilling article in the NY Times Magazine written by Elizabeth Rubin about MEK is probably right on the money.

Here's an excerpt:

> [R]ecently, I went to visit Camp Ashraf, the main Mujahedeen base, which lies some 65 miles north of Baghdad in Diala province, near the Iranian border. Ashraf is 14 square miles of ungenerous desert surrounded by aprons of barbed wire, gun towers and guards in trough-like bunkers, shaded by camouflage netting and dehydrated palm trees, their trunks thickened by dust. As you pass the checkpoints and dragons'-teeth tire crunchers into the tidy military town, you feel you've entered a fictional world of female worker bees. Of course, there are men around; about 50 percent of the soldiers are male. But everywhere I turned, I saw women dressed in khaki uniforms and mud-colored head scarves, driving back and forth along the avenues in white pickups or army-green trucks, staring ahead, slightly dazed, or walking purposefully, a slight march to their gaits as at a factory in Maoist China.

Camp Ashraf was recently dismantled by Iraqi security forces, who discovered a mysterious mass grave with Kuwaiti remains under the group's headquarters, shortly after the post-election protests in Tehran last June. Iran blamed much of the dissent and violence that accompanied the protests on MEK and British intelligence provocation, and Iran's Shiite allies in Iraq may have decided to take down MEK's main base as a favor to Iran. Unfortunately, this suggests to me that many of these people will end up as refugees in the West, where they will inevitably be sucked into MEK units operating in Europe and North America.

Although Justin Raimondo broke the story linking the Feminist Majority Foundation to MEK, there are other strong indications of cooperation between MEK operatives and American feminists.

The National Committee of Women for a Democratic Iran, a front group for MEK (compare the crest on the NCWDI's website with the one on NCRI's) that was active in the US around the time of the 911 attacks, sponsored a rally by the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) along with the Feminist Majority Foundation. RAWA, for its part, supports resistance against American forces in Afghanistan.

Now I'm going to go out on a fairly stout limb here and guess that RAWA is associated with – if not completely run by – MEK. Why? Well, for one thing, the National Committee for a Democratic Iran, the aforementioned MEK front group, has RAWA as one of its most prominent links, and it also co-

sponsored RAWA's DC rally. Additionally, RAWA features four different languages on its pages, and none that I can tell are Pashto, but Farsi is quite prominently featured. Farsi is what people speak in Iran, not Afghanistan (except perhaps in some northern enclaves).

Following is a RAWA url to what I believe to be a Farsi article titled "Ensler:"

http://pz.rawa.org/68/68ensler.htm

Yes, THE Eve Ensler of the Vagina Monologues. She is a big supporter of RAWA:

> But some feminists remain unconcerned. In a Salon.com interview, Eve Ensler, author of The Vagina Monologues, dismissed RAWA's alleged connection to Maoist groups. "I may not be the most thorough investigator," she admitted. Yet Ensler declared later in the same piece, "I've become RAWA's greatest defender."

I would really appreciate it if someone could translate the Ensler article, or at least the relevant parts. It is clear that Ensler supports a group that advocates fighting coalition forces in Afghanistan, but the extent of the support is not altogether clear. Perhaps this article would shed some light on the subject.

Obviously, it is a murky world out there in Middle Eastern politics, and Marxist/feminist politics in particular must necessarily be pretty shady in those parts. But as they say, it takes one to know one, and apparently American feminists can sniff out their sister-comrades and will extend support to them, federal law be damned!

What I find most illuminating about the collaboration between feminists in matters of power and war is that they clearly have little idea how to do things right. For example, what sense does undermining US power in Afghanistan make when America represents the pinnacle of feminist power in all of history? This simply shows that feminism is about nothing but "deconstruction," and even when they have the world handed to them on a silver platter they can't figure out what to do besides tear things down. This is why feminism will ultimately fail. It is simply end-stage indulgence, and men are starting to catch on.

Sadlly, over a dozen American soldiers died providing transportation to the MEK while they remained under our protection at camp Ashraf — and this after they opened fire on our forces when we came to establish control over the area, wounding at least one. As Raimondo and Rubin both suggested in their articles, a number of US government officials have suggested using MEK against Iran, but I think they are vastly overestimating the effectiveness of the group. It is possible that MEK was in part responsible for the vehemence of the post-election protests in Tehran (PMOI was working overtime putting out calls to action around that time), but if so they failed to achieve their objective, and intelligence agencies around the world have likely wised up to the tactics employed by feminists in stirring up trouble. In all likelihood, MEK's days as a formidable terrorist organization are over, probably because most of the male fighters are already dead, and they will not have an easy job finding new ones given MEK ideology and abusive treatment of male recruits.

However, the group still poses a threat. Most seriously, the threat is within the West if a similar group is established on our soil, because our feminist laws will allow them to organize and menace men with impunity. Just as Saddam made use of women with tanks and heavy weapons to terrorize his own people, it is not inconceivable that feminist militias in the US or Europe could be used to intimidate citizens who are legally prohibited from defending themselves.

In conclusion, I would say that America's association with an unnatural, oppressive cult such as MEK dishonors our nation and people. No matter what argument we may have with the nation of

Iran, there is nothing to be gained in the long run from associating with a group that is not only an ideological failure, but a murderous, exploitative cancer in the already fragile political melange of the Middle East.

For more background information the Rand Corporation has compiled a report on MEK. Download the pdf here.

Supplicator-in-Chief

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President Obama has proposed a federal spending freeze to curtail runaway discretionary budget spending…for the most part. It is telling that Obama is also proposingthat one specific area of the budget will be exempt from the freeze: programs that benefit women. President Obama has singled out 15 such programs (9 of which are specifically gynocentric) for budgetary thawing in a document titled "Opportunity and Progress for Women and Girls".

Said White House spokesman Kate Bedingfield:

> "We're looking at a lot of significant funding increases for women's programs in a year when the president has ordered a three-year, non-security, discretionary spending freeze."

If a sitting President pulled this stunt in favor of men's programs (not that such a thing exists), he'd be railed out of office. But this is the major difference: if such a thing happened, there would be plenty of feminist-minded men who would speak out against such action. I'll go out on a limb and say that few women this side of Michelle Malkin will utter one word in opposition to this deck-stacking.

If you're in the market for blatant examples of misandry and leftist gender politicism, stop looking. The Supplicator in Chief exposed his true colors by bowing to foreign dignitaries; now he's making an across the board exception for his most ardent supporters: women. This is what socialism looks like. This is what tyranny looks like. This is Pedestalism.

Women-Only Food Lines in Haiti

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Enforced by American soldiers, women-only food lines have been opened in Haiti. CNN reports that this is causing aid distribution to be more peaceful than it was previously. However, the women-only food lines are part of a new policy where only people with coupons and who wait in line can get food, so it is unclear whether the order is the result of women, armed peacekeepers, or the coupon system.

At the end of the video. young Haitian men express their displeasure. Certainly, this policy does not appear to be contributing to harmony between the genders in Haiti, but in the face of armed soldiers enforcing it, there is little the men can do at this point but go hungry.

Book of Zed

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Some readers may be aware of the existence of The Book of Zed, which is a compilation of Zed's posts on various forums over the years. It was put together by Rogue Wolf, a contributor on one of these forums, and contains hundreds of pages of Zed's writing on various topics of interest to men.

It's really quite profound as well as a great read, and since Zed sent it to me some time ago I've been trying to figure out what to do with it. Finally, I came up with an idea for disseminating the book as widely as possible while also gaining new subscribers for The Spearhead.

What I am going to do is offer a free copy of the book to anyone who signs up for The Spearhead's email list. The email list will send a weekly digest of posts as well as offer access to any special publications or material The Spearhead puts out.

I am putting the list together right now, and it should be ready to join very shortly, so keep an eye out and you will soon be able to download a copy of The Book of Zed. Those who are already subscribing to The Spearhead's RSS email can still sign up for the new email list for a copy of the book.

Getting The Book of Zed

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I set up a form to subscribe to the new email list, which, upon confirmation, leads to a link from which to download the Book of Zed.

I'm having the sign up form pop up as a lightbox for now so people don't miss it, so for our RSS readers, if you go directly to The Spearhead the option to sign in to get the Book of Zed will appear shortly after you visit the site. Once you've closed the lightbox it should recognize your browser and not appear again.

If you miss the form or want to sign up directly from RSS, you should be able to sign up here.

New Heights of Misandry for Eve Ensler

February 2, 2010 | by Novaseeker | Link | Original Link

Eve Ensler, the notorious author of The Vagina Monologues, an anti-male screed glorifying female sexuality which is routinely shoved down the throats of undergraduates on college campuses throughout the United States, is out of her cage again, plugging her upcoming book and, of course, pathologizing masculinity in the process.

CNN predictably has given Ensler a platform to disseminate her caricatures and hatred of the masculine, together with a video spot. Some of the highlights:

> The future is "girl." Imagine girl is a cell that each of us — boys and girls — are born with. Imagine this girl cell is central to the evolution of our species and an assurance of the continuation of the human race.
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> Now imagine that a few powerful people, invested in owning this world, understood that the oppression of this cell was key to retaining their power, so they reinterpreted this cell, undermining its value and making us believe that it is weak. They initiated a process to crush, eradicate, annihilate, humiliate, belittle, censor, reduce and kill off the girl cell.
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> This was called patriarchy.
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> Imagine girl is a chip in the huge microcosm of our collective consciousness, which is essential to the balance, wisdom and future of humanity.
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> Imagine that girl is the part of each of us that feels compassion, empathy, passion, intensity, association, relationship, emotion, play, resistance, vulnerability, intuitive intelligence, vision.
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> Imagine that compassion informs wisdom. That vulnerability is our greatest strength. That emotions have inherent logic and lead to radical saving action.
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> I have been with boys as well, watched as they have been ridiculed, censored and abused for their tenderness, their doubts, their grief, their need for comfort and protection. I have seen how the tyranny of masculinity has forced boys and then men to cut off their hearts and cast them into a brutal, lonely state of disassociation and isolation.
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> The state of girl, the condition of girl — in the world and in us — will determine if this species survives.
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> I believe unleashing the intensity of girl, the outrage of girl, the passion of girl, is the only way to chip away the thick sludge of denial, oppression and indifference that has led to our insane acceptance of a world spinning us toward our end.
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> What I have witnessed across this planet is the wild natural resiliency, fierceness, grace and nobility of girl.

And so on. Essentially, Ensler is calling for a complete feminization of the culture — including of men and boys, of course — to be redone according to so-called "girl" values, which seem to be comprised of nothing more than tired stereotypes one would have hoped to have died off with the lambasting that Christina Hoff Sommers gave the shoddy work of Carol Gilligan. Yes, Ensler is a

lunatic, but she's a lunatic with a platform and bully pulpit all the same. The ideas that she has are shared by many other "gender feminists" (a polite term for feminists who believe in the superiority of all things female, as Ensler clearly does). As an aside, it's quite telling that when men express such views about our own sex, we are referred to as sexists, while women who express such views are referred to as feminists — confirming rather transparently the reality that gender feminism is simply a militant female sexist movement aimed at destroying the masculine in our culture, full stop.

The point isn't that Ensler herself is a threat — she isn't. The point, however, is that many of our elites share her views, even if they would not express them as extravagantly as she would. Bill Pollack at Harvard has similar views, although he expresses them more mildly and therefore has done a tremendously higher amount of damage to the young boys he advises parents about in his books. One must always remember that for every strident loudmouth like Ensler, there are hundreds if not thousands of elites who are the soldiers in the feminist army — people who basically agree with Ensler, but express themselves differently about the same things.

It's not good that mainstream websites are openly publishing female supremacist tracts, but it's a sign of the times. Either Fifth Horseman is right and this is a sign that we are in a bubble which will collapse relatively soon, or it's the harbinger of even darker days ahead for Y chromosome bearers in the decades to come.

All or Nothing: The Twofold Path of Male Liberation

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Recently, it has dawned on me that the rut men are stuck in has a lot to do with false hope. False hope about what? Well, sex. Feminism supposedly liberated men from the confines and drudgery of marriage, and in the beginning many men eagerly anticipated a world in which they would no longer be frustrated by their inability to sleep with the attractive women they saw all around them. If only those women were liberated, they thought, sex would be easy to come by. Of course, this turned out to be a huge disappointment. F. Roger Devlin has explained in detail why this is the case: women's sexual liberation only benefited the most attractive men in terms of wealth and looks because it turned women's hypergamous instincts loose on our society.

The problem is that this has not done anything to quench natural male desire, so most men continue to soldier on in the face of failure, doing whatever they can to land a woman for a night of release, or possibly a relationship. Most men are stuck in a constant state of frustration that is at least as bad as it was during the old days of social shaming, and at the same time they get virtually none of the old benefits that used to come from having a wife.

Although men are not happy with the current state of relations between men and women, they still hold onto the fantasy that they are – or at least have a chance to be – more sexually fulfilled than they would in a more traditional society. It is essentially a gambler's mentality, with men thinking that if they at least have a chance, someday they'll hit it big. Most never will, and as more and more single men age out of the prime dating market they will discover that they wasted a good portion of their lives alone and frustrated. Some, like Sodini, may even become suicidal or homicidal as a result.

In fact, this is where feminism and women really have men by the balls, so to speak. I also suspect that this is why traditional morality and abstinence are hated with a passion by feminists. It is this constant state of deprivation combined with just-out-of-reach titillation that gives women such absolute power over men. Imagine a country where the government enforces scarcity for the majority of people, yet constantly shows examples of how being a patient and obedient little citizen could pay off with fabulous riches at any time. For most people it's a cruel lie, but it fosters false hope for the majority and thereby keeps them in line. That's what's happening to men: many of us are eagerly anticipating a pussy payoff even as women smirk and walk all over us in every other realm of life.

There are two ways to break out of this rut, and unfortunately neither comes all that naturally to most men. First, there is Game, which can make it so easy to get laid for those with talent that women cannot manipulate them with sex. Secondly, there is a spiritual commitment to extramarital abstinence, which similarly robs women of power over its practitioners. I think both are equally effective on the individual level, but due to hypergamy only the latter would likely be effective as a society-wide approach. Interestingly, I think even attaining a certain level of Game has a spiritual aspect as well, because one might transcend certain temporal appetites simply through overexposure.

Neither Game nor commitment to sexual morality can ever be absolutely implemented, but both could become a lot more widespread than they currently are in our netherworld of male deprivation and false hope. And, strangely, I think they can exist together and have a cumulative effect, because at their core both share one belief in common: women's sexuality is overvalued. Those who practice Game may seem to be sex fiends who live only to get laid, but fundamentally Game is a technique

that lowers the cost of obtaining sex — these guys don't think it's worth blowing hard earned money or going through humiliating ordeals to get laid, and they're acting on that principle. Those who believe in sexual morality think that women's sexuality is of lesser value than obedience to God and their faith.

Both paths are different, but they end up in the same place: with the realization that getting laid just ain't worth all that.

Feminism Losing its Luster

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As NOW takes shots at collegiate football hero Tim Tebow over his pro-life stance, prominent women are starting to distance themselves from the organization. Washington Post sports columnist Sally Jenkins has written a column excoriating the notorious women's organization, going so far as to call it "intolerant."

Tim Tebow is everything feminism hates: he is a believing, pro-life Christian who has even had the nerve to remain celibate pending marriage. Feminists, despite their incessant use of shaming language and denigration of male sexuality, seem to hate nothing more than people who promote sexual abstinence outside of marriage, perhaps because they know that this strips them of a great deal of power over men.

Of course, they also despise the idea that there is anything morally wrong with killing one's children in the womb if they get in the way of such important things as a master's degree in women's studies or a career in journalism.

Sally Jenkins, and probably millions of other women across America, are starting to face the uncomfortable fact that their own advocates have turned out to be amongst the most hateful people on earth; people who have not only openly spoken about exterminating half the human race, but who have in practice fostered a cult of selfishness and death.

Grandmothers for Abortion

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The obvious question here is what does abortion matter to these menopausal crones? Also, if they'd aborted all their children, could they call themselves "grandmothers?"

Whatever the case, this is what feminism is increasingly starting to look like: old, decrepit and vulgar.

Duds Versus Studs

February 4, 2010 | by Chuck Ross | Link | Original Link

I'm tired of women who get mad at certain men for staring at their assets, inquiring about their status, or hitting on them. Women display those assets for a reason. They want attention from a high bidder. It isn't men's fault that each one of us isn't the Sully Sulzenberger of TNA in that we don't know when to gas it and when to ease up to land a Dime.

In other words, women have to take the good with the bad. The creeps with the desirable alphas. The "No thanks" with the "Yes, Pleases". Yin, Yang, and the shit in between. Women, if you want to wear a low-cut shirt with your tits hanging out one end and your ass hanging out the other you're going to get a mixture of welcome and unwelcome advances. It's economics; pay attention.

In the marketplace this female behavior would be similar to if a person were trying to sell their car in a parking lot *with no price tag*. Usually people sell their car with a price on a sign displayed on the windshield, but this isn't what women are doing. They're essentially putting a car in a parking lot with no price tag just *asking* for bids. If they were in the business of selling cars instead of boobies and pussy they'd accept or reject offers with a word. When it comes to those assets on their person – when we switch from cars to personal companionship, heavy petting, and sexual relations – those offers are met with a less economically rational reaction.

The next question becomes, when is a woman "on display" and "on sale"? This is a floating definition which needs some attention.

When I was younger I parked my car in my parents' driveway. One day, a couple of Mexican guys knocked on the door and asked if my car was for sale. My dad, being macho as he is, responded in haste and said that if the car were for sale it would say "For Sale".

Men today have a similar conundrum to the Mexican car-buyers: every car is potentially for sale; the price is negotiable. The problem is we don't know when which cars are for sale. In Western society we have conventional methods for which to display our marketable cars. But in the conventional market for mates and dates there is no such rational mechanism. Women determine when they are "for sale" based upon the customer approaching them; if the man isn't up to snuff the woman is off the market – the man's advances are misplaced, offensive, and considered outright harrassment. If the man is of high quality his advances are timely; the woman is willing to "work out a deal". In a rational market the price is negotiable; the binary decision between "for sale" and "not for sale" is not. But, of course, that's based on the assumption that we're dealing with rational agents…

> Chuck Ross is no Sully Sulzenberger. He usually gasses it too much; occasionally he calls it short and lands in the Hudson although he got it right once. Either way, he blogs daily at Gucci Little Piggy.

The Grievance Table

February 4, 2010 | by Jack Donovan | Link | Original Link

Many Spearhead readers consider themselves "Men's Rights Activists," or "MRAs."

I agree that men and manliness are often mocked by smug misandrists and sex traitors in the media. I sympathize with fathers and divorced men who have been screwed over by family courts and our current legal system, which favors women. Women have established massive organizations—many of which are wholly or partially taxpayer funded—to serve their own interests at the expense of the interests of men. Many balk at the idea that men even *have* any legitimate interests of their own. But men are not women, and they do have different interests, and because their interests are not being addressed, Western men are collectively faltering. Which, is, for reasons I'll note below, the entire point of feminism and the wider "civil rights movement."

The powers that be have finally learned to leverage the noblest instincts of men against them. Men are told to deal with it, to handle it. *No whining*. Just take it, to prove that you can. To prove that you're better, that you're stronger. *Shoulder it*.

I cannot call myself a "Men's Rights Activist."

The sticking point for me is the whole "rights" thing.

The notion of "unalienable rights" is an Enlightenment-era rhetorical flourish that has been abused to the point of absurdity. The idea that men or women have "natural rights" is a myth, handily debunked by L.A. Rollins, among others.

> "The metaphorical nature of natural rights is obvious in many statements by natural rights mythologizers. Consider a few examples. According to Ronald Dworkin, "Individual rights are political trumps held by individuals." But will Dworkin's individual rights *literally* trump the guns held by a bunch of cops enforcing an "unjust" law? Can shrimps whistle? John Hospers writes, "And so I put up a 'no trespassing' sign, which marks off the area of my right. Each individual's right is his 'no trespassing' sign in relation to me and others." Of course, unlike a real, literal "no trespassing" sign, natural rights are invisible. But what use is an invisible "no trespassing" sign? Another natural rights mythologizer is Eric Mack who says, "Lockean rights alone provide the moral and philosophical barrier against the state's encroachment upon society." But a "moral philosophical barrier" is merely a metaphorical barrier, and it will no more prevent the State's encroachment upon "Society" than a moral philosophical shield will stop an arrow from piercing your body."
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> L.A. Rollins, *The Myth of Natural Rights and Other Essays*

Men have no natural rights. They have no natural right to father their children, or to be heads of their households. They have no natural right to marry, or to have sex, or to "pursue happiness." Men are animals vying with each other for resources, like every other animal. The United Nations invented a bunch of magic human rights that people "should" have, and it's telling that most of the states in the world disagree on one point or another. Some of the supposed "human rights" don't even make a whole lot of sense, and most are merely pleasant ideas. A state serves its own interests, and the foremost interest of any state is to remain in power.

Government is by its very nature coercive. Freedom is a relative term. Freedom within a state means

that you are able to do certain things, but you give up the "right" to do other things. A state cannot offer true "freedom." At least not to everyone. A state offers order in exchange for obedience. *Ordered violence*. You pay the state with your taxes. For your money and your obedience, the state promises to hurt people before—or after—they hurt you. The state will not always make good on this promise. But it's the best racket in town. And anyway, like any working mob, your allegiance is considered mandatory—the state is also selling *protection from itself*.

So you pay up, and you do fine so long as you don't give no lip to the wrong guys.

They'd be the guys with guns. The guys *licensed to hurt people for you*.

(Or the guys who are in with the guys with guns.)

When you pay your taxes, you tacitly fund the deeds of men (and women) who are willing to dispense violence on your behalf—so as you don't have to get your pretty little hands dirty. You also get to keep your stuff. And if you are wronged, you go to the racket to ask for "justice."

Men used to run the state, so they enjoyed a favored position in many respects. It asked the most from them, but also flattered their egos and gave them a certain amount of autonomy at home.

When men offered to split the run of the state with women, they divided the state's interests.

Men tend to want more independence and autonomy. Manliness requires action and risk—risk with the potential of failure. Men of worth crave the opportunity to succeed or fail on their own merits. As the social democratic state expands, it offers more services, more safety nets, more regulations, and fewer opportunities for risk. The good guys who came by once a month to offer you a little protection and sanity are now hovering over your shoulder all day long and offering to wipe and powder your ass. Men are generally the ones you'll find grumbling about these little indignities as they accumulate. They feel stunted, hemmed in, powerless. This puts them at odds with the state.

Women on the other hand, as all of human history has shown, are more or less happy to be dependent, so long as they enjoy a certain level of comfort and security. They have a greater aversion to risk–they want to protect people from the consequences of their own bad decisions. They're more empathic — they want to see everyone cared for. They're less thumotic—they're frightened by the displays of volatile, spirited anger that men applaud. Women are good at working within a system. This is why women love socialism. They're abandoning men for the state, because the state is big and powerful and smooth-talking and rich and it says it wants to take care of them forever and ever.

As has often been said, "Security+power+money= 'gina tingles."

Women's desire to be cared for and their support for the state's growth ultimately gives them a position of favor within the new state.

In the case of "men's rights," this is where I see some inherent difficulty.

And I have to ask, men…

Is this really what you want—another place at "The Grievance Table," another empty bowl, another list of complaints?

An appointment to whisper in the headmistress's ear, seeking favors or redress?

Men made this world in their own image. Men invented the game and ran the racket. Until a generation or two ago, they sat at the heads of their own tables. They're the stronger 49% of the population, not a tiny, oppressed minority. If the state no longer serves the interests of men, if they must grovel and petition for "rights"… maybe men should start thinking "regime change," or better,

“paradigm shift.”

The civil rights paradigm is built around the assumption that men, especially heterosexual white men, are the universal oppressors, the source of all true evil. It’s a movement to remove *you* from power. It’s not designed to address *your* grievances. It won’t restore what it sees as lost “privilege.” And in determining what is fair and what is “privilege,” the reigning civil rights paradigm is necessarily biased. The only help it dares provide is to assist you in accepting your reduced status—through re-education or therapy. Those who say that you must lower your expectations and abandon your ideals are not friends, but castrating agents of your serpentine masters. These solutions are merely anesthetic.

It is neither acceptable, nor in the best nature of men that they should resign themselves to being mere supplicants in every aspect of life.

I suggest that the civil “rights” seeking posture cannot succeed for men—especially when they seek the favor and permission of women—and that it would be better to consider a bolder, more authoritative stance.

> “… since Fortune changes and men stand fixed in their old ways, they are prosperous so long as there is congruity between them, and the reverse when there is not. Of this, however, I am well persuaded, that it is better to be impetuous than cautious. For Fortune is a woman who to be kept under must be beaten and roughly handled; and we see that she suffers herself to be more readily mastered by those who so treat her than by those who are more timid in their approaches. And always, like a woman, she favors the young, because they are less scrupulous and fiercer, and command her with greater audacity.”
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> – Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*

Commenting Changes

February 5, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

I've finally gotten around to contacting someone about integrating The Spearhead's CMS with the phpBB forum so that comments on our articles can go through the forum rather than the main site itself. Hopefully, we can get this out of the way quickly. I would have done it myself some time ago, but the DIY instructions are a bit too vague for an amateur programmer like me. Fortunately, WP-United is now offering installation assistance for a very reasonable fee, and I just requested a quote.

I've been getting occasional complaints from readers about the comments for some time. People have various issues with the comments (mainly I have received complaints about feminist commenters and such, but there have been a few other issues as well), and recently I've had to deal with a few rather vicious trolls. As The Spearhead grows in reach and influence I suspect this problem will grow along with it, and I don't really have time to moderate every single comment — there are just too many.

So my plan is to beef up the forum by posting the magazine's articles directly on it and letting people have at it there. For most of you, this shouldn't change things much at all. If you haven't registered on the forum already, it's an easy thing to do, and when this job is complete you will be able to read and comment on all the posts there. Of course, the link to the forum will remain, so it's just a click away from the main site.

For the magazine's main site, we will publish selected emails as a weekly "letters to the editor" feature. Particularly insightful comments on our articles – both pro and con – will be selected for special consideration and published in a post along with some commentary. In the forums, however, we will maintain a laissez-faire policy regarding comments, only deleting those that are excessively disruptive, obscene and/or trollish. On the main site, commenting will be disabled, so if the free-for-all of the forum doesn't appeal to you, it will be easy to avoid.

It shouldn't take long to implement these changes, and until the integration is complete I'll leave things as they are. However, the site may go offline temporarily this weekend while the upgrade is underway.

My hope is that this will satisfy the better part of our community while actually enhancing interactivity. Different people have different preferences, and I'm working on providing different options to suit them. Implementing WP-United is probably the best way to do that.

Expanding the Possibilities

February 5, 2010 | by Jay Hammers | Link | Original Link

> Dear Jay,
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> It's an easy equation – investing in women and their families equals investing in a healthy future for America.
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> And with the release of his budget this week, President Obama showed he's committed to programs serving women and children.
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> **Now it's your turn to show your commitment** — sign the pledge to fight for critical investments in women and families.
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> Times are tough, and women are forced to make impossible choices between putting food on the table and paying rent, between going to the doctor and keeping the lights on. Official estimates show that one in four children and nearly half of single-mother families are expected to be poor in 2011. We need to make sure that more is done to create jobs and provide help for those most in need.
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> The budget makes sensible investments that are critical to women and families and our nation's economic future, including: education, child care, health care, tax credits for working families, enforcement of civil rights, retirement security, and more. It also continues the President's commitment to passing comprehensive and affordable health care reform for women and their families. And, the budget supports these priorities with fair and responsible proposals to close corporate tax loopholes and require the very wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes.
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> We know times are tough, so together we'll fight hard to make sure the needs of women and their families are met.
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> Sincerely,
> Helen Blank
> Director, Leadership and Public Policy
> National Women's Law Center
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> Joan Entmacher
> Vice President for Family Economic Security
> National Women's Law Center
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> Fatima Goss Graves
> Vice President for Education and Employment
> National Women's Law Center
>
> Judy Waxman
> Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights
> National Women's Law Center
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> P.S. Check out our latest analysis to learn more about how the President's budget makes critical investments in women and their families.
>
> *Did someone forward this message to you?*

> *Sign up to receive future NWLC e-mails.*

Did you make it through all that? Are you convinced?

Calls to action like this one go out to card-carrying members of the National Women's Law Center every week. You'll also see the NWLC is fighting hard to pass The Paycheck Fairness Act, which perpetuates the gender pay gap myth, does not recognize discrimination against men in employment, and would provide for negotiation skills training programs for women only.

MoveOn.org and the CREDO Action Network provide very similar mailing lists which allow members to contact their representatives in the House and Senate quickly and easily on key issues, making a real impact on our legislators or at the very least raising their awareness of public opinion.

Imagine if legislators were bombarded with e-mails and letters from their constituents pointing out the injustices of VAWA, The Bradley Act, and The Paycheck Fairness Act. They just might think twice before taking away more of our rights.

P.S. "Expanding the Possibilities" is the slogan of the NWLC.

Go Red For Women?

February 5, 2010 | by Jay Hammers | Link | Original Link

Have you heard of Go Red For Women? It's an effort by the American Heart Association to raise awareness of heart disease in women. Friday is National Wear Red Day.

The AHA can't really seem to get its statistics straight, claiming on one page that women account for over 52.6% of cardiovascular disease deaths here while stating the following here: "Final 2005 CVD death rates were 331.1 for males and 237.1 for females." Furthermore, 2006 data on heart disease deaths shows the number of men per 100,000 who died from heart disease is 248.8 while the number for women is 162.2. In other words, men are 53.4% more likely to die from heart disease each year than women.

Again we see warping of statistics to serve a female-centric / men-don't-matter agenda, just like when we're told women rarely commit domestic violence, women never lie about rape, and only women's cancer deserves funding. Now, apparently women die of heart disease more often than men!

It's great to raise awareness that heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, but do they really have to exclude men? Apparently that's the whole point, as you can see by their campaign for the HEART for Women Amendment: "Over the last 25 years, the death rate for heart disease in men has declined steadily (by more than 17%), while the death rate for women has declined by only 2.5%, resulting in a disparity in heart disease mortality in women compared to men."

Ooh, there's that *disparity* buzz word. It's funny how even when men die more often there's a disparity against women. And when women receive almost 60% of degrees, there's a disparity in engineering degrees against women. And when women make the same pay for equal work, there's a disparity in the number of female CEOs. Are we sensing a pattern here?

Heck, maybe with enough focus on the Go Red For Women movement – as opposed to a movement focused on heart health for both genders – we can turn that statistic around and get the death rate for men to go up where it ought to be! Seriously, though, the American Heart Association could still raise awareness in women just as effectively by calling it Go Red For Women *and Men* day.

No worries, though. Even if you're male, you can call 1-888-MY-HEART for more information on how WOMEN can join the Go Red For Women movement and how WOMEN can get free information on heart health. Too bad *my heart* isn't located in a woman's body.

I propose we organize a Wear Tie-Dye For Men event. After all, men are #1 when it comes to *dying*. Last time I checked men still die five years younger than women and have higher death rates for the ten leading causes of death. Let's call for men and women to wear a t-shirt with at least ten colors on it to work, one for each cause of death that men die more often from. I'm sure it would get attention.

The Fullness of Time (Part 1) – Rage

February 5, 2010 | by J. Durden | Link | Original Link

[Standard Disclaimer: This analysis represents only my personal interpretation of the lyrical content of Redemption's suite, The Fullness of Time, and is not representative of the opinions of either the band or any affiliated persons involved in the production of Redemption's music; past, present or future.]

Unlike my previous two posts, the next few songs I plan on deconstructing are actually from a band I enjoy listening to. In fact, if I had to pick a favorite band, it would probably be Redemption. They're often described as a "prog metal" or "power metal" band, but I'm no expert at music genre types. I would certainly agree that their music is powerful, and often times, the lyrics seem to resonate very much with my own life.

In particular, their second album, The Fullness of Time, has been particularly instructive to me throughout the years. It has a total of eight songs, and while the first four are strong in their own right, they don't have the staying power of the last four. The last four are part of a suite, and, depending on who you ask, may even be considered one whole song in and of themselves (the song name being "The Fullness of Time"). However, the songs are broken up on the CD as separate tracks, so I don't buy that gimmick. Furthermore, each track has a separate name and theme, which help untangle some of the messages (or so I've come to believe) the songs are trying to convey.

These four songs are sort of like a mini-concept album, for those who are familiar with that terminology. Note also that since Redemption isn't nearly as "mainstream" as the last two bands/performers analyzed, YouTube links may not be available for some of the songs. (Rage is not the strongest, musically speaking, of the four tracks being analyzed, but it has an important lyrical part to play in the total "story" if you will.)

Near as I can tell, the concept for this suite is that a person (hereafter, Man) suffered some sort of devastating betrayal, and the songs explore the various stages of Man's journey towards recovery – starting with Rage, moving into Despair, finding Release, and finally achieving Transcendence. (In case you couldn't tell, those are the four song titles as well.) I think there's a lesson out there for some of the MRA crowd as well, so I encourage you to stick to it and read through these posts. If you get to the end and feel I've wasted your time, by all means, call me a raving lunatic/idiot and demand for a refund.

The first song, Rage, opens with the following spliced in movie quote:

> I believe in death. I believe in disease. I believe in injustice and inhumanity, torture and anger and hate…I believe in pain. I believe in cruelty and… in… every crawling, putrid thing… every possible ugliness and corruption, you son of a bitch!

This, in case you couldn't tell, more or less establishes the fact that we are dealing with an unhappy person.

Moving along, then, to the first verse:

> Struck down by the persons that I trusted
> Robbed of dignity and left for dead
> I can feel unmeasurable anger building in me

> Emptiness and rage begin to burn inside my head

Here we can debate whether or not Man was literally "struck down" and "left for dead," or if these are merely impassioned metaphors. I suggest the more likely case that they are metaphors, and in my interpretation, they are metaphors of the betrayal Man has, generally, been dealt at the hands of women. Who among us can't relate to that feeling of betrayal? Aside from the extremely rare statistical anomaly who was born with amazing gifts of Game, I think most of the male readers of this site have all suffered some sort of betrayal (perhaps multiple ones) at the hands of women, and I think we can all relate to feeling "unmeasurable anger" and even "emptiness and rage." I have certainly felt this way, and it seems to be the case that others have too. (Props to Jabherwochie for the best analysis of daily psycho-sexual torture women conduct upon men I've yet read.)

Furthermore, most of us recognize that we have all been robbed of dignity – particularly our traditional male dignity – and this has left us worse off as a group. Traditional male values, as we all know, have been demonized in society at large, and positive/heroic/"flawless" male role models have all but disappered from mass media. Men aren't remembered for their great achievements, anymore, but only for their great failings – and half the failings we're remembered for seemed to have been purely invented by feminist machinations. It's enough to get a man's blood boiling.

> Once I was a person without malice
> Once my heart bled red instead of black
> Friends with one hand held behind their backs carried knives
> Didn't see the blades 'till they were buried in my back

More musings and metaphors on the nature of the betrayal Man has felt. Specifically, this seems to relate to "nice guys." I know it's trendy to beat up on betas and nice guys in the current blogosphere climate, but I'm here to suggest that maybe we, as men, should try to establish some commonality with other men regardless of their perceived status on some vague hierachy that's still being defined and debated. We all recognize that women have presented a united front, and why would we want anything less than a united front of our own to meet the challenge feminism has presented to our favored Western ideals? (If you are so inclined to try and preserve them, that is – but I don't find most men talking about expatriating or forming new countries, so…)

I think at one point or another, most of us browsing these sites have identified with the "nice guy" label and bought into the party line that told us so long as we were well behaved and good providers we would receive many social rewards. I know that I bought into this idea and I'm a relative pup compared to some of the folks in the community. Those of us who have felt this way can probably relate to the lines of this verse – "once my heart bled red instead of black" and "friends [women] with one hand held behind their backs carried knives." How many times have we described women as "stabbing us in the back?"

After this verse, we get the first does of the chorus:

> Sleep with one eye open
> Knowing that I'm watching you
> Listen for my footsteps on every darkened street
> Like a call for help unanswered
> You can scream but no one hears your voice
> No one there to save you

> As I take my just revenge

I think this represents the sort of path unchecked male anger can take, especially towards women. There is a lot of anger out there – some of it even rationally justified – and this is not something that should be trifled with. I understand this anger even if I do not endorse it. There is historical precedent for male anger exploding with consequences for a society – just see this quote by Nancy Levant "Why don't you ask the women of Afghanistan what happened to their liberation, which existed prior to the national radicalization of angry men with weapons?" A common observation in the movement seems to be that if you kick a friendly dog enough times, you wind up with a mean dog.

As Man observes here in the song, women are not safe unless there are men present to protect them. Without Man, there is "no one there to save [women]." Furthermore, under certain understandings, an argument could be posited that physical violence as revenge could be just. (Again, I don't endorse this, but I can certainly understand why people would.) If you feel this way, perhaps this musical suite will speak to you and resonate with you. I encourage you to read on and discover/consider alternatives.

Next verse:

> I can hear your laughter
> I can see you think you've won
> But I don't know how you live
> With no remorse for what you have done

Pretty straightforward here – the laughter and having women think they've won stand in as metaphors for shaming language and common feminist debate tactics. Not knowing how women live without remorse seems to be a lament for misunderstanding either hypergamy or misunderstanding natural female amorality. Women play by a different set of rules, and Man has had to learn that the hard way, especially in the absence of systems (patriarchy) designed to curtail natural human failings.

Then the refrain:

> You claimed you were my friend
> All the while you planned to murder me
> You claimed that I imagined all the things you'd done to me
> You'll pay for being so destructive
> You'll beg for compassion
> But I've nothing left to give

This is a powerful verse. Once again, Man is lamenting the false friendship that women have offered him – especially in a more feminist society. "You claimed you were my friend, all the while you planned to murder me" could just be a metaphor for how women generally deceive and mislead to get what they want – think of cuckolding, adultery, all of those things. This is one of my favorite examples of attempted cuckolding. Remove the system that instills and enforces morality (patriarchy) and all of the sudden, all bets are off!

The third line is an important one – how many times has the male perspective been denied, especially by the supposedly more empathetic gender? How many times has Man tried to air his grievances only to be told it was all in his head, or worse, all his own fault? It is only natural he wants women to pay for what has been done, pay for being so destructive – after all, the sting of betrayal is still fresh, the

pain still raw and tangible. “You’ll beg for compassion, but I’ve nothing left to give.” I see a lot of that sort of attitude here and elsewhere, and it is not illogical. But it doesn’t need to be the only way. See what anger will eventually melt into, given enough time, with my next post!

Jokes About Men

February 6, 2010 | by Jay Hammers | Link | Original Link

At what point do we laugh at ourselves? This is the question Avidlearner89 asks on the forums.

> I admit I am fairly new to the MRM, ive been doing a bit of research, and the one thing I keep asking is, where do we draw the line between sexism and humor? I know weve probably all made our fair share of jokes about women which the most extreme feminist would call sexist. If we are going to dish it out we have to take it as well. I would say "Everybody Loves Raymond" is a bit too extreme for me (but i love the chemistry between doris roberts and peter boyle and its a great example of women wanting to be in control and expecting men to do the dirty work) but a joke here and there about men is not a huge deal to me. anyone else feel the same way?

Here's my reply:
I will joke about things with my girlfriend because she's pro-men's rights and well aware of my stance on things. She's also black and we joke about race as well. Would I joke about race with just anyone? Probably not. Would I joke about men with just anyone? Probably not. It depends. The fact is that most jokes about men are just a cushion for misandry.

Let me be more specific. I searched Google for "jokes about men" and the first result is here: http://www.jokesaboutmen.net/

Every joke here is either at the expense of men based on widely held misconceptions about them or a thinly veiled complaint about how women are "oppressed" by men and women don't need men. They're really all about hatred of men AKA misandry.

On the other hand, I dug up this old joke from years ago. I don't find it offensive to point out the amusing differences between the genders at all, and I do so myself frequently, usually followed by an explanation as to why men are the way they are and why that's a GOOD thing.

> HOW MEN AND WOMEN SHOWER DIFFERENTLY . . .
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> How To Shower Like a Woman
> Take off clothing and place it in sectioned laundry hamper according to lights and darks. Walk to bathroom wearing long dressing gown. If you see husband along the way, cover up any exposed areas. Look at your womanly physique in the mirror – make mental note to do more sit-ups/leg-lifts, etc. Get in the shower. Use face cloth, arm cloth, leg cloth, long loofah, wide loofah and pumice stone. Wash your hair once with cucumber and sage shampoo with 43 added vitamins. Wash your hair again to make sure it's clean. Condition your hair with grapefruit mint conditioner. Wash your face with crushed apricot facial scrub for 10 minutes until red. Wash entire rest of body with ginger nut and jaffa cake body wash. Rinse conditioner off hair. Shave armpits and legs. Turn off shower. Squeegee off all wet surfaces in shower. Spray mold spots with Tilex. Get out of shower. Dry with towel the size of a small country. Wrap hair in super absorbent towel. Return to bedroom wearing long dressing gown and towel on head. If you see husband along the way, cover up any exposed areas.
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> How To Shower Like a Man

> Take off clothes while sitting on the edge of the bed and leave them in a pile. Walk naked to the bathroom. If you see wife along the way, shake wiener at her making the ‘woo-woo’ sound. Look at your manly physique in the mirror. Admire the size of your wiener and scratch your butt. Get in the shower. Wash your face. Wash your armpits. Blow your nose in your hands and let the water rinse them off. Fart and laugh at how loud it sounds in the shower. Spend majority of time washing privates and surrounding area. Wash your butt, leaving those coarse butt hairs stuck on the soap. Wash your hair. Make a Shampoo Mohawk. Pee. Rinse off and get out of shower. Partially dry off. Fail to notice water on floor because curtain was hanging out of tub the whole time. Admire wiener size in mirror again. Leave shower curtain open, wet mat on floor, light and fan on. Return to bedroom with towel around waist. If you pass wife, pull off towel, shake wiener at her and make the ‘woo-woo’ sound again. Throw wet towel on bed.

Super Bowl weekend seems a little slow around here but heck, I got a great idea for this blog entry just out of reading the forums.

I’d encourage you to add your own reply to Avidlearner89’s forum post here: **At what point do we laugh at ourselves?**

The Fullness of Time (Part 2) – Despair

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This is the second of four posts on Redemption's musical suite, The Fullness of Time. It is a lyrical dissection of the second track, Despair, which is the most straightforward of the four tracks. There is a smooth musical transition between all tracks in this suite, which represents part of the overarching concept – that this is a journey through Man's emotional response to women's betrayal of him.

I know, talking about emotions breaks man law, but stay with me.

The first verse:

> Left now
> Alone with your betrayal
> There's no way to feel secure
> Anymore
> Broken
> Crushed in soul and spirit
> With no way to set things right again

This represents, to me, an honest and private response to what has happened to Man. In public, he may show his Rage, and perhaps even initially he will feel that Rage in private. Eventually, however, it seems inevitable that Despair will set in as the true nature of the betrayal settles upon his mind. After all, he is "left alone" with "no way to feel secure; crushed in soul and spirit with no way to set things right again." I have never been taken over the coals in the divorce court but I know some of our readers have (and my sympathies go out to you) – I imagine these lyrics might resonate with your situation? I've felt hopeless and despaired after suffering betrayals at the hands of women, and I wasn't even invested significantly (like a marriage) or standing to lose anything substantial (as in a divorce) when I was betrayed!

Rage comes first, but it melts away into Despair.

The chorus:

> Gone
> You have stolen everything I ever had
> And I'm left with nothing more than pain
> And I know I'll never trust the way that I once did
> You have taken all my dreams
> And turned them to ashes in my mouth

This seems to speak almost directly to those men who've gone through a bitter divorce or custody battle. Doesn't it feel as though that woman you've trusted – the one who seemed friendly but put that kinfe in your back – has made off with everything of value you ever had (sometimes to include,

most bitterly, your own children) and all you have left is pain? It also seems common for men to resolve to never "trust the way that [they] once did," after women kill their dreams of domestic tranquility.

Final verse:

> Starving
> Searching for some comfort
> Left to choke on my despair
> Blinded
> My faith and friendship shattered
> And my life beyond repair

I think we men have all been seeking commiseration and unity from like-minded men. That's why sites like The Spearhead have been cropping up. Without sites like these, we may have all been stuck in a perpetual cycle of Rage and Despair. The betrayals we've gone through, individually (I'm almost certain every male reader here has gone through some sort of betrayal – some only minor, some only major, and the rest somewhere in between) may have even shattered our faith and friendship. After all, the effects of feminism seemed to have led to a decline of religion (faith) and fraternity/men's only groups (friendship). Furthermore, it seems to have had the poisonous effect of causing men to distrust one another, viewing each other as competitors (for women) during the best of times and villains (towards women) at the worst of times.

Privately, I think we have all felt that our lives were beyond repair. When we come together collectively and apply our reason, we can see that we have all suffered similar blows, that there are systemic problems and our failures are not isolated or individual in nature. This may not help ease the pain, but it does remind us that there may be any number of solutions to our grief.

Like I said, this is the most straight forward track. Stay tuned for the final two!

WP-United Implemented

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I just bridged phpBB and The Spearhead with WP-United. For now, commenting will require registration (this may change in the next release of WP-United), but otherwise the site will remain the same. Once you register you can comment away as though nothing happened (if you have registered on the forum you are already registered — it's the same). Furthermore, the articles will automatically be posted to the forum, so from here on out we'll have a forum dedicated to articles and their comments. This will provide a higher level of interactivity and allow discussion to continue as interest dictates.

This move ought to reduce trolling and thereby raise the quality of comments, as well as allow me to save many hours of time every week by freeing me from the frequent slogs through the spam folder and comments.

It might take a few days to fine-tune the system, but so far it seems to be running pretty well, and I don't see any major issues.

So…

Carry on, and happy commenting!

Back To The Future

February 7, 2010 | by Elusive Wapiti | Link | Original Link

Via MarkyMark, I stumbled across this article in an upcoming issue of The Weekly Standard, a publication founded by noted neocons Bill Kristol and Fred Barnes.

What struck me most about the article is not what the article said…for its content was pretty standard fare for those of us here at the Spearhead and others who have been floating about the MRA/FRA/PUA sphere for any appreciable length of time. No, was was surprising to me was that the issues and viewpoints we express here at the Spearhead have surfaced in yet another mainstream venue. What's more, they were penned by a conservative female member of the mainstream chattering class (click here for Ms Allen's bio).

First, we have the author noting that it seems that cads and thugs, rather than the majority of honest, dependable "nice guys"…beta and 'lesser' men…seem to be reaping the retrograde social harvest that women's lib has sown:

> Welcome to the New Paleolithic, where tens of thousands of years of human mating practices have swirled into oblivion like shampoo down the shower drain and Cro-Magnons once again drag women by the hair into their caves—-and the women love every minute of it. Louts who might as well be clad in bearskins and wielding spears trample over every nicety developed over millennia to mark out a ritual of courtship as a prelude to sex. It helps, of course, that there's currently a buyer's market in women who are up for just about anything with the right kind of cad…

Then the author notes that some pretty significant socio-cultural moral shifts may have quite a lot to do with it, and that the fembots have been cheering it all along:

> …delayed marriage (the average age for a woman's first wedding is now 26, compared with 20 in 1960, according to the University of Virginia-based National Marriage Project's latest report); reliable contraception; and advances in antibiotics (no more worries about what used to be called venereal disease). No-fault divorce, moreover, has pushed the marriage-dissolution rate up to between 40 and 50 percent and swelled the single-female population with "cougars" in their 30s, 40s, 50s, and beyond. On top of it all is the feminist-driven academic and journalistic culture celebrating that yesterday's "loose" women are today's "liberated" women, able to proudly "explore their sexuality" without "getting punished for their lust," as the feminist writer Naomi Wolf put it in the Guardian in December.

> All this takes place to a basso profundo of feminist cheerleading.

And then the author becomes the very first female that I personally have witnessed acknowledge the apex fallacy in writing, as she rightly observes that the alphas and sigmas benefit while the betas, deltas, gammas, and omegas are forced to learn evo-psych-based game if they stand any chance of attracting the attention of the modern-cum-paleolithic hypergamous female:

> While it's a truism that the main beneficiaries of the sexual revolution are men, it is only some men: the Tucker Maxes, with the good looks, self-confidence, and swagger that enable them to sidle up successfully to a gaggle of well turned-out females in a crowded and anonymous club.
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> Out of such [an environment] was born the "seduction community," part band of brothers, part nakedly commercial and ferociously competitive business enterprise.

All this is fairly pedestrian intro-level manosphere information. It isn't until page seven of this twelve-page missive where Ms Allen starts to bang out doubles and triples. First, she notes that the beta and delta male has been disenfranchised in a big way:

> Evolutionary psychology also provides support for a truth universally denied: Women crave dominant men. And it seems that where men are forbidden to dominate in a socially beneficial way—as husbands and fathers, for example—women will seek out assertive, self-confident men whose displays of power aren't so socially beneficial. This game of sexual Whack-a-Mole is played regularly these days in a culture that, starting with children's schoolbooks and moving up through films and television, targets as oppressors and mocks as bumblers the entire male sex. Not surprisingly…many women satisfy their yearning for dominance by throwing themselves at bad boys or even worse.

Then she correctly perceives that the current dating scene, by disenfranchising the second- and third-tier men who make up the bulk of society, produces a demographic disaster-in-waiting, something that myself and others here have noted as well:

> The percentage of children growing up in fatherless families—a chief risk factor for social pathologies—has risen concomitantly: from 9 percent of all households with children in 1960 to 26 percent today. On the plus side of the ledger, these negative trends don't affect the college-educated as severely. College-educated women have significantly higher rates of marriage and lower rates of divorce than women without college degrees. The bad news is that such women, who tend to marry late, have far fewer children. In 2004, according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, 24 percent of women ages 40 to 44 with bachelor's degrees were childless, in contrast to 10 percent of women without a high school diploma. Marriage is slowly becoming a preserve of the elite, who pay a price in severely reduced fertility.
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> [Blogger] Roissy often writes of a coming "apocalypse," a thorough collapse of civilization thanks to the stalling of its reproductive matrix.

One thing we know for certain is when a culture's men are disinvested in the outcome of society, and when marriage for them becomes unattractive, they will cease to either marry or be involved. They will sit on the sidelines, play MMPRGs and smoke dope, and no amount of cajoling will succeed in

getting the main body of them off top dead center. The Romans ran into this very issue…first they gave women the vote (over Cato the Elder's objections), then, like magic, their bachelors refused to marry in the female-empowered culture that ensued. I suspect that, just as there is nothing new under the son, the moral fiber of Romann society was dealt a fatal blow by ancient feminism and that the trials and tribulations we experience today…where invested males "enforce" upon divested males…existed back then as well. But I digress, and to get me back on track, I quote Allen again:

> In The Mating Mind, Geoffrey Miller wrote:
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> > Our ancestors probably had their first sexual experiences soon after reaching sexual maturity. They would pass through a sequence of relationships of varying durations over the course of a lifetime. Some relationships might have lasted no more than a few days. . . . Many Pleistocene mothers probably had boyfriends. But each woman's boyfriend may not have been the father of any of her offspring. . . . Males may have given some food to females and their offspring, and may have defended them from other men, but . . . anthropologists now view much of this behavior more as courtship effort than paternal investment.
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> That's a pretty fair description of mating life today in the urban underclass and the meth-lab culture of rural America. Take away the offspring, blocked by the Pill and ready abortion, and it's also a pretty fair description of today's prolonged singles scene. In other words, we have met the Stone Age, and it is us.

I had read once somewhere…Vox Day's place I think…that the natural progression from hunter-gatherer society to agrarianism to industrialization to feminism leads inexorably straight back to hunter-gatherer, do not pass Go, do not collect $200. And thus far, the fact that we are seeing the matriarchal social/reproductive patterns of the Stone Age savannah return to our once advanced culture lends creedence to this prediction. Allen seems to agree, insofar as she cites "long-term monogamy" (I presume that she would oppose short-term monogamy, or what we've come to know as serial polyandry) as the principle building block of Western Civilization, and to cast that cornerstone aside threatens the entire edifice.

But Ms. Allen isn't done. Here come some more doubles…again noteworthy in that it is a more mature established female columnist doing the noting:

> Some argue, though, that it is actually beta men who are the greatest victims of the current mating chaos: the ones who work hard, act nice, and find themselves searching in vain for potential wives and girlfriends among the hordes of young women besotted by alphas.
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> During this process, monogamy as a stable and civilization-maintaining social institution is shattered. "Monogamy is a form of sexual optimization," [Author Roger] Devlin told me. "It allows as many people who want to get married to do so. Under monogamy, 90 percent of men find a mate at least once in their life." This isn't necessarily so anymore in today's chaotic combination of polygamy for lucky alphas, hypergamy in varying degrees for females depending on their sex appeal, and, at least in theory, large numbers of betas left without mates at all—just as it is in baboon packs. The aim of Mystery-style game is to give those betas better odds.

It is worse than that, in my opinion. Not only does Average Joe have a hard time getting a woman to

pay attention to him, but if he does manage to pair off with a used-up former bad-boy semen receptacle, she will be less able to have a lasting relationship with him. In other words, she'll dump him as soon as possible with a better man, which is often the paternalistic State.

In all, this was an excellent article in which I urge you, dear reader, to peruse all twelve pages. To me, it is encouraging that the truth is starting to bubble to the surface. Whether or not it is enough remains to be seen. One thing is for certain, though: the voluntary surrender of the technology of patriarchal civilization by our women in favor of a more primitive, paleolithic form of social organization can't help but to bode ill for us all.

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Denise Romano Claims that Men are Performing the Impossible

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(This post is the result of this post on my blog about hypnosis and a follow up post on the same subject.)

I find debating feminists to be a waste of time usually. It's like fighting the Iran-Iraq War from the perspective of Iran or Iraq. A lot of time and energy gets wasted with no real results at the end. Feminists aren't going to listen to our logic and reason, and we are not going to obey feminist insanity. Denise Romano is a primary example of this. It's a waste of time to debate a known spammer and someone who says outright lies such as, "MRA blogs that enthusiastically incite rape and celebrate rape as a mens' right".

Another problem with debating feminists is accidentally conceding points because you're busy making an argument about something else. Most of debate with Denise Romano is about whether moral or ethical issues of game. No one was asking the question of is everything that Denise Romano claiming even possible. This is important because Denise Romano is claiming that there are PUAs using hypnosis to get women to have sex with them. Hypnosis can't be used to get someone to have sex with you (unless they already want to have sex with you in which case it's redundant). **It simply will not work.**

Hypnosis requires three things to happen:

1. The subject must WANT to be hypnotized.
2. The subject must BELIEVE he or she can be hypnotized.
3. The subject must eventually feel comfortable and relaxed.

If you don't want to be hypnotized, you can't be hypnotized. This means that hypnosis can not be used as a seduction technique ever. The only case where it would work is when a person has already been seduced in which case there is no point in using hypnosis because it would be redundant and a waste of time. Denise Romano is claiming that there are men out there that can forcibly hypnotize women against their will despite the fact that this is impossible.

Clearly, forced hypnosis is impossible. If it was possible, a few guys trying to get laid would be the least of anyone's problems. We would see murderers who would instead hypnotize their victims into killing themselves, criminals who would rob people and banks by forced hypnosis to make people want to hand over their money, governments using forced hypnosis to gather intelligence, etc. None of this is happening, and this is what the world would look like if Denise Romano was actually correct.

Since I banned her from my blog for being a spammer, Denise Romano responded to my first post on her blog. Most of her response had nothing to do with anything I said, but Denise Romano claimed that "hypnosis professionals" agreed with her, and this was documented on Lady Raine's blog. If this was really the case, why is it only on LR's blog and why was there no link to these "hypnosis professionals"? We can figure out the answer to that, but I did a google search for the word hypnosis on LR's blog. I found no links to "hypnosis professionals". In fact, I only found three minimally

relevant links. The first was to some nut job who makes the same claim as Denise Romano but without any actual evidence. That link also contains nonsense statements like, "but actually 7080% of us are receptive to some hypnotic suggestions". The second was a link to an anti-scientology website which had to do with people who voluntarily underwent hypnosis. The third was a link to someone trying to sell a system using hypnosis so you can get laid. Again, there is no proof that it works. There are plenty of websites out there that claim to have products that will enlarge your penis, and they don't work either so vigorous claims don't mean anything.

Even "hypnosis professionals" can be very questionable. A few years ago, Penn & Teller on their Bullshit! show on the Showtime channel did an episode on hypnosis (which you can watch here). They showed how hypnosis is very problematic in terms of how well it works even when its voluntary. Even when people want to be hypnotized to stop smoking or lose weight, it only works when that person was highly motivated beforehand. Penn & Teller also talked to a "hypnosis professional" who claimed among other things that hypnosis could make your penis bigger, and she had a hypnosis tape to do that. Knowing that even talking to "hypnosis professionals" may not tell you the truth about hypnosis.

The fact is that it's **impossible** to force a hypnotic state on anyone. You can't hypnotize anyone against their will. Denise Romano when she claims otherwise against the body of scientific evidence about hypnosis is claiming men have found a way to perform the impossible. In essence, she is trying to start a moral panic which tells you everything you need to know about her.

Super Bowl XLIV Commercials

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The Saints win it, 31/17.

Dodge: This commercial initially sounds like a men's movement advertisement.
Dodge Charger Super Bowl Ad – Man's Last Stand

> I will take your call. I will listen to your opinion of my friends. I will listen to your friends' opinions of my friends. I will be civil to your mother. I will put the seat down.
> …
> Charger: Man's Last Stand.

FloTV: "As you can see, his girlfriend has removed his spine, rendering him incapable of watching the game. Boy, that's hard to watch."
Super Bowl XLIV TV Commercials – FloTV

Doritos: A little boy smacks his mom's suitor, telling him: "Keep your hands off my mama. Keep your hands off my Doritos."
Doritos® – Crash the Super Bowl 2010 Finalist – House Rules

Teleflora: Woman: "Don't touch me."
Teleflora Super Bowl Commercial 2010 Talking Valentines Day Flowers Commercial

Pizza Hut: A family, including a husband, wife, and kids, orders several $10 pizzas.

> Wife: For the first time in my life, I don't have to settle.
> Husband: We're still talking about pizza, right?
> Wife: (No answer.)

Motorola: The "talented actress" from Transformers, naked in a sud-filled tub.
Motorola: MOTOBLUR with Megan Fox

Volkswagen: Includes an exceedingly clever old man groin punch.
VW PunchDub Commercial

Bridgestone Tire: Your tires or your life? (You'll like this one.)
Click on "Your Tires Or Your Life"

Bud Light: Ladie's book club crashed by a guy who just wants their beer.

> Woman: Do you like Little Women?
> Man: I'm not picky.

Then there were the typical GoDaddy ads featuring Danica Patrick.

Discuss. Did I miss any worth mentioning?

Responses may take some time to display here, you can also respond in the forums.

Feminists Declare Victory Over Recognition of Sex Addiction

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The concept of sex addiction is gaining steam, and feminists are cheering it on. The reasons for this are fairly clear: it is another means by which they can pathologize masculinity. I wrote about the sex addiction treatment scam and why it is a problem recently, but I didn't expect feminists to come right out and cheer it on so quickly. Perhaps I overrate their powers of subtlety.

In a piece in Slate, Hannah Rosin, former editor of the radical feminist doublex blog, comes right out and calls sex addiction a "feminist victory." Perhaps she is encouraged by the fact that, according to sex addiction guru Martin Kafka, 95% of the people diagnosed with the "disorder" are male.

These kinds of moves may seem silly and irrelevant to most men, but I guarantee that eventually they will become a problem in family law. It is already standard practice to order men to attend "anger management" for such sins as getting upset over a wife's affair, and raising one's voice and insulting a shrewish, abusive wife during an argument can result in being ordered to attend a DV class, whether or not any actual crime was committed.

Now, we can also look forward to men being ordered to attend expensive sex addiction treatment for being upset that their wives refuse to sleep with them. Yes, that's where it's going, and that's why it is a "feminist victory."

Feminism is largely about sexual power. Declaring natural male desire a disease will add yet another legal weapon to feminists' arsenal, and they will most certainly use it.

The Fullness of Time (Part 3) – Release

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[Standard Disclaimer: This analysis represents only my personal interpretation of the lyrical content of Redemption's suite, The Fullness of Time, and is not representative of the opinions of either the band or any affiliated persons involved in the production of Redemption's music; past, present or future.]

This is the third in a series of four posts analyzing the lyrical content of Redemption's musical suite, the Fullness of Time. So far, Man has dealt with Rage and Despair, and in this track, he will be contemplating Release (and unburdening himself of these two negative and entropic emotions/dispositions). As a side note, this track is really fun to listen to if you like metal / progressive music.

First verse:

> Lying here surrounded
> By the pieces of my life
> Would it all be easier
> If I lay be down to die

A piano interlude introduces the song and these lines are sung slowly. Man is picking himself up from his Despair, taking a survey of what's happened. He's surrounded by the fragments of his life, after everything's seemingly fallen apart on him due to the betrayal of women; he wonders if it would be easier just to give up and die. (While suicide can be honorable in certain contexts, it is rarely honorable as a response to extreme depression. Following through on these thoughts and feelings would be a bad idea.)

The drums kick in and the verse continues:

> Dreams piled high
> On the back of this broken man
> Is this all? Born to fall?
> Or to rise again?

A poignant statement. Men tend to bear the burdens of all of society's hopes and dreams. It is, generally, men who build society's infrastructure, staff society's enforcing positions (government, military, and so on) and men who take the fall when society begins to crumble (despite the fact that feminism is often a common element of that patterned collapse). In reference to that patterned collapse, the lyrics pose an interesting question – are all civilizations born to fall, or is it possible to see them rise again? While every civilization believes itself to be invincible during its collapse, isn't it possible that our society could still be salvaged? It would be a long, hard road, to be sure, but to write it off as impossible…I think it's a bit too early for that. But that's another issue for another post.

Guitars kick in and we get another verse:

> So much pain and disillusionment
> Everything I once felt sure about
> We're all lost if we don't know

> It's a game that we are all playing
> The motions of all our counterparts
> A piece of sinsiter scheme

More allusions to Despair but this time, rather than focusing on the pain, Man has begun to try to put the pieces together and analyze what has happened. He once felt sure about the way society was organized – sure that if he worked hard and was a good provider, he would have a good life like patriarchy guaranteed him. Now, he realizes that "we're all lost" (we being men) if we don't realize that there's a game being played. You can take this to mean what you want – that Men literally need to learn Game to adapt and overcome. I take it more generally, in that feminists (in particular) have executed some grand strategies at very important power centers, enforcing a language ideology we've come to term feminism, which has influenced/distorted the very way people in Western nations think and perceive the world.

"The motions of all our counterparts," that is to say, women, are a "piece of some sinister scheme." This represents the way all women are culpable, to a degree, of allowing feminism to propagate. Their silence was a form of compliance; by not providing opposition to the movement they were complicit in its aims. (So too, mind you, were the men who were silent, and let's not forget men who actively supported and enforced the movement.) This reminds me of people who try to dodge responsibility for their government's ineptitude; anyone who pays taxes to the government is, to a degree, culpable for that government's actions. Whether or not you vote matters little to the government – they'll be spending your money either way. (By the way, your taxes are currently funding this post, which has been composed on my lunch break on a military base library's computer.)

> The puppet that's broken has reason to smile
> They can no longer force him to dance on their strings
> Why shrug off the chains? If you wrap them about
> You'll be sunk to the bottom and drowning
> The clockwork behind their smiles
> Wound by hands that were made to harm

Here, Man has woken up to the fact that he has been little more than a dancing puppet for women as a group. However, the puppet who has been broken and betrayed – he who has lost all hope in the system ever satisfying him – actually has "reason to smile." He is no longer compelled to dance when the puppet masters pull the strings. This is a powerful revelation – the revelation that we, as men, do not have to buy into womens' construction of society nor do we have to play by their rules. They don't hold the power – we do. The more men who wake up to this and live it, the better off we will all be as a result. After all, it has been well demonstrated here and elsewhere that patriarchy benefits both men and women, while feminism harms both men and women. Our Rage might compel us to seek vengeance against the opposite sex, but if we Release ourselves from that Rage, we come to understand that ultimately we must reconcile with women if there is ever to be any hope of a future for mankind. Granted, some may not be motivated to see humans prosper, but I'm not going to argue the merits of continuing the species here.

Still, Man is struggling, and he thinks about allowing the chains to wrap about him and drown him. Despair is still present as Release hasn't been fully completed. He makes an observation that the "clockwork smiles" women and the rest of feminized society offer – the platitudes and meaningless

trinkets and half-hearted concessions – add up to less than nothing. Furthermore, as a puppet, he was wound by "hands that were made to harm;" the system of misandry that society now fosters was designed only to harm men (with a side effect of harming women as well).

The first part of the chorus:

> Just release yourself
> Cause they can't rape the willing
> Or take what you have if there's nothing else
> Tired of life and filled with despair
> And covered with blood from the crosses I bear
> But I'm still standing
> Should I make myself crawl?

It's a difficult process but Man realizes he must free himself of the entropic synergy of Rage and Despair if he is to move on and make things right again. "They can't rape the willing" means Man can't be violated by a system he doesn't buy into or believe in – he can't be shamed by terms like "misogynist" if he doesn't care about being slandered, for example. He's not afraid to speak the truth and he knows in his own heart whether or not he hates women. Society can't take anything else from him if he has nothing to lose – and he can reduce the amount of things to lose by reducing the amount of investment he makes in a feminized society. Even though Despair and Rage still weigh on his mind, and even though he is bloodied from the burdens he has borne, he is still standing.

It is not unreasonable to imagine that one of the crosses Man bears is the cross of feminism – a crushing weight and a cumbersome load that digs into him and wounds him on his journey.

The next verse:

> Seems so counter to our nature
> Accepting with grace the things we can't change
> But when all's said and done and you're wronged and deceived
> Then it matters the most what you choose to believe
> Should I fight against fate
> Or should I just lay down and die?

Here, Man laments the passive nature he has been shackled with. It is against his nature to "accept with grace" the evils of feminism – the "things we can't change." What matters, however, is that after he has been "wronged and deceived" (as he was in Rage), then personal conviction becomes the most important thing to seriously consider. Where should Man's beliefs lie? Should they continue to support conventional wisdom and the language ideology that fueled women's betrayal of him? Or should he take a step back and examine things as if for the first time, without the crippling framework of lies and deceit that society has spun to poison his thinking? Should he fight against fate (another metaphor, here, for feminism) or should he just give up and die (either literally, or allow his spirit to remain crushed)?

I prefer to fight, but I suppose that choice is up to you, dear readers.

Guitar solo, followed by next verse:

> The puppet that's broken has reason to smile
> But the strings can't control you if you walk away

> No more tears of disillusionment
> I'l be a puppet no longer
> The hands that I thought had held me
> The clockwork behind their smiles
> They'll not have control over me
> I'll stand up and leave them behind

Here, we see Man has a lot more resolve than previously; he realizes the strings from the puppet master can't control him if he walks away from the system of control (MGTOW). This can be achieved in a variety of ways – Game, expatriation, CoAlpha brotherhoods, marrying a foreign wife…

The regular chorus repeats once more before bleeding into a revised chorus, the finale of this track:

> Just release yourself
> From the scars you inflict on yourself
> When you're wounded by no one else
> Rise above pain, move past my despair
> And put down the cross that I've made myself bear
> Now I'm still standing
> And I'm not gonna crawl

This is an important verse. Here Man realizes his own culpability in the perceived evils that have been wrought upon him. He needs to release himself from self-inflicted scars (self-obsessed wallowing is one example, being unable to move on from the betrayal he's suffered – scars inflicted when he is "wounded by no one else"). He realizes he needs to unburden himself completely of the cross he has made himself bear (feminism) in order to move on, and he has found new resolve ("I'm still standing, and I'm not gonna crawl").

The next song is the most powerful in the quartet, and the reason I even started writing up any of the other ones. However, some of its power is reduced without understanding the full context of its lyrical content, and so these other analyses were necessary. See you next time.

The New Math on Campus

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The New York Times ran an interesting article earlier this weekend about the sex ratio on college campuses and how it is wreaking havoc with the social lives of the female undergraduates. The entire article is worth a read, but here are a few highlights:

> Jayne Dallas, a senior studying advertising who was seated across the table, grumbled that the population of male undergraduates was even smaller when you looked at it as a dating pool. "Out of that 40 percent, there are maybe 20 percent that we would consider, and out of those 20, 10 have girlfriends, so all the girls are fighting over that other 10 percent," she said.
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> Needless to say, this puts guys in a position to play the field, and tends to mean that even the ones willing to make a commitment come with storied romantic histories. Rachel Sasser, a senior history major at the table, said that before she and her boyfriend started dating, he had "hooked up with a least five of my friends in my sorority — that I know of."
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> "A lot of my friends will meet someone and go home for the night and just hope for the best the next morning," Ms. Lynch said. "They'll text them and say: 'I had a great time. Want to hang out next week?' And they don't respond."
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> Even worse, "Girls feel pressured to do more than they're comfortable with, to lock it down," Ms. Lynch said.
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> As for a man's cheating, "that's a thing that girls let slide, because you have to," said Emily Kennard, a junior at North Carolina. "If you don't let it slide, you don't have a boyfriend."

It's very interesting that things like this are now being talked about openly in the media. Of course there is still language in the article about how the men are "victimizing" women because of the sex ratio, but that's as absurd as saying that the young professional women in Manhattan are "victimizing" their male peers by dating and sexing several notches up the social totem pole. What comes around goes around, ladies.

As Nature Intended

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I have a problem with Evolutionary Psychology. Specifically, I have a problem with how some members of the Game community interpret Evolutionary Psychology. Evo-Psyche is used to define what it is to be a Man.

Evolutionary Psychology is a scape-goat science being used to market a product.

Once upon a time, men turned to God for explanations. *God lives in the gaps*. Then Man discovered the Scientific Method. In the search for Truth, Man applied logic and reason to natural phenomenon and gradually the need for God dwindled.

"God works in mysterious ways," became Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Science began filling in the gaps in Man's understanding of the world. As methods improved, scientific credibility grew. Then the scientific community developed a tragic flaw: *hubris*.

As recently as last year, scientists were suggesting that men were a dying breed. Fifteen minutes ago, scientists announced that they were wrong. Eggs are good, eggs are bad. You too can lose weight eating nothing but bacon.

Science had long abused its credibility to push biased, misinformed, and under-investigated theories. People listened because they wanted to believe what they were being told. All they needed were the relevant statistics so they could plead authority.

Then Climategate broke and the wheels came off.

Evolutionary Psychology is not an exact science. It is controversial, meaning debatable, and therefore far from perfect. Before you quote Dawkins at me, understand what I'm saying. I am not arguing that Evo-Psyche has no merit, nor am I arguing that it is not an advancing field.

What I am arguing is that Evolutionary Psychology is not grounds for making broad, deterministic statements about the nature of human beings.

When I read statements like "humans evolved to . . . " or "nature intended", the thinking part of my brain short-circuits. Humans did not evolve to do anything. Nature has no plan. The idea that survival and replication are Nature's/Evolution's goal is quaint foolishness.

This may only be a trick of the language. These kinds of statements may only be poor wording that conveys an unintended meaning. Then again, they may be an extension of *Argumentum ad Naturam*. Humans evolved that way, natural selection allows only the best, therefore people should behave according X,Y,Z.

Evolution is a process of happy accidents.

Humans did not evolve with opposable thumbs so that we could survive better. We evolved with them because having them didn't get us killed. The fact that our thumbs are useful is only a bonus.

Evolution happens by *kludging*. For every million or so harmful mutations, one comes along that happens to be benign, perhaps even useful. There is no purpose behind it, humans "read" purpose onto Evolution. We invest it with our own meaning.

Science is supposed to be about observable facts.

"Humans have forward looking eyes, a trait common to predatory animals," is a valid scientific observation.

"Humans have forward looking eyes because they evolved to be predators," is not.

Using Evolutionary Psychology to define Manhood makes it easy to reduce men to polyamorous breed machines. Extrapolating how men are "supposed to be" from a series of lower level physical properties, however factual, is nothing more than reductive determinism.

Meanwhile, a generation of men emasculated by feminism and the Sexual Revolution mope around, dick-hurt about their clumsy love-lives and willing to blame anyone but themselves. They turn to Game because the people marketing it wave a magic wand and say, "Science!"

Does Game work? Sure it does . . . but I suspect that its success has more to do with the confidence a systematic approach instills in men than with the credibility of its scientific underpinnings.

Before you dust off your pitchfork and burn a cross on my lawn, think about *why* men want Game to be a *Scientific Fact*. Men want sex. Game promises them that. If Game *truly* is the magic bullet, then anyone can land the girl(s) of their dreams and all they need is a little practice . . .

While you indulge this thought, which sounds like the male equivalent of a Cosmo cover article, consider how other scientifically proven products have benefited you.

Has your magic powder increased your natural testosterone 1500%? Did that magic pill increase the size of your penis?

Did Xenedrine and Hydroxycut make you *ripped*?

If so, I've got some magic beans you're gonna love . . .

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For more barroom philosophy, check out FKIN.

Feminism and the Prison Industrial Complex

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I was recently looking over US prison statistics, which demonstrate that the United States imprisons more people by far in terms of both percent of population and overall number than any other country in the world. In fact, the United States may have the highest peacetime incarceration rate in recorded history — we are certainly somewhere near the USSR at the height of the GULAG system (not counting post-war POWs).

While looking at graphs detailing the steep rise in incarceration that began around 1980, it occurred to me that the implementation of feminism and women's liberation coincided almost perfectly with the rise in the incarceration rate. As single motherhood and "innovations" in family law spread, the number of men in prison grew at a fantastic rate. In the 1990s, Clinton's 1994 crime bill further increased the growth of the prison industrial complex just as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) took hold.

It often takes great effort and force to prop up an unnatural social system. The reason the implementation of Communism was accompanied by mass incarceration was that the Communist system wasn't the best fit for the societies it enslaved. Likewise, although sexual liberation and the destruction of families may come naturally to many – possibly most – women on an individual basis, it doesn't really work in modern human societies, and probably hasn't been adaptive since the end of the middle paleolithic.

The decimation of American families began to gain steam during the 1960s, when the illegitimacy rate of black Americans rose rapidly, foreshadowing the current explosion of white illegitimacy. This was accompanied by a record crime rate in the 1970s. As social chaos began to take hold and women marched in the streets for easy divorce and abortion, conservatives' attention was largely focused on the poor behavior of the young male cohort. As conservatives are wont to do, they blamed men exclusively for the problem, possibly because of their cherished fantasy that all women who have

children out of wedlock or who get divorced are innocent victims of rapacious men. In reality, the boys who were out in the street misbehaving were, as often as not, victims of their mothers' choices.

In addition to the criminality brought about by illegitimacy and broken families, the economic issue of welfare came to be a major point of political contention. As single mothers went on welfare en masse, pressure built up to make fathers pay — again, often for the poor choices of women. Tougher laws were passed to rein in the social chaos in inner cities and attempt to coerce young men into behaving like Ward Cleaver even as their role as provider husband or father had been subverted by revolutionary family law and feminist policies in school and the workplace. Of course, it was impossible for many of these young men to beat the odds stacked against them, so the punitive option was brought to bear, and prisons across the country received them with open arms.

An interesting thing about the meteoric rise in incarceration is that it continued apace for over an entire generation. Starting around 1980, it continued to grow throughout the last Bush administration. If you are a young man today, your chance of being thrown in the slammer has grown tremendously from the day you were born. Even as your real wages have declined, your educational opportunities eroded by higher costs and female domination of higher education, and the likelihood you will have a stable, lasting marriage and family has largely evaporated, you now have a greater opportunity than ever to live the life of a convict.

Feminist policy created a self-reinforcing loop of male disenfranchisement, male crime, public outrage and calls for punishment, incarceration, and then more disenfranchisement as children grow up with daddy in jail or otherwise on the wrong side of the law. There is nothing more responsible for the destruction of the American family than feminism, and there is nothing that breeds crime like broken families.

More Mother-Teen Daughter Sexual Jealousy Exposed

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[The following was originally written by Schopenbecq on The AntiFeminist blog.]

What it feels like for a mother to see her little girl turn into a woman :

> The other evening, I walked in on my 15-year-old daughter as she lay soaking in the bath. Somehow, I held onto the gasp I wanted to emit at the sight of her: that beautiful young body, with its impossibly pert breasts and taut midriff, surely belonged to a woman and not my little girl. "Darling, I'm so sorry," I said quickly, making to hurry out of the bathroom. "I'll leave you in peace." For the first time since she was born, seeing my child naked had left me feeling embarrassed, awkward and, oh dear, rather jealous.
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> With her incredible figure, long and naturally golden hair, and sculptured features, it was plain to see that my eldest daughter's beauty eclipsed my own. I always knew that three pregnancies, and the simple passing of time, had had an impact on my own looks and shape. Now, as I compared myself to my woman-child, it struck me just how much. "It's fine, Mum," my daughter laughed, oblivious to the depressing epiphany she'd just provoked. "Stay and chat."
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> Only I couldn't. I needed to go away and process how I felt; to shake the green-eyed monster hanging off my back, before my darling girl picked up on how I was feeling. I'd have been mortified if I'd inadvertently ended up making her feel bad, too, so I made my excuses and left — and promptly told my husband that it was about time we fixed a lock on the bathroom door.

Yet increasingly, any man who even takes a second glance at a 17 year old girl let alone that beautiful 15 year old who inspires such jealousy in her own mother, is the worst pervert imaginable, a nonce, a sub-human paedophile, to be locked away to be beaten, spat upon, and raped for the rest of his life. And some of you think this isn't men's rights. And some of you think the only thing that matters is proving that as many female monsters as men break statutory rape laws that were created by ugly, sexually jealous, middle-aged feminists in order to protect their own selfish sexual interests (if you don't believe me, just read the above one more time, eh, and consider that women like this have criminalized millions of men as 'perverts' for clicking on a fucking cartoon picture of a female who MIGHT look as though depicting a girl of 17!!!!).

Meanwhile, the Daily Express, seeking to win away the crucial female 35+ year old readership from the equally odious, deluded, and paedohysteric Daily Mail told it's target audience exactly what it wanted to hear :

50 and Fantastic : Rise of the Quintastics

Look at these, not their daughters

> The major change taking place is in our attitude to ageing. "In our generation all the messages about women's validity after 50 have completely changed," points out Quilliam. "We are now free to do what and say what we want when we want; 50 is no longer the downturn that marks the end of a useful life. Now women work, the benchmark for the end

> of youthfulness is retirement. These days you can make love when you want to, go out when you like, learn a new skill or enjoy yourself how you please."

To which I'm reminded of a brilliant photo signature I spotted beneath the posts of a forum member at menarebetterthanwomen.com (the girls are the two beautiful 16 y.o. singers Selena Gomez and Demi Lovato).

To all the 30+ women – THIS is who we are looking at on the beach!

Exposing Feminist Flaws and Outright Lies – An Analysis of Paramount Importance

February 10, 2010 | by J. Durden | Link | Original Link

The word of the day today is irony. While my post won't be talking about the themes raised by the picture above, you'll see what I mean at the end.

Feminists wield power by their absolute mastery of language and their domination of intellectual debate; this is an observable phenomenon. Furthermore, their ideas often march on unchallenged because people are afraid to speak up against the prevailing wisdom, for whatever reason. Maybe this post can change some of that. First, let me set the scene for the genesis of this post:

I'm innocently and productively doing my homework for an organizational communication course I'm taking, reading through the text (which isn't perfect but isn't awful, either, and actually does a good job of being balanced) when I come across the dreaded "Feminist Perspectives and Organizational Communication" section. I bite the bullet and read on. When finished, I'm compelled to race over to the computer and share with you all some of the juicy bits with my commentary, so here we are.

Diving right in, we begin with a relatively standard definition of **feminist theory**:

> Focuses on the marginalization and domination of women in the workplace and the valuing of women's voices in all organizational processes.

Long time readers will know the ways in which this statement is false, but regardless of your amount of time spent in the community, I'd like to draw your attention to this excellent post. Written on a woman's blog and analyzing a woman's opinion/arguments from circa 1870 (you know, back when women were awfully oppressed in a terrible patriarchy that couldn't possibly be good for them), it makes for an enlightening read and rebuttal. The blog author has several other posts on the subject I haven't yet found the time to read, but if you like what she has to say, feel free to comment and let me know. And if you're the sort to think that nothing good can come from women, I think there are plenty of examples to prove you wrong; but to each their own.

EXHIBIT A: JUDI MARSHALL AND THE NONSENSE OF PRIMA FACIE FORMS OF ARGUMENTATION

First up in the line of authors cited (I was familiar with none of them before reading this text) is Judi Marshall. The text cites a work she did in 1993 ("Viewing organizational communication from a

feminist perspective: a critique and some offerings" – a limited search yielded me no links or abstracts) which essentially criticizes the tendency of organizations to respond to male values ("self-assertion, separation, independence, control, competition, focused perception, rationality, analysis, clarity, discrimination and activity") in favor of female values ("interdependence, cooperation, receptivity, merging, acceptance, awareness of patterns, wholes, and synthesizing"). Marshall posits that, and I quote from my text with emphasis my own, "although males and females can access both types of values, **evidence exists** that females in organizations adapt to male norms while being evaluated against female stereotypes."

I have two major problems with this brief paragraph. I like bulleted lists, so let's do that:

- **PROBLEM THE FIRST: ASSUMPTIONS** – Naturally, the assumption is that "male" values are somehow negative and "female" values are somehow positive (without any analysis offered as to why these values belong to either males or females – they are presented as belonging to their respective biological sex *prima facie*). An objective look at the values, however, shows that many of the "male" values are positive ones for organizations (especially independence, competition, focused perception, rationality, clarity, analysis and activity) whereas many of the "female" values seemed better suited to making friends than getting things done (especially interdependence, receptivity, merging, and acceptance). Furthermore, I reject the assertion that females are better at "awareness of patterns, wholes, and synthesizing" and I am not alone in my rejection. These are also referred to as mathematical abilities, and there's a lot of literature to suggest that women are not as naturally suited to mathematics as men are.
- **PROBLEM THE SECOND: EVIDENCE** – What evidence? Do you mean the kind of evidence that is spawned by politicized agencies funded by feminists with the express intent of propagating feminism? My educated guess: probably. It's the same way feminists gather all their evidence – especially statistics on rape and sexual assault. Date rape is a myth. In fact, even the extent to which rape "plagues" our society is a myth. Or maybe it's more accurate to say the "method" in which "rape" plagues our society is misunderstood – after all, false rape accusations are a rampant disease. What else has been mythologized and misconstrued by feminist doctrine?

Moving along, then, to:

EXHIBIT B: PATRICE BUZZANELL AND LANGUAGE IDEOLOGIES

Patrice Buzzanell, in a piece entitled Gaining a Voice: Feminist Organizational Communication Theorizing, describes feminist organizational communication as (and I quote from my text) "the moral commitment to investigate the subordinated, to focus on gendered interactions in ordinary lives, and to explore the standpoints of women who have been rendered invisible by their absence in theory and research." I'm not going to take the time to rebut this nonsense – see the posts I linked to above or stick around The Spearhead for a while and you'll see that all of this is patently false. Women were not oppressed under patriarchy, women are not subordinated in the workplace, and women are far from absent in theory and research. How anyone can ever be convinced that over half the human population has been rendered "invisible" seems absurd – but, as Voltaire observes, "those who can make you believe absurdities can convince you to commit atrocities." Sound like what's happened to society of late?

What's more interesting about Buzzanell are the relatively unstated assumptions fueling her

arguments; she "discusses how gender is socially constructed and enacted in organizations with messages, structures, and practices becoming the contexts for gender construction and negotiation." If biological sex at birth is a social construct, why is it after 40 years of feminism (and indeed, the birth of a new woman's nation, per the Shriver report) women are still found to have half the upper-body strength of men, 70-75% the aerobic capacity, and are slightly less intelligent by metric of the intelligence quotient on average? Perhaps we shouldn't be too hard on Buzzanell. She's merely part of a much larger system that fuels prevailing language ideologies, which can have a poisonous effect on the way we all think about and perceive the world.

But then she goes on to observe that "the ethic of competitive individualism creates organizational winners and losers based on competition and a need to excel over others." Well, this is true enough, and as Ray Baumeister outlines in a seminal analysis, evolution may have played a part in how humans tend to organize. However, Buzzanell can only speak sense so long before she must vomit nonsense: "the competitive ethic typically casts women in the role of the *other*, whereas stereotypical expectations and behaviors cast women as *losers*." There is nothing wrong with seeing women as "other" from men; in fact, men and women are innately different and serve unique (but, it could be said, equally important) biological/evolutionary roles. It should be expected that when women try to be men (and attempt to compete in male organizations and try to accomplish male tasks), women are going to "lose" in greater proportion than men are. Some women can succeed, because traits such as strength, intelligence, etc., appear to be distributed along a bell curve; but the traits that lead to success in traditionally male endeavors are centered around a lower proficiency in women when compared to men. I've not encountered much formal research about how male traits are distributed in regards to traditionally female roles (motherhood tasks, nurturing, etc) but I would expect a similar disadvantage exists for men when it comes to womanly tasks – men exist to be men and women exist to be women. Revolutionary and mind-blowing, I know, but try to keep pace.

Buzzanell isn't done yet, however. One of her themes of critique "is based on the superiority in traditional society of the rational, direct, and solution-oriented." Yes, she is critiquing the fact that traditional society is solution-oriented. What does she propose, a problem-oriented society? The illogic here is baffling. Apparently, "feminist organizational communication theory asks questions about alternatives and explores the double binds created for women who are negatively sanctioned for adopting the scientific male style nad who are also devalued for choosing stereotypical feminine communication patterns." Good. Let's toss aside useful and proven methods of organizing in favor of endless debate so that the barbarians can come in and destroy everything we've created and we can start the process all over again ad infinitum. Nevermind the fact that feminism tends to be the primary critical voice when it comes to devaluing women who choose "stereotypical" (read also: traditional, perhaps even "natural") "feminine communication patterns," namely, motherhood and willing submission to patriarchy. As I and others have said elsewhere, patriarchy works, benefits women, and when it is discarded, society crumbles.

But wait, there's more! Buzzanell is also critical of "socialization practices that urge men to become separate and autonomous through action, work, and status; women, by contrast, are socialized for nurturing, being attractive, following authority, and being well liked." That's right! Social pressure to compel useful behavior for society is, according to Buzzanell, **a bad thing**. Do I really even need to tear this apart?

Moving along, then, to:

EXHIBIT C: CONNIE BULLIS AND IDEOLOGICALLY FUELLED CONCEPT…fuck it,

let's just be honest and straightforward. Ahem, allow me to try again.

EXHIBIT C: CONNIE BULLIS AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF BULLSHIT

Connie Bulllis is cited in a 1993 piece awkwardly titled "Organizational Socialization: A Feminist Standpoint Approach" (couldn't find an abstract or link, forgive me) as repeating the party line. (The party line always makes for an entertaining read.) Ironically, her arguments apply directly to the state of men in contemporary society. Allow me to quote:

> Connie Bullis (1993) uses feminist theory to develop an alternative perspective. Bullis describes why it is important to consider how socialization practices can construct women as marginalized others. Bullis challenges us to think about voices marked as outsiders, unsocialized, uncommitted, disloyal, absentee, unemployable, or dropouts…Bullis and Karen Stout (1996) raise important questions about socialization processes that function both to marginalize as well as socialize.

I see your ante of imagined misogyny and raise you one very real misandry, Connie Bullis. The Fifth Horseman / The Futurist describes why it is important to consider how socialization practices can construct men as marginalized others. I challenge everyone to think about male voices which have been marked as outsiders (men no longer have fraternities but cannot be a part of women's groups; women's studies far outnumber men's studies in college), unsocialized (all men are, rather than complicated human beings with a variety of emotional and physiological needs and wants, piggish animals who are satisfied only by sex), uncommitted (men are cast as deadbeat dads and unwilling to commit in the dating scene), disloyal (despite the fact that women initiate 90% of all divorces, the average woman still fears that a man will leave her in marriage), absentee (google "where have all the good men gone") unemployable (the vast majority of the unemployed are men) and dropouts (again, the vast majority of dropouts are men).

In fact, **as a proud high-school dropout, I demand everyone listen to me.** After all, feminist theory demands I be listened to! In order to meet this demand, I encourage all of the readers of The Spearhead to link this article as far and wide as they can. Post it in forums, post it on Facebook, casually slip it into your instant messaging conversations ("hey there, how about that weather? Oh, by the way, feminists are crazy (link here)"). Do whatever it takes.

CONCLUSIONS

I'm glad I "soldiered" through both the text and this post. This turned out a lot better than I initially envisioned. Feminists tend to propagate their misinformation and faulty reasoning because people are afraid of criticizing them. Criticism isn't a crime yet, so do what you can to join in the critiques – if that means writing your own posts, do it. If that means questioning feminists in public, do it. If that means spreading along a well-written critique of someone else's, do it. Hope you enjoyed the piece, and, furthermore, hope you learned something useful. The best part is that we can use their own reasoning against them – irony is always an enjoyable exercise. Back to my homework. Until next time!

Lindsey Vonn SI Pose Allegedly Sexualized

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In a hilarious example of feminist cluelessness, the Sports Illustrated cover photo of skier Lindsey Vonn has provoked feminist outrage. First, because she "represents norm of feminine attractiveness. [sic]" Now one might think it's a good idea to put a photo of someone who is attractive to normal people on a national magazine's cover, but I guess feminists aren't normal. Still, you'd think they'd at least *understand* the concept of marketability. Well, on second thought, maybe that is asking too much.

Secondly, Lindsey's pose offends them. According to the feminists, Vonn is portrayed in a sexualized manner. Yes, I suppose one could interpret it that way, as she is bending over with her rear rather high in the air, but one could also say that it looks as though she is doubled over on a toilet seat with stomach cramps. The truth is that a "tuck" is a rather unnatural pose in normal life, but it is exactly what one does when downhill skiing to maximize control while maintaining an aerodynamic profile.

If anything, the SI covershot is actually portraying Vonn as an athlete rather than a sex symbol. The only thing off about the picture is that she is smiling and looking at the camera rather than looking straight ahead with 60mph wind whipping her hair back. It may be a stylized pose, but it's an *athletic* pose above all. It's really the same as a quarterback posing with his arm cocked back for a throw.

One could say that feminists are being prudish about this, but I think it's actually something different. Although they don't come right out and say it, women want to be sexy on their terms, and an unglamorous pose such as a tuck bothers them, even when it is the most technically accurate representation of Lindsey Vonn's sport.

Turning the Tide: An Object Lesson in "Waging the War," from the Front Lines

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1. Introduction and Statement of Intent

Maybe you are peeved at my picture. It serves an important point – if all we are to do in this community is sit around and endlessly talk to one another about the same issues, we will never accomplish anything useful. We are living in interesting times, to be sure. Information technologies have progressed to the point where we could infinitely process information about feminism and just how bad it is ad infinitum. **We will never be able to completely finish talking about just how bad feminism is.** In fact, we run the danger of falling into the trap that John Bagot Glubb describes as "intellectualism," whereby a society is condemned to ruin because its best minds are engaged in endless debate while poison slowly eats away at it. At some point, if we want this "movement" to do anything, we must come to consensus and say "enough is enough!" We must select certain articles as the best for articulating and explaining the situation, shortening the amount of time it takes to convince a skeptic of our position. It's like we're all stuck talking in circles – the majority of this community agrees that things are messed up, so what's the point in sitting around and continuing to agree that things are messed up without doing anything else? I'm not saying we should stop talking about the issues. Rather, I'm saying we should start talking about them with new people. But read on to see what I mean – this will be a long post.

I feel as though this is the most important thing I have written so far in my life. It may not end up being the most important thing I ever write, but I digress. I say this not to gloat or be boastful, but to try to convey the gravity of the situation I am attempting to describe to you. I am asking you to take me seriously and to try your best to understand what I am writing – I am not asking you to see things my way, in the sense that if you do not see them my way you end up as my enemy. This is not an appeal to the "my way or the highway" mentality. Either you are with me or you are not – but casting your chips with another does not make you my enemy. In fact, the only way I will ever perceive you as my enemy is if you cast your lot with feminism; even then, every true warrior throughout the ages has known that enemies are only relative and bound to time and context. If you are a feminist, we may be enemies now yet best friends ten years from now. **To any feminist "enemies" who may be reading this: things change, and I do not need to kill or otherwise destroy you in order to defeat feminism.** Furthermore, defeating feminism does not mean I have defeated you – if anything, I have liberated you from a parasitic cancer which poisons your thinking and constrains your thoughts. (It

goes without saying, of course, that if someone literally tries to assault me and take my life through physical force, aka murder, I may be required to use lethal force to prevail in that situation – but that's neither here nor there.)

Agitation has been building in our community for a while that basically amounts to a call for action. This post represents one way to take action, so if you have been feeling the itch to **do something** about the problems we've all identified, then read on. If you are content to merely continue discussing the problems, stop reading right now; this post is not for you. This is not a comprehensive outline towards a final solution to the problems – but it is an important, fundamental first step that I earnestly believe, to the bottom of my very being, must be taken if we are to seriously confront the problem before us.

For a long time – far too long, in fact, as this has been true my entire life – I have allowed the ideology of feminism to shame me into silence, and worse, cause me to disbelieve in myself. I have always felt that I have had great and important ideas, but the influence of our ideologically-fueled society compelled me into silence if I wanted to "succeed." However, my conception of success was limited in that it was dependent upon my acceptance of a system I knew was broken. Now that I have rejected the system – and feel that I have nothing to lose – I have gained the confidence to assert myself. I am a little man no longer.

I have, as Kierkegaard recommended long ago, found an idea for which I can live, and more importantly, for which I can die. I have found the thing which motivates to me sacrifice all other things, and as such, I will not be shaken from my beliefs. I do not write for recognition, ego, traffic, fame, credit, or any other similar reason. I write because I believe and I am compelled to act on that belief. Again, either you are with me or you are not – I extend an alliance to all who are willing. Being my enemy is a choice you freely make by advocating or defending feminism; and as I have already mentioned, our opposition will certainly only be temporary.

Enough proselytizing. Let's get down to the details – as we all know, that's where the devil's at!

2. Re-framing the Challenge, or, This is War

Feminism is our enemy, and, as has been established many times over, hurts both men and women (more simply and quite literally **all human beings**). But what is feminism? Feminism is **an idea.** Feminism is **not any specific person or group of people.** This is extremely important to keep in mind, because it is extremely easy to forget. No one person or one group of people **is** feminism. What does this means? It means that you cannot get rid of feminism by getting rid of that person or group of people which you perceive to be the **source** of feminism. One of the most common logical mistakes in our community is to equate feminism with women, and attempt to hold all women accountable for feminism. I will not spend time here spelling out exactly why I understand people do this; you will have to take me at face value when I tell you that I can empathize. Let me say that if we want to hold anyone accountable for feminism, we must hold **everyone** accountable, because as we've discussed throughout this community, ultimately **men** are the ones who enforce concepts such as morality or "rights." However, holding people accountable is ultimately inconsequential – it may provide some sense of catharsis but I can't see it providing anything else. As such, I suggest we look at more productive **things to do.**

A useful and timely analogy for describing the mechanisms of feminism in the context of what it has done to western society is to compare it to an insurgency. Insurgencies are, at bottom, conflicts about ideologies. To better understand what an insurgency is all about, I recommend you read The

Counterinsurgency Field Manual. In case you didn't read my link comparing feminism to insurgencies, one of the take-away points is this: in any ideologically fueled conflict (such as an insurgency), you will generally see what I call a 10-80-10 split. 10% of people involved in the conflict will be what you can call "die-hard believers" on one end of the spectrum, with 10% being the polar opposite. In the middle – **and this is what the conflict is really about** – is a vast and undecided (or skeptical) middle ground, approximating 80% of total people impacted by the conflict. Allow me to now carry on the analogy developed originally in the aforementioned link.

As has been detailed elsewhere and generally acknowledged by anyone who values reason, the main driving force behind the feminist movement lacks a grass roots constituency. Feminism is, essentially, an extremist minority ideology propagated and actively promoted by a very small minority of people (men and women both). Their lack of numbers, however, does not mean that they are without power. This is a key point that many people – **the average people, the "90 percenters" or the real objective in this conflict** – seem to miss whenever criticism of the feminist leadership is brought up. (Try talking to an otherwise reasonable woman, for instance, and quote the feminist leadership, or show them NiceGuy's handy article on the subject, and they will, while recognizing the downright wrongness of the doctrine being voiced, comfort themselves by thinking "oh, this is just a minority of people" and "they can't be having as much of an effect as you claim!")

In any ideological conflict, there is also an active minority diametrically opposed to the other minority. In the context of understanding feminism as an insurgency, this would be places like The Spearhead and the so-called "MRA community" at large. Here you have a dedicated user base that's writing articles to expose the flaws in feminist philosophy; ferret out the truth in issues like false rape accusations, unfair divorce laws, men's health issues, domestic violence, and any other number of related concerns; and attempting to bring more people "into the light," as it were.

(Un)fortunately, the vast majority of people in any insurgent situation will always be in the middle between the two extremes – usually relatively undecided on the matter. **In fact, the insurgency is not over until the undecided majority has, for lack of more eloquent phraseology, decided en masse.** The true battle in any insurgency is over these people who are in the middle. Generally, whichever side can get more support and/or commitment from the middle wins. An important caveat, however, is this (to quote from the manual): "**…a passive populace may be all that is necessary for a well-supported insurgency to seize political power.**" Feminists have made so much ground and been able to seize and wield so much political power precisely because they've instituted a system where they thrive on a passive populace. They don't need the vast majority of people to actually believe in all of their bullshit – all they need is tacit acceptance. Any time criticism is levied and rational debate sought, they have developed powerful tools (like shaming tactics) that can even bring down people we once perceived having power – politicians, professors, etc, you name it. But the power of these tactics is not absolute; in fact, they only have power over you if you allow them to. (This is the dirty secret feminists don't want you to know, and perhaps in a future post, I will expand upon this – the "answer" has a lot to do with certain aspects of Stoicism.) In any case, the power of these tactics is on the decline, and the time to "strike," as it were, is now – **feminists were only successful in seizing political power for a temporary period, but they were not successful in committing the middle majority of people and therefore they have not won the war.**

As I wrap this section up, allow me to recap my basic argument. In fact, allow me to strip it down to its logical skeleton – you will rarely see the truth presented so nakedly, nor will you see it presented so irrefutably. I have nothing to hide and I am not trying to manipulate anyone. I will present the

above as a syllogism in seven words, 2 numbers, and 6 other characters. This syllogism is known as the AAA-1 syllogism:

1) Ideology = feminism
2) Insurgency = ideology
THEREFORE, feminism = insurgency

3. Turning the Tide, or, Waging a War of Ideas

If we understand that feminism is an ideology/insurgency, then logically we understand we cannot end feminism by getting rid of those people who believe in it. The solution may not be obvious, but there is a way to combat ideas, and this section will outline how.

Thank You For Smoking, aside from being hilarious, is actually **very instructive** as to how this is done. Many men fall into the trap while debating feminists (and to a lesser extent, women) that the objective is to convince the feminist that s/he is wrong. This is a logical objective. The problem is, as great as logic is, **it only has power over people who buy into its rules.** Those who have been poisoned by the ideology of feminism **no longer believe in logic,** as one of the (stated!) objectives of feminism has been the destruction of logic. To save time explaining this truism, I'll quote an earlier post I made, based on Christina Hoff Sommer's book, Who Stole Feminism (both of which have already been linked to once before in this post):

> The very construct of knowledge – of schools, of math, of science – is a male construct, designed to oppress women! Elizabeth Fee articulates this belief: "Knowledge was created as an act of aggression—a passive nature had to be interrogated, unclothed, penetrated, and compelled by man to reveal her secrets" (qtd. in Sommers 66) while Catharine MacKinnon claims that, for men, "to know has meant to fuck" (qtd. in Sommers 66). "In a similar mood, Sandra Harding suggests that Newton's Principles of Mechanics could just as aptly be called "Newton's Rape Manual." (Sommers 66).

Feminists equated knowledge – and by extension, logic – **literally with rape.** As we have come to learn in this community, **the concept of rape is an extremely potent force for feminists,** even if it has been expanded to include essentially anything feminists want it to. But a great majority of the power of this idea extends from the fact that **very few people are willing to publicly challenge it in a logical, dispassionate manner.** We literally live in a culture of fear where people have very real reasons to be afraid of sticking their neck out – so I'll stick my neck out for everyone. Chop my head off. At least I will die for believing in my heart what I know to be true!

A further point to take home from the quote above is that we will never, ever be able to convince a "true-believer" of feminism that they are wrong – **this is impossible.** Therefore, any time we engage in a logical debate with a feminist, we should not make it our goal to "defeat" the feminist specifically, or attempt to persuade the feminist that they are incorrect. **Every reasonable attempt should be made to identify whether the person you are corresponding with is a skeptic or a feminist**; if a skeptic, continue debating logically and attempt to persuade him or her. If a feminist – **start playing to the crowd.** I will be elaborating on the tactics involved in doing this later on in the post; for now, allow me to finish talking about strategy.

One **highly critical** thing to take into account about making a spectacle of any debate with a feminist – consciously appealing to the crowd and attempting to win the crowd over with reason, **rather than** trying to dissuade your **perceived** opposition from their logically untenable position – is the concept

of groupthink and specifically the bystander effect/diffusion of responsibilty. The seminal case to consider when evaluating the validity of groupthink is the case of Kitty Genovese. To summarize very briefly Kittty's tragic fate, she was assaulted and stabbed by an assailant multiple times, screaming for help, while virtually no one aided her. The kicker? She was in a public area with a diverse group of observers – failure on the part of the observers to help couldn't be pinned on straw-men concepts like gender, race, age, religious creed, and whatever else you might think to use as a scapegoat.

The reality of the situation says a lot about the human condition. Virtually all of the observers recognized the attack was occurring and that it was wrong. However, **and quite importantly**, they also all registered that the attack was occurring in a highly visible public area with countless other observers not unlike themselves. What did this mean? This meant that responsibility was diffused among the group – literally **every observer** independently concluded that because there were so many other observers, someone else must have already taken the necessary action to remedy the situation. In reality, **no observer** took the action necessary because of this belief! How does this tie into **playing the crowd** when it comes to debating feminists?

It is not illogical to assume that every person "in the crowd," observing your debate with a feminist, believes in the power of logic. It may even be possible that, somewhere deep inside those anonymous observers, they burn to tell the feminist that the feminist is wrong and illogical. However, each person in that crowd certainly recognizes there are many other people in the crowd, diffusing the responsibility to directly challenge the feminist. (Furthermore, the feminist's perceived power and implied ability to harm dissenters, as discussed above, is another motivating factor for people to remain silent.) Moreover, the observers may doubt the validity of their truest, innermost feelings when no one rises to the occasion to debate a feminist. Worse still and **yet more poisonous to the cause** is when someone **does stand up to a feminist, but is clobbered back into silence by illogical persuasive techniques** such as shaming tactics or appeals to stay silent since, after all, "not everyone believes in that crazy stuff" or whatever other excuse people offer up to maintain the status quo. Nobody wants to rock the boat, since it's dangerous. Let me be clear: **if we want to combat feminism, we will need to rock the boat.** Additionally, all it may take is **one person** to break the spell of diffusion of responsibility and bystander apathy – especially if that one person takes charge of the situation and directs the actions of the crowd.

Martin Luther King Jr. hit the nail on the head when he observed, inside a prison cell, that "**injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.**" (Political correctness joke: Let no one say The Spearhead has forgotten Black History Month!)

In order to be successful, we must strive to **control the debate** and moreover **control the rules of the debate.** This is the same mechanism by which feminists have been successful, but I reject their methodology. Their methodology involves mass deception and literally billions of dollars of dishonest statistics and lies. I advocate complete transparency and absolute adherence to the dictates of logic; we cannot be swayed by ad hominem assaults, appeals to pathos or any other illogical **non-sense** (literally, lack of sense!). We will control the debate by refusing to engage an opponent who refuses to adhere to the very same rules; if the opponent refuses to adhere to these rules, **it is not manipulative or deceptive to expose them for failing to adhere to logic.** This is more or less what we do when **play to the crowd** – we expose feminists for failing to adhere to logic, "like the rest of us." This builds commonality and has the side-effect of isolating and rendering impotent the feminist. We are not banishing the feminist forever; merely, we are telling him or her that if he or she would

like the **privilege of participating in conversation with civilized society,** he or she **must adhere to the rules of discourse governing civilized adults.** Freedom of speech is a useful legal reality, but it does not guarantee anyone **the right that they will be listened to** – it only guarantees you the right (more or less) that you will not be persecuted by the state for running at the mouth. **Being heard is a privilege,** and we must refuse to hear feminists on any other terms than logical or otherwise well-reasoned (and honest!) ones.

Not only shall the truth set you free, but it shall be presented to you free of charge. You do not have to "buy-in" to my worldview or system of truth – I hold my truths to be self-evident. There is no cover charge on "free thinking," and if you do nothing else after reading this article, I urge you to try thinking freely from here on out. Once, long ago, our nation also believed in something referred to as "self-evident truths." I swore an oath to defend the Constitution from any enemy – foreign and domestic – and I intend to make good on that oath; feminism is an idea that can create both kinds of enemies, and as such, poses a threat I am obligated to confront. But I would confront it even without such obligation – I would confront it because **it is the right thing to do.**

4. Tactics For Our Re-conceptualized Struggle; An Object Lesson in "Waging the War" From the Frontlines

I am not asking to be your leader, or even a leader. I am not asking to be called a visionary. Some may inevitably call me both of those things – but a leader can not lead without followers, and a visionary's vision is only great if other people can see the vision too. I will accept the mantle of leadership if I must but it is something I accept tacitly and for unselfish reasons; a leader is no more and no less important than his or her followers – neither is better and both are necessary to achieve the desired (and often synergistic) effect. But as a leader, I would not ask any follower to do something I would not – and thus, I give you my object lesson in "waging the war" from the front-lines of the conflict. This will be a tactical analysis that demonstrates many or all of the grand strategy concepts I have outlined above. I would have you learn, if you desire to.

The seed for this post was planted when I honesty attempted to engage Lady Raine in an intellectual conversation. She has been picked apart by our community for various reasons, but I refuse to accept the conclusions of others without investigating things for myself. (If I accepted the conclusions of others without investigating for myself, I would still be a feminist – as I once was – and would have never enlisted in the Marine Corps. **I am living proof that people can change, even stubborn people.**) I did not pursue this conversation, as I may now be accused of, because I wanted to make a grander point. In the moment, I earnestly and honestly wanted to engage her in direct and intelligent conversation, in part so I could come to my own conclusions about her and determine whether she was really as unreasonable as other people made her out to be.

(Preliminary note to Lady Raine – I have already archived all relevant statements you have made and, in the event you decide to delete your comments in an attempt to erase the record, **I will gladly disclose the entirety of our discourse for the reading public.** After all, the public deserves to know, do they not? I would ask you kindly to not delete your comments – as any upstanding adult and citizen should either be able to stand behind their statements or apologize for their mistakes – but the choice to delete those comments is not in my power to make.)

In fact, as can be evidenced and documented on our forums, I originally did not intend to write a Spearhead post about Lady Raine. I found her initial response to my attempt at conversation highly amusing and nothing more – I sought to share my amusement with other like-minded people. My day

ended shortly thereafter (as I, in case you were unawares, am currently in Okinawa, I live on a different time zone than most of the readership of The Spearhead/Lady Raine/etc).

I woke up and started my Marine Corps day (not so bright) and (extremely) early, as all Marine Corps days begin. I notice that in the short five or six hours I was sleeping, Lady Raine has already found my desolate and inconsequential blog (which, really, only close friends care about, and I have more or less abandoned to pursue content for the Spearhead). I find this situation even more humorous, make the requisite posts in our forum and the requisite snide comment to Lady Raine that perhaps the irony of suggesting she act her age would be lost upon her, which, much to my delight, she proves by editing my post to read "**LR EDIT: My age is 29, you halfwit.**" During work, I converse with one of my supervisors about the matter and we share a laugh. **At this point, the issue is still only of entertainment value to me.**

As I think more about the situation, I ponder at the nuances. Lady Raine is a self-proclaimed 29 year-old mother and wife, **yet she can find nothing better to do than scour the internet and devote her time to shaming and defaming an otherwise inconsequential blogger.** She even admits (and I agree whole-heartedly) I am an inconsequential and minor force when it comes to the blogosphere – **so why devote the effort to attempting to "fight" me at all?** Doesn't she have a husband and children to love, a home to brighten and make more sacred, a family to devote herself to? During my lunch break, I share my musings with Ferdinand Bardamu, who had taken the time to weigh in on the matter (much thanks for the solidarity, brother). In another group in which I am much more established (and perhaps therefore a little more confident and assertive), I muse at what (some) women have become.

At some point during my lunch break, I also notice that Lady Raine has taken the liberty to accuse me of absolute falsities, at which point I realize I can seize upon this opportunity to Turn the Tide. She accuses me of being a rapist (because I write for the Spearhead) and I take absolute ownership of this – you're right Lady Raine! **As a man who has never had sex, I am certainly a rapist for writing on The Spearhead.** The only thing more nonsensical than her statement would be my acquiescence to it; and yet acquiescing to it **drains it of any power it could have had.** Nothing I have ever done in my life has **ever even approximated the highly expanded legal definitions of rape,** so anyone can call me a rapist all they want. In a court of law, where the idea is **a man is innocent until proven guilty,** the burden of proof rests with the accuser. I challenge anyone to find proof I've "raped" a woman – **because no such proof exists.**

The rest of my work day is spent split between outlining this post and learning the nuances of a completely new and mind-blowing way for the Marine Corps to conduct logistics. It was a busy mental afternoon.

I come home and am dismayed to see tolerance for injustice even among my aforementioned trusted friends, but I am not afraid to voice my dismay. Someone suggests that they may have previously misunderstood me and I agree that such an event is entirely possible. People urge me to quit focusing on only "men's rights," which is a straw-man of my position, and I urge them (and even provide the mechanisms) to correct their ignorance. Eventually they more or less give up and assume debate tactics that smack highly of the ones feminists use, which I absolutely refuse to agree to or abide by.

Perhaps what they say is true – **no one is a prophet in his own land.** This does not ease the sting of disappointment I feel; if I could save anyone, free anyone, I would most like to free those people I grew up with and have fond memories of. Rather than give up and accept my supposed fate – the

inability to share truth with those from whom I originated – I am more resolved than ever to redouble my efforts and free them from the parasite that is feminism. The parasite that prevents them from thinking free thoughts.

Every step of the way, I stuck to my guns, adhered to logic, did not let emotion sway me. Furthermore, I held my opposition accountable for their lack of logical integrity. I make every attempt to explain I am not seeking to defame their character or make value judgments about their worth as human beings (even if they are doing these things to me). Additionally, **this post serves as an example** as to how one can play the crowd. These tactics can be studied and emulated. They can be expanded upon. Some of my arguments can even be copied verbatim – they apply in a variety of situations. I do not seek credit or status; only an end to the incessant chaos and chronic pain that knows no divisions among humans – a hurt that hurts us all.

5. Rebuttal to Potential Counterarguments Against My Position and Advocacies

It is impossible for me to predict all of the ways in which people will try to reject my position. Some will accuse me of being intellectually dishonest and talking to people only to publicly shame them. Some will accuse me of being unduly manipulative by advocating a methodology that appeals to the crowd. Others will tell me that they themselves cannot walk in the path I have laid out because they are simply incapable. Still others will reject and criticize my position for any other number of reasons – some valid but many I predict will be invalid (i.e., based on logical fallacies such as the straw man, red herring, ad hominem or otherwise unreasonable).

Still, allow me to mitigate some of the criticism I am sure will be directed my way. I will respond to the three major criticisms identified above via means of a bulleted list, since those things look svelte:

- **COUNTERARGUMENT THE FIRST: DISHONESTY** – I never engage in conversation with people merely because I wish to publicly humiliate them or for any other perceived ulterior motive I could be accused of. I always approach another human being for conversation because I am genuinely motivated to engage in honest intellectual discourse with any and everyone who is interested in doing the same with me (as time permits, of course). If people end up publicly shamed by engaging in a public discourse with me, **that is a consequence of their freely chosen decision to engage in a public discourse with me.** Furthermore, I am generally the first person who will de-escalate the situation either by refusing to continue the conversation (notice how little I responded to Lady Raine?) or suggesting that, since commonality cannot be reached, conversation should cease. **In fact, I am often harassed into conversation by persistent and unceasing attempts at veritable trolls,** forced to endure countless slanders and insults either for what I have said or for failing to respond to earlier slanders and insults (see again: Lady Raine's responses to me). Isn't **harassment a crime?**
- **COUNTERARGUMENT THE SECOND: MANIPULATION** – It is not manipulation to appeal to a crowd when one is already engaged in a public debate. **One of the basic assumptions about public conversation is that the conversation will be public – that means either there will be multiple interlocutors or there will be multiple observers to the conversation.** Furthermore, openly confronting a feminist can be personally dangerous (as has been well-established). Was Kitty Genovese being manipulative when she appealed to her crowd by screaming at the top of her lungs? **Absolutely not – she was trying to survive a perilous and life-threatening situation.** Make no mistake, debating with a feminist can **literally** be similar, depending on the context.

- **COUNTERARGUMENT THE THIRD: I CAN'T DO WHAT YOU HAVE DONE** – This may or may not be true. I would encourage the person who thinks this to study the Pygmalion Effect, which, in brief, is sound scientific evidence for the existence of the so-called "self-fulfilling prophecy." In no uncertain terms, **human expectations mold and influence events.** Therefore, if you or the people around you have negative expectations, events are significantly more likely to have a negative outcome. Conversely, if you or the people around you have positive expectations, events are significantly more likely to have a positive outcome. There is a corresponding phenomenon known as the Galatea Effect, which is essentially the same thing but is focused upon only internal expectations (ie, expectations that exist within yourself). If you expect yourself to succeed, odds are more likely you will; if you expect yourself to fail, odds are more likely you will. Google this.

6. Conclusions

If you agree with what I have outlined in this post, then you should feel compelled to act. You may be uncertain how to do so or what your first step to take should be. I'll suggest a first step for you: **viral-bomb the shit out of this post.** Share it with everyone you know. Talk about it at work and then e-mail it to coworkers. Share it on Facebook. Post it in comment threads on blogs and share it on forums. Do not spam, but do what it takes.

If you don't like that shotgun approach, then try the Pay It Forward approach. If you haven't seen the movie, here's what you do – exhaust your list of close friends and trusted allies and attempt to share this post with them in the best way that you can. This is a legitimate attempt at having them "see the light." If you can get three people to "see the light," you are halfway there to "paying it forward." The other half is ensuring that those three people you've enlightened each enlighten three people of their own. Is this overly utopian or impossible? Hardly. It'll take some work on your part, and it'll also require you to check up on your friends and hold them accountable to their end of the bargain, but it is not outside the realm of possibility whatsoever. And the exponential exposure this post will receive as a result (with the tangential side benefit of increased traffic to all of the links in this post as well as The Spearhead in general) will be measurably appreciable to our efforts. **This is something any reader – I repeat, any reader – of The Spearhead can do, and it will contribute to combating feminism.** There is no rule limiting you to the rule of three when it comes to paying it forward, either – go all out. **This is war, after all.**

As I mentioned in my most recent post, irony is the name of the day. How ironic is it that, by refusing to "give up" in her assault on me and defamation of my character, Lady Raine may have unknowingly provoked the massive counter-stroke that deals feminism a decisive blow? Wouldn't that be a delicious irony? It is out of my hands to deliver that irony – the ball is now in your court, dear reader.

Do whatever you feel is right (even if that means rejecting this post and calling me an idiot). I stand to make no personal profit from your seeing things my way – so it stands to reason that I am also unconcerned and unhurt if you refuse to.

Feminism, in a way, proves the age old adage that **perception is reality.** In this case, a sick and twisted perception that men are vile enemies who enforce unspeakable oppression upon women as a result of their biological nature (which is immutable, inevitable, universal and unchanging) has persisted **despite all sound logic, scientific evidence and empirical observation.** How do we remedy this situation? By changing perceptions. But first, we must start with our own. We must

perceive that feminism is a problem that can be solved; otherwise, we will never be able to solve it.

7. Parting Wisdom

"The shot heard round the world" is a phrase that has come to represent several historical incidents throughout world history. One such incident marked the American Revolutionary War – a war which patriots fought for what they hoped to be endearing, noble, universal and transcendent ideals that we all recognize have been perverted by feminism. It is in your power to make this post another "shot heard round the world," the first in a myriad of offensives aimed at reclaiming those noble ideas before it is too late, and before America is just another page in the history books.

When it comes to feminism, always remember what Voltaire said – "Those who can make you believe absurdities can convince you to commit atrocities."

“Credentialation” is not Education

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When debating feminists or even just reading or listening to their drivel, they are guaranteed at some point to make a reference (really several references) to their “education”. As we know this is meant to convince us (unsuccessfully) that they are intelligent and have knowledge. The fact that feminists went to school or received a degree does not mean that they are intelligent or have knowledge. That is obvious from the fact that they fail to grasp basic concepts such as cause and effect and supply and demand. (Neither concept really requires that much intelligence, knowledge or education to understand.) Many of their degrees are in “women’s studies” which is about indoctrination and not knowledge or they got their degrees through affirmative action or some other form of female privilege. In either case, having a degree does not mean these feminists (and other women) received much if any education.

Since we know that they didn’t receive an education, a new word is needed to describe the process of going to school, receiving a degree without gaining any real knowledge or education. I propose, **credentialation**.

They have gone through a process that on the surface seems similar to getting an education, but all they have done is received a **credential** that is supposed to mean they have received knowledge in a particular subject. However, no real knowledge was gained, but these women are able to use the “credential” to act as if they actually received the knowledge the credential claims.

Credentialation doesn’t automatically mean some type of indoctrination happened, but in many cases it did. A degree in “women’s studies” is a good example. Classes in “women’s studies” do not impart any actual knowledge, but plenty of anti-male propaganda is presented (indoctrination). Many degrees in liberal arts fields also have indoctrination with anti-male propaganda but to a much lesser extent. Working for a degree in those fields can also be a credentialation since its possible to skate by on anti-male propaganda. It’s also possible to get a credentialation in an engineering field or the sciences, but this is more difficult since both those areas deal with the real world and thus require students in those fields to produce real, tangible results. However, due to “women in engineering” programs and other affirmative action for women, it’s still possible to get a credentialation and not an education in engineering and the sciences.

The are a couple of good ways to test if someone received a credentialation or an education. The more someone mentions their degrees as an argument the more likely they received a credentialation. If despite receiving a degree, it’s obvious that person didn’t gain any knowledge (particularly if they don’t understand basic knowledge about how things works), then they received a credentialation. Feminists are likely to fail the first test and will definitely fail the second.

Game as Killer App

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Men of the world: adopt Game or go the way of the horse buggy.

The classic example used in business school when talking about evolving markets is the horse buggy industry. Purveyors of horse buggies had perfected their craft by the time the automobile hit the streets, but the convenience provided by the new technology killed the buggy industry through the process of "creative destruction".

Buggy company owners undoubtedly went through several phases of denial when confronted with the killer app to end all killer apps. First, they scoffed at carmakers. No way people will forsake their horses and carriage for noisy, pesky autos they said as they pointed to the expensive new technology. Second, was coalition-building and moral judgments. Carriage makers turned the market into an "us against them" situation. Die-hard carriage owners were touted as moral, reactionary, and steadfast compared to those seeking the easy way out by choosing automobiles. Auto owners were touted as footloose and fancy free. Third came desperation. As market share slipped away, horse buggy manufacturers developed hare-brained schemes and last-ditch efforts to save their businesses. No amount of pleading was lost to stem the tide. After the maelstrom subsided and autos ushered in a new era, the final stage was set. Those late to adapt to the marketplace started from a weak position and never regained their footing. Carriagemakers' capital was depleted, and their businesses went bankrupt. They had all the skills to operate in the old marketplace but knew nothing of the new one.

Game is the killer app of the sexual marketplace. The dead industry, the horse and buggy of yesteryear, is accepting the role of beta provider. Just as horse carriages weren't needed after the proliferation of autos, the need for a male provider is decreasing rapidly, as this article from "Women's Health" points out:

> "It's often less about absolute earning power and more about personality variables such as reliability, generosity, social status, and kindness." As women have greater access to resources, Pillsworth says, they have more freedom to choose what they want in a life mate. (This means that in the near future we may see fewer beautiful women partnered with short, tubby, bald men driving Porches.)"

Women desire men; it's just that they desire us based upon their needs at the time. In days of old, women looked first and foremost for job status and income as it indicated ability to provide. Other factors included physical attractiveness, social dominance, intelligence, aggressiveness, kindness, generosity, and reliability. Since women seek the most alpha male available – the one able to provide the most of what she needs (and she needs less provision given her prevalence in the workplace, higher income, and general government support) – and since alpha males are rarely generous, kind, or reliable (at least towards their mates) women have turned to the other categories to do their selecting.

The market for "ability to provide" is Mike Tyson in the 8th round of the Buster Douglas fight. It's about to go down, and it isn't getting back up.

Men would be ill-served to hold onto this category as a last bastion of hope. The past few weeks I have spent rallying around this "Beta Revolution" as the only hope for our great Western Culture. I'm still for preserving the culture and the Male Provider role, but unfortunately I'm going to be the first

blogger to give up on its restoration. The past isn't coming back. No amount of social shaming of women, rallying of men, or even practicing Game will recrown Provider as most-desired mate characteristic.

The "Game" – the sexual one – has changed. The tide has turned; this is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. The frame of reference of this country has shifted so far leftward that laws won't be repealed redressing the imbalance of power that favors women. As Mencius Moldbug has described, the nature of power is that it moves towards chaos, towards classes of those perceived to be weak and down-trodden, namely – towards the left. Unless Men come to be that down-trodden minority, gaining power through demagogues and progressivism (both antithetical to the current movement) we'll never regain our glory. The target will always be shifting, and men will have to adopt new strategies to compete. One day, the shoe will drop on Game as well, and the first-movers who devise ways to overcome will benefit the most.

To fill the void of diminished value in the provider category, men have to turn to other means to shore up their attractiveness to women. Since generous, kind, and reliable White Knights are miles behind even the "Beta Provider" crowd, their redeeming qualities won't help them in the new marketplace.

Aggressiveness, physical attractiveness, and social dominance are the "3 Wise Men of the Rebirth" – to coin a sloppy title based on a much better one. Male gym memberships have been increasing dramatically for years. This 2000 article discusses the book "The Adonis Complex" whose authors spotted the trend early. Men were hitting the gym, trying to increase their market value in response to their decreased need in their classical roles. Interest in MMA and UFC is growing every year. Good marketing has to do with some of its support, but many men have taken to the full-contact sport as a substite for more "soft" sports like softball and basketball. Some unseen death bugle is inducing men to turn to the martial arts as a way to compete against other men. Weight lifting and cage-fighting handle the physical appearance and aggressiveness categories; Game hits on the social dominance aspect. But that's Roissy 101.

Many of my fellow bloggers on the subject – men that I respect and have learned a lot from – desire a concerted effort by men against the wiles of power-wielding women. The thing they forget is that there was also a competition to be the best Beta Provider one could be, when that station was valued. Animal species compete; there is no tricking that. Men have and always will compete against each other in the sexual marketplace. Collusion will not happen. The first price-fixing scheme will be instantaneously met with a price war.

The only thing we can do now is encourage Beta Providers to fulfill those roles if they have them – hopefully stemming the tide against wholesale cultural decline - while seeking other means to induce women to find us attractive. If they don't need us, as a whole, to provide for them, we won't. Perhaps the shift towards Cads – away from Dads – is the key.

Legislating Chivalry

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A number of bloggers and commenters have remarked that women can look forward to withdrawal of male support, especially in the younger cohort, as feminism takes hold across several generations. The male feeling of duty toward women will naturally evaporate when it becomes clear that the game is rigged in women's favor across the board. This is what I was hinting at in yesterday's article about people – including security guards – standing and watching while a girl received a vicious beating. The only guys willing to white knight for women will be gimpy old men, and they just can't hack it.

Last October, a girl was beaten and gang raped following a high school dance in the Bay Area while up to 20 students watched with either amusement or apathy. This is not just because they were kids; when I was in high school in the 90s that wouldn't have happened. Society has clearly changed, and youth attitudes suggest that chivalry is as good as dead. Given incidents where women and girls abuse chivalry, such as Duke Lacrosse, that's understandable. Also, girls' preferential treatment in school combined with the fact that a lot of lower income boys grow up in single mother households with male family members incarcerated or unemployed probably doesn't exactly inspire much sympathy for women or girls.

However, last ditch efforts are underway to force people to white knight for women in peril. In California, the "Witness Responsibility Act" has been proposed as a means to prevent people from callously disregarding crimes against women. It is specifically aimed at failure to report rape or murder, and could send non-reporting witnesses to jail for up to six months. I can see one immediate problem with this law: people will claim they didn't see anything to avoid being charged, and then all of the sudden detectives won't have ANY witnesses.

Morally speaking, of course people should report crimes against others, but the years feminists and other assorted radicals have spent breaking down traditional social norms have taken a heavy toll on so-called "civil society." People have been conditioned to look after themselves first, and not to take any actions that don't directly benefit them. Additionally, boys, traditionally trained to be protectors in society, have been so thoroughly alienated that they have totally rejected that role. Predictably, the conservative response has been to… wait for it — question their manhood.

So now, in what has come to be the standard – and ineffective – American response, legislators are passing another law. Perhaps it will make constituents feel good about having voted for their civic leaders, but the law won't change a thing. If people don't want to help others, it's mighty hard to make them, and prosecuting them for failing to do so is legally dubious, and, as I mentioned above, probably counterproductive when it comes to solving crimes.

I expect to see more futile efforts to force people to behave as though we are all part of a cohesive community. These efforts will all be coercive in nature, so they will therefore have the exact opposite of their intended effect. Likewise, more abusive shaming of boys will only further break down the concept of chivalry. As the social fabric of America unravels, it will become a much less hospitable place for everyone, but girls in particular will feel the burn as they lose their most important protectors and benefactors: boys and men.

In fact, it appears that for the new generation chivalry is already dead, and no law can resurrect it. It's a terrible shame what's happened, but people tend to get what they ask for.

Oversharing

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Take notice that this is a PUBLIC CHAT CHANNEL, that the ENTIRE SERVER (1.5-2k) people can see at will. And that is primetime.

That said:

Attention whores: Rampant on the Internet.

Preaching from the Peak: A Conceptual Parable for the Information Age

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[Warning: This is a **very different** post from what you may be used to. It has multiple layers.]

Come with me on a thought experiment where I will play with your perceptions. To begin, you must blank your mind and, try as best you can, to empty it.

Successful? Good.

Now, what do you perceive? I should be the only thing on your mind right now, besides perhaps a persistent perception of yourself. How do you perceive me? Can you see me in your mind's eye? Or am I more like a disembodied voice in a cave, speaking to you in ethereal tones? Perhaps you see me like some miserly old man, hoarding knowledge and secrets in his ivory tower. The way in which you perceive me will influence how you perceive my message; no matter how carefully I encode it, meaning does not exist until you decode it. And in order to decode my message, you take several things into account even if you are not aware of these things. Decoding is largely a process of perception, but it is also a process of assigning meaning; in other words, your very reality is constructed as you decode the world around you.

Allow me to treat you as *tabula rasa*, now. I will explain the story of the world to you; even though you think you know this story, and I think I know you think you know this story, I will be telling it anyway.

Imagine this image is like a tarot card I've slid across the table to you – a visual aid to help with the myth I am making. It is obvious to some that the world was begun in chaos, and as time passed, the world slowly worked itself into order. This is a very simple idea which is validated by pedestrian observations – *mustn't this be the case*, we ask, when we realize the relative order we perceive as we age? Life begins chaotically and proceeds unto order. Minor pockets of chaos, swirls of disorder, are smoothed out by the immutable and eternal flow of time – this is the way of things, optimistic and reassuring despite evidence to the contrary. Perfection is merely a function of eternity. Or so some perceive.

Don't like that tarot or what it implies, wanderer? Don't worry. I probably have the world view for you somewhere in my stack. Here, try this one. Can you decode the reality here? I'll lend you my aid – this is a more cynical outlook, though not necessarily a fatalistic one. A person who thinks like this feels like the good old days are in the past and the future doesn't hold as much promise, yet this isn't enough to get too worked up about. Life goes on, after all, and even if the future isn't what it's cracked up to be, you still have a life you've got to live. *Mustn't this be the case*, wanderer?

I can sense you are not satisfied, wanderer. Moreover, you are frustrated, aren't you? I hope you don't feel I'm being patronizing. It's easy to lose the fundamentals when you're drowning in a sea of complications, and I felt as though maybe you were looking for something more basic. I've got one last tarot that may suit your needs – take a gander. You know what they say – third time's a charm! Let's decode the reality here – seems like life is very competitive and chaotic. *Mustn't this be the case,* wanderer? Weakness cannot possibly survive at all, and in fact, death and destruction may bring about great change – although, it is recognized, we are unsure of what is beyond the great beyond. After all, that time has not come yet. But you're the confident sort, aren't you wanderer – the kind

who likes to advocate that which you do not know?

Hmm. I'm getting the feeling you're not sold. You must be very clever. Most of my customers have already bought in by this point! I've been in the business a long time and I've seen all kinds. That's okay, though. I don't mind a hard sell. In fact I rather look forward to them – they're such a rare treat! Eons last an awful long time, don't you know? The tarot hat trick didn't do the trick for you, but that's okay traveler. I have more tricks up my sleeve. Just take a look at this here rune:

Now there's a holistic perspective if ever I've heard of one! It's the circle of life, traveler, can't you see it? It explains so much more than those silly tarot cards – don't look at me that way, traveler, I knew you wouldn't want any of that fake stuff anyway – and doesn't it just give you a certain sense of…certainty? Things are inevitable, but since you understand your fate and the mechanisms that drive it, you can take comfort. No sense in fighting against the circle of life – it will crush you with its omnipotence and the natural order of things will carry on in only the way nature can. The more things change the more they stay the same – **mustn't this be the case,** traveler?

Still haven't bought in, eh? You're no mere traveler, are you? I didn't mean disrespect. I deal with a lot of people and I don't experience time the way you might think that I do…there I am rambling again. What I'm getting at, is, sometimes I have difficulty reading people and knowing how it is they really see things. I'm just trying to give you want you want, interloper – the reality that will jive most closely with your inner desires and secure you that happiness. Who was the jerk that guaranteed us the pursuit but not the reward, anyway? But boy, you're a tough sell. Let's see if the next rune is for you, interloper:

Pretty clever, huh! You probably don't even need my assistance decoding this one and constructing reality. You're awfully clever interloper, but just in case there's somebody else listening in, let me try and spell it out for them a bit. No sense in hoarding the truth, right? Obviously there's no such thing as a circle of life – that's silly, it doesn't take into account culture; you know, time and place. Still, though, things tend to follow patterns, even though exceptions exist, and maybe there's a universal culture and maybe there isn't, and maybe some things are immune to the patterns but most things aren't so why bother considering those paradoxes? This is all very enlightening, as you well know, interloper. It explains so much, but the world's awfully big and hard to change, isn't it? Oh well. Pick and choose the culture that fits you – that's the secret to success! **Mustn't this be the case,** interloper?

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You're still here? I should apologize, friend; I've been seriously underestimating you! Like I said, I'm just trying to give you what you want, and most people just want it easy. You're a tough customer, a hard sell, that's for sure. Nothing wrong with that, nothing at all. You know, this is a real treat. I don't often get to dig into my collection of glyphs but it looks like this one might speak to you. Wouldn't you know it, I got a glyph for everybody, that's far too many glyphs to be having since so very few actually want 'em. In any case, take a look, friend, and tell me what you see:

Awfully confusing, isn't it? That's okay. Maybe you see what I can see; maybe you perceive what I perceive. After all, friend, perception is reality. **Mustn't that be the case?** I could help you understand this better, in theory at least, but there's another rule. Something about prophets in their own land – I can't remember the rule exactly, but I know it means I can't share all the secrets with

you. I'm sorry friend. I really am!

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But you're still here? You haven't bought in yet? You…you want the secrets anyway? Well, brother. They're not really secrets – not at all. You already knew the biggest secret – the best things in life come for free, brother. Here, let me show you:

Simple, really, when you stop and think about it. By the way, I've got a special task for you. Could you find me a reckless youth? I have a wild quest for him. I'm looking for somebody with pointy ears in green garb, golden hair. Swordsmanship skills are necessary and if he takes crazy and mystical sounding advice well from strangers that'd be a huge plus. Do you know the sort of youth I'm looking for? Well, I guess he doesn't have to be a youth, brother, so long as he is free to act in a time of need – I think I remember something about him being destined to dispel the darkness. Awful alliteration and rather ominous but that's the way these things go sometimes.

I don't know if I should ask it, but, mustn't this be the case, brother?

The Scottsboro Boys – Have We Learned Nothing?

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It's neither funny nor surprising that wherever you go around the country, around the world, or around the Internet you are sure to stumble upon a case of men's rights being trampled.

Last weekend I saw a commercial for the Turner Classic Movie "Birdman of Alcatraz", the story of a man sent to prison for killing another man who had beaten the woman he lived with. But that's not what this article is about. I Google'd the movie and eventually stumbled upon the story of the Scottsboro Boys, filing it away as an idea for an article.

When I read Kragshot's own false accusation story on the Men's Rights sub-Reddit I was reminded of the case. What happened to African American men in the 30s can happen to **any** man today.

From Wikipedia (emphasis added, text unedited):

> The Scottsboro Boys were nine black defendants in a 1931 Scottsboro, Alabama rape case. The case was heard by the United States Supreme Court twice in Powell v. Alabama and Norris v. Alabama. These decisions established the principles that criminal defendants are entitled to effective assistance of counsel and that people may not be de facto excluded from juries because of their race.
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> **Nine young negro male defendants were accused of raping two homeless white women on a freight train to Mississippi, and eight were quickly convicted in a mob atmosphere.** The juries were entirely white, and the defense attorneys had little experience in criminal law and no time to prepare their cases. As each of the nine cases successively went to the jury, the next trial was immediately begun. **Eight of the nine defendants were found guilty, and were sentenced to death, but later had their death sentences lifted by the Supreme Court, serving instead between six and nineteen years in prison.**

I was immediately engaged. Here are a few key parts of the article which detail the "trial":

> Next, Dr. R.R. Bridges testified that Virginia Price was talkative and "not hysterical" when he examined her. The only injuries he found were small bruises on her back and the top of her hips. There was no tearing in the area of her genitals. He found semen in her that was "non-motile", which indicated that the spermatozoa had been in her vagina for several hours. **The Court allowed him to testify, over defense objection, that it was "possible" that she had been forced to have sex with six men, one right after the other, and not have any more injury to her body than he found.**
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> On cross examination, Bridges confirmed that Price had no lacerations and was not bloody. Bates had two small bruises, about the size of a "nickel" on both sides of her groin. He agreed that she also was not hysterical and showed no other injuries. The only semen he found in her was located in the area of her cervix. **The defense asked, "Both of these girls admitted to you they had had sexual intercourse previous to this, didn't they?" The Court sustained the prosecution's objection to that question. The prosecution objected to defense questions about what the women had told the doctor about their sex habits, whether Ruby Bates had a venereal disease, or whether the women had previously been virgins.**

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> **The Court sustained those objections. Many later commentators hold the refusal of the Court to let the defense inquire into other ways the women might have ended up with that semen was another example of how the defendants were denied a fair trial. In fact, virtually every account of this case is quick to mention that the accusers were alleged prostitutes. However, it is interesting to note that this fact likely would not be admissible at the trial of their accused rapists even today under Alabama Code Section 12-21-203, the Alabama "Rape Shield Law." This law holds that the reputations for non-chastity or specific acts of non-chastity of the victims of an alleged rape are inadmissible.**

It is *interesting*? No, it's *ridiculous*. From my experiences at Wikipedia, however, stating the truth – even when properly sourced – will just get your contributions reverted by the political correctness Nazis.

> **Judge Horton grants Patterson's motion of new trial**
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> "**History, sacred and profane, and the common experience of mankind teach us that women of the character shown in this case are prone for selfish reasons to make false accusations both of rape and of insult upon the slightest provocation for ulterior purposes.** These women are shown, by the great weight of the evidence, on this very day before leaving Chattanooga, to have falsely accused two Negroes of insulting them, and of almost precipitating a fight between one of the white boys they were in company with and these two Negroes. **This tendency on the part of the women shows that they are predisposed to make false accusations upon any occasion whereby their selfish ends may be gained. The Court will not pursue the evidence any further.** As heretofore stated the law declares that a defendant should not be convicted without corroboration where the testimony of the prosecutrix bears on its face indications of improbability or unreliability and particularly when it is contradicted by other evidence. **The testimony of the prosecutrix in this case is not only uncorroborated, but it also bears on its face indications of improbability and is contradicted by other evidence, and in addition thereto the evidence greatly preponderates in favor of the defendant. It therefore becomes the duty of the Court under the law to grant the motion made in this case.** It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that the motion be granted; that the verdict of the jury in this case and the judgment of the Court sentencing this defendant to death be set aside and that a new trial be and the same is hereby ordered."

Male judges used to know that women could lie about rape. If anything false rape accusations have become more common, but it seems the entire "justice" system has forgotten the lessons of the past. Have we, as a society, learned nothing?

Geeky girls are just like the rest of them: The WoW chronicles.

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Ok, last attempt to bring entretaiment from WoW before another videogame review:

First, given the demands of world's first boss kills, the #1 guild at the time says: Girls are not allowed. Given that uniformity is the easiest way to ensure sucess, sounds reasonable, right?

http://www.wow.com/2007/03/20/nihilum-recruiting-females-need-not-apply

Mostly a discussion between people people who can see the logic (1/2 men and 1/4 women, maybe less) and White Knights and the rest of the women. Hmm, it looks a lot like a Standard Men's Discussions Thread. (Also, got to love when a videogame community has more reasonable policies than the US military).

Then let's check the forums of the guild itself:

http://ensidia.com/forum_topic.php?forum_id=1&topic_id=23542&p=1

A women who shows pictures of herself in underwear in a public forum on the Internet without pay.

I'm going to go with: What is a camwhore?, Alex.

Second, an all-female guild, who is lauded with all their GRRRL power.

http://www.wow.com/2009/12/01/15-minutes-of-fame-amazon-grace-how-sweet-these-guilds/

Look, they are GODESSES. A check list:

Man-mating dykes? Check.
Rayyyype victims? Check.
Feminist indoctrinated women? (the bulk of the guild) Check.

Is not all puke-inducing, though. They got a guild for their boyfriends, I mean "significant others", where they can remain blissfully ignorant on how their women bash them and laugh on their burning carcasses. Wait, all of it is puke-inducing. Of corse, according to them, all males are mean to the poor souls *sniff*.

Third, virtual LARP:

http://rottenapples.talisancreations.com/rspcremorne.html

Feminists excusing all slutty behavior of women is expected, of course. I just pity the guy, I just can see him wanting "his share of the equality pie". Cannot make the connection, despite all the evidence around him.

Just putting my grain on convincing the unbelievers, or at least getting a laugh of the spectators. Besides, a confirmation of the truths here presented feels nice, got to admit.

Hypergamous Times at Ridgemont High

February 13, 2010 | by Chuck Ross | Link | Original Link

While the topic of this post may seem to have a sophomoric subject with no appeal to grown men, I believe it causes a ripple effect that has long-term ramifications for men's options in the sexual marketplace.

My thesis: schooling compartmentalizes students along age lines thereby distorting the sexual marketplace we'd expect to find in a more natural setting. Female hypergamy mixed with a prominent demarcation between high school and college leaves many young men in a sexual dead zone. I don't purport to offer alternatives for the situation nor do I contend that the "problem" is a problem at all, but I do offer an academic look.

Starting at the age where young boys and girls chased each other around the school yard, the options and choices of opposite sex "love interests" were molded into a certain groove by a school system that rigidly compartmentalizes its students strictly along age lines. In grammar school, we interacted with kids in our own home room. The next level of schoolhouse interaction was between kids of the same grade. After that, 4th graders lightly socialized with 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders, but there was always a sense of "Us Against Them" rather than being a group of kids that were only a year or two apart in age. Although the compartmentalization becomes less stringent as students age, some level of groupification follows all the way up through college.

In middle school, the stratification is relaxed compared to elementary school. Children in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade begin hanging out more with kids outside their own grade. Kids in different grades have classrooms and lockers in the same area of the school building, and they aren't forced to walk in single file line to and from class. In short, middle school marks kids' first foray into the sexual free market (notice I said "foray" not "swan dive").

High school interaction is relaxed even further. It shares the same qualities of middle school in which there is a huge demarcation between 8th and 9th grade (kids go to completely different campuses) and 12th grade and college except high school has an even more intense sexual playground than their middle school counterparts. High school becomes more sexually autarkic as kids get drivers' licenses and are allowed out until later times by their parents.

This is the framework with which we must analyze the hypergamous natures of females as it has the

biggest impact on boys who are coming of age.

First, to prevent any crude misinterpretation of my analysis, let me point out that sexually developed girls of high school age would have been fair game in earlier times to men 5, 10, or 15 years older than them. The disgust leveled against older men who have relations with 16 and 17 year olds is a relatively new phenomenon that further limits the options of men. So my discussion of the hypergamous sexual desires and behaviors of high school-aged chicks has historical legitimacy. Add to this that girls reach puberty earlier than boys and it quickly becomes clear that these young women prefer to date up in age and status to the detriment of a whole host of boys. This isn't a problem in and of itself as women are hypergamous by default; the problem is that there are socially constructed stratifications that muck up the "free market" and leads to a double whammy against "beta" boys.

In my high school, like every other one around, the most desired girls tended to date the highest status boys – the football players, basketball players, class clowns, and kids who had easy access to booze and weed. This "elite" group formed an intricate web of boyfriends, girlfriends, exes, and such. The kids who ultimately lost out the most in this setup were the ones we'd call "beta males". They would need a little bit more age, status, or maturity to get the girls they desired. While there were plenty of single girls, they either had unrequited relationships with high-status boys or hung out with their own girlfriends. Even these swaths of single girls had some sort of option or possibility on the horizon if they chose to take it. If we ranked each boy and girl in a particular grade based on overall attractiveness to the opposite sex, a girl would have more options than the boy with the same rank. By an order of magnitude, there were more boys than girls who had absolutely no options.

To make matters worse, every year a high status girl would confound the boys in her own class by dating a kid two or three years younger who happened to be at the top of his own class. Girls are hypergamous in status; age is only important wherein it is correlated with high status. When the pool of highest status boys in a girl's grade dries up or she has had relationships with most of them, and it is difficult for her to date college-aged young men, she'll date high-status boys younger than her. Basically, unless they are high status, boys have fewer opportunities than girls. Most boys only have options with girls 2 or 3 years younger; this limits the total dating pool for boys compared to girls.

For example, in a high school with 3 top male and female 12th graders, those 3 most likely hook up. The top female from the 11th grade chooses the 4th top male from the 12 grade. At some point when the younger men on the hierarchy have status that passes some of the 11th and 12th grade boys, girls in the 11th and 12th grades will start dating them. The key facts are: the girls do the choosing and they are somewhat prevented from choosing guys above the age of 18 who aren't students at the school. The latter is one key part of my analysis.

If we conducted a thought experiment wherein we relaxed the social construct that separates people into school-age categories, we'd likely see a different dating scheme. Let's take the extreme measure of having no school whatsoever. With a compartmentalized grade scheme, the difference between 18 and 19 is one year plus a radical change in lifestyle associated with a shift from high school behavior to college or real-world behavior rather than just the absolute difference between 18 and 19. Sans compartmentalization, girls wouldn't be forced to date within a certain pool of boys. They'd likely date up in age and go after real status rather than false status formed by a socially truncated education pressure cooker. This false barrier at the top end of the spectrum that decreases the options for 18, 19, and 20 year-old men. While high school girls do often date college aged young men, they are held back from their "natural" inclination by that line of demarcation. A relaxed

system – one practiced in more "primitive" societies – would follow the traditional pattern in which men pair up with women 1-3 years younger than themselves. Assuming equal sex ratios and a market that still allows for hypergamy (though not as socially reinforced as that in high school), men would have an easier time finding potential mates at younger ages.

What happens to the "beta males" from high school is that they go from a system where girls are hypergamous in socially constructed settings to a place where girls' hypergamy begins following a "real world" pattern. The floodgates of feminine hypergamy are opened when young women enter college. The fact that it is difficult for college-aged young men – because of the demarcation between 12th grade and "13th grade" – to benefit from a huge pool of girls that are still in high school means that they go from being at the bottom of the heap to being at the bottom of another heap. At least this fresh heap provides new scenery.

As they age, graduate college, and attain status through whatever means, men become attractive to women a few years younger than them. The problem is that the women that find these men in their mid twenties attractive have fewer prime years left than the girls in high school and college that looked past them. High school's truncation of the sexual marketplace decreases the number of years a young man has of quality dating and female experience both during high school and for a short period in college. He could have dated 17 year-old 8s when he was 21 rather than 21 year-old 8s when he was 25. This is four fewer years of precious 8-dating.

Keep in mind, my hypergamy high school model isn't exact – no models can be. My personal high school experience was in a semi-rural area where kids didn't have as many options to go outside the school. There was a local university and plenty of men in their twenties around. But I think my model explains a good enough part of the male dating experience from high school on up to the mid 20s. It's not as if older guys should make enemies out of young high school aged males, but the system which puts a lid on the "natural" behavior and choice of sexually peaking girls distorts the marketplace. It means that a good-looking 18 year old girl is forced down in age and maturity and unable to choose a man she'd likely choose without school indoctrination. The aversion to dating outside of a certain school-age ban also comes from the shaming thrown on men because they seek college newbies. Recall every time you've ever heard the phrase "Eww, he's old" thrown about by an 18-year-old sorority chick when talking about a 24-year-old college grad. In bygone days, the 18-year-old would have hoped to date the 24-year-old.

If you'll allow me to make a leap here; this is one more instance of governmental dictate screwing with a well-working free market system. The mangnanimity of that statement is contingent on the prevalence of out-school dating – which has probably increased over the years. But if the government erected shock collar that is the 12th grade sways the dating habits of enough 17 and 18-year-old girls, there can be profound effects on men as they age. Men identify with their dating experiences from this point in their life; once a chip on their shoulder has been chipped away it stays for a long time.

Mailbag: The Literary Canon of Game

February 13, 2010 | by Ferdinand Bardamu | Link | Original Link

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Reader Steve Tirone writes:

> Do you know of any resources about bringing you sons up knowing Game? I've two young boys, and I want to clue them into Game so that they always know how to interact with girls, from the start. Any pointers would be appreciated.

That's a very good question. *rubs chin*. In terms of resources specifically targeted to your needs, there aren't any. I've previously compared the state of seduction to that of pre-Constantine Christianity – an underground movement lacking in philosophical unity or direction. Chuck Ross also made the same comparison recently. Right now, plowing through the available game literature is akin to being plopped out in the deep forest without so much as a compass to point you north.

My advice at the moment is to have your sons read the best available literature out there, preferably around puberty so they can get in on the ground floor. Hell, you may want to read the books yourself so you can help them along. Below, I've compiled a list of what I believe are the best books for learning game and the underlying principles of sexual dynamics. This list is by no means exhaustive, but it covers all the essentials.

The Mystery Method: How to Get Beautiful Women into Bed by Mystery – This is the veritable Bible of game, and like the Bible, it's obtuse, written in a language no one understands, and requires an arsenal of footnotes to comprehend. Still, Mystery's book serves as the foundation for the theories of the modern seduction community, and just about every pickup guru out there owes an intellectual debt to that quirky Canadian magician. It's required reading for anyone interested in seduction, no matter your goals. The original e-book version is no longer commercially available, so pick up the dead tree edition, which is identical save for featuring a new foreword by Neil Strauss.

The Game: Penetrating the Secret Society of Pickup Artists by Neil Strauss – Speaking of Style, his memoir about his rise to prominence in the seduction community is a must-read primarily because it allows you to see how Mystery-style game is deployed in an actual, real-world setting (both versions of *The Mystery Method* are deliberately thin on examples). Not only that, the book is great because Strauss ruthlessly depicts the seduction community in a brutal, honest fashion, showing both its good and bad sides.

Bang by Roosh Vörek - It's game for the rest of us, and by "us" I mean "people who aren't socially retarded nerds." For more, read my review.

The Art of Seduction by Robert Greene – The second installment in Greene's "amoral series," it's absolutely worthless as a self-help book. As a study of seduction throughout the ages, however, it is without peer. Greene's laws of seduction are rooted in three millennia's worth of historical and literary accounts spanning Western and Eastern culture, plus everything in between. Additionally, his taxonomy of seducers is helpful in that it will help you determine how to tailor your game to your personality. I credit this book with opening my eyes to the reality of game – it's not a contemporary contrivance, but a modern reincarnation of something that's literally existed since the dawn of time.

The 48 Laws of Power by Robert Greene – Not directly related to game or gender differences, but the first installment of Greene's "amoral series" is applicable to the topic in many ways. *The 48 Laws of*

Power is basically the Cliffs Notes version of Machivelli, Gracián, and a few others, re-stated in a sensible order and in crystal-clear prose. Greene's tome is required reading for anyone seeking power – and what is game, if nothing more than acquiring power over your love life?

The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature by Matt Ridley – THE book on evolutionary psychology as it pertains to sex. So much of game theory (or the modern version of game theory that is rooted in evolutionary theory) springs forth from Ridley's book that you can't not read it.

Sperm Wars: Infidelity, Sexual Conflict, and Other Bedroom Battles by Robin Baker – Similar to *The Red Queen*, Baker's book also informs a great deal of game's Darwinian precepts.

Supplemental literary resources – If I listed all of the novels, poems, plays, and other works in the Western literary canon that (un)consciously display the principles and assumptions behind game in action, I'd end up listing half of the books ever written. That said, a few I consider enjoyable and informative reads are *Selected Poems of Lord Byron* (the 2001 Modern Library Classics paperback edition - see my overview of Byron for more), *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert (see my analysis of the novel), and *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Antony and Cleopatra* by William Shakespeare (see Master Dogen's analysis of the latter).

For more resources, including free blogs and websites, check out this post I left on *The Spearhead's* forum, this thread on Roosh's forum, and the first part of this Roissy post.

You'll note that my list is heavy on theory and analysis and light on actual instruction. That's because I think that only a handful of resources are really needed for a guy to start making changes in this department. Overloading with PUA manuals is problematic for three reasons. One, most seduction community material is overpriced. No way in hell am I paying seventy bones for a bleeping e-book. Two, a lot of PUA material is garbage, snake oil ripped off from other, more reliable sources combined with flat-out bullshit marketed to swindle suckers. Three, too much information on a topic like this has a paralyzing effect on the brain. Roosh also wrote about this in *Bang*, but when you internalize material from too many different sources, you can't act because your brain is too busy trying to figure out what method is best for each situation. A little basic information is all that's necessary to get out there and start improving your success rate.

Also, actually putting what you've learned into practice is just as important, possibly more so, than actually learning it. Make sure your sons don't turn into phony players who know the material but don't know how to use it. By age 14 they should be able to hold a conversation with a cute girl without wetting themselves. The earlier they start, the easier a time they'll have when they're older.

Finally, one lesson you should impart to them that is absent from from most game literature is this: **their happiness and existence is dependent on no one but themselves.** Not women, not society, but themselves. The biggest reason why I'm not and never will be a pickup artist, player, or what have you is because all of those men place too much of their self-worth in how many of the less-fair sex they can bed. Living for the sake of poon is unmasculine and unhealthy, and part of being a discerning man is knowing when the chase isn't worth it. Sometimes it's better to just drink alone, so to speak.

Good luck to you and your boys, man. If anyone has any suggestions for additions to my list, feel free to holler in the comments.

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Eve Ensler on the Defensive

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Early Friday morning, I happened to notice that Eve Ensler was being interviewed on the Tavis Smiley show. Despite the fact that these feminist interviews are usually terribly boring because they just drone on about exactly what one would expect (e.g. the poor, oppressed third world women), I consider it my duty to keep up with them. In this case I was glad I did, because Ensler seemed to have softened her stance somewhat in regards to men. Not that I believe for a minute that she's actually coming around, but obviously she senses some political need to do so given that the winds are shifting course.

Ensler starts out with women in Congo (what else?), but toward the end of the interview Tavis Smiley actually asked a couple of questions that gave me some newfound respect for the guy. In contrast to the fawning adulation displayed by Seattle's Enrique Cerna in the presence of Gloria Steinem, Smiley actually pressed Ensler on a couple of points. First, he asked what good it would do men to act more emotional, and then he asked her whether she would take anything back.

Interestingly, Ensler said she would. In fact, she even said that she regrets the "coochie snorcher" episode of the Vagina Monologues in which a girl celebrates being raped by a lesbian. Of course, she phrased her regret in terms of misunderstanding, but she clearly recognizes that she took it too far, and she even seems to be aware that right now, feminism is becoming less and less popular as women across the Anglosphere take misbehavior to new heights of indecency. At the end of the interview, she even claims that she has come around and now appreciates men. This, of course, should be taken with skepticism, to say the least.

The video is worth watching past the 15 minute mark or so, but it really gets interesting at about 19:00. For a bit of humor, watch Smiley cough as he tries to say "Vagina Monologues" (19:12).

Watch the full interview here.

A Thing of Beauty

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I've always thought that figure skating and the like are dubious sporting events. Mostly, I've dismissed these events as indulgence for little girls' fantasies rather than real athletic competitions. However, there are times when they give us a deeper view into human nature. I think the brilliant performance yesterday of the Chinese skaters Shen and Zhao was one of those events.

On Valentine's Day and the Chinese New Year, the married couple blew everyone away with a passionate performance that exemplified the harmony of the ideal husband-wife couple. Their ease with each other and love was on display better than any of the cheap TV or movie performances we are subjected to on a frequent basis here in the West.

Although neither Shen nor Zhao are exceptional on their own, together they were a spectacle to behold. As East Asians, they may not have been as flashy as Europeans or Americans, but they had such a complementary bond that their performance has shamed us all. It was the ultimate in cooperation and harmony.

I don't know whether it is possible these days for Western women to display such grace and poise as Madame Shen. Here in the West, competition between the sexes prevails rather than teamwork and cooperation — the woman must always outshine the man, who is seen as an expendable, interchangeable component of herself. It is only when women give their entire selves to their relationship with a man that marriage can be a thing of beauty, but that art is utterly lost amongst our people.

Behold these humble Chinese athletes, who achieve *together*, and see where we have gone so wrong.

America Headed for Political Realignment?

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A friend just forwarded me this article about the pending retirement of Evan Bayh, the moderate Democratic senator from Indiana. Although The Spearhead is not a partisan magazine, our home base is becoming increasingly divided along political lines, and the acrimony out there is impossible to ignore. The Bayh article highlights this acrimony, and we should pay attention.

For us men, politics matter quite a bit. This is an unfortunate reality, because it is a filthy, snake-infested swamp in the halls of power. Every choice made at the top concerning public funding, family law, and judicial appointments will have an effect on our everyday lives.

It has been many decades since anyone stood up for the common American man. To be sure, some politicians paid us lip service, and it benefited them tremendously. In fact, every Republican victory since at least the 1970s, when Pat Buchanan articulated Nixon's new strategy for the Republicans, has relied largely on paying lip service to men. However, despite all the talk, we've lost on the issues that matter over and over again. We've been so consistently ground into the dirt that, from my point of view, Republicans have been nothing more than a huge fraud.

Democrats, for their part, hardly bother to pay us any lip service. Instead, they come right out and go on the attack. For that, I am more inclined to believe them, because one knows better what their intentions are.

So it seems that for us men, we have no party that represents us. We are simply a vast resource to be tapped like a Saudi oilfield and beaten into submission when we get uppity.

However, that oilfield is starting to fail. We've been so thoroughly robbed and disenfranchised that there isn't so much to squeeze out of us anymore. This is where things get interesting, and this is why politics will become even more vicious. As the great cash cow that is American manhood starts to founder and flail, the radically entitled on both sides of the political divide will start to go after each other with knives drawn to grab whatever loot remains. And now that our bankers in Peking are showing signs of withdrawing the flow of cheap credit, the struggle is taking on an air of desperation. Bayh, who said he was tired of the partisanship and inability to get anything done, appears to be a casualty of this war for the remaining scraps. Evidently, he doesn't want to be part of that game anymore.

So where does that leave us men? In a position of greater power? Probably not — at least for now. If anything, we can look forward to cracks and gaps in the coercive mechanisms of the state, but the demand for our resources will neither flag nor fail anytime soon. If there's any silver lining in this cloud, it is that we have virtually no support system, so cuts can't affect us as much as they do others.

But there is some hope. The descent of the decades-old political alignment into a free-for-all will open the door to alternative voices. Some politicians will emerge who listen to us, even as the rest of them fight over healthcare, bailouts and the budget. So it is time for us to start articulating our positions now, so that they have an idea of exactly what measures we want them to take. Just as the feminists focused on abortion, affirmative action and pro-female family law, and won every time, we should come up with some very clear goals we are prepared to fight for and then take a stand on them.

My V-Day

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I decided to go out for the hell of it on V-Day, knowing that it was one of the days of the year during which I have a major advantage as a single man. I'm glad I did. I ended up running into an old high school friend of mine I hadn't seen in over ten years. I helped him out in the bar trivia contest, and we did pretty well. I think we would have won if I'd shown up at the beginning, but it was fun nonetheless.

Turns out a bunch of guys I went to school with are in the same boat as me. Half of us are divorced, and we're all in our 30s. Sounds like some of them even had it harder than I did! Many are out of town, naturally, as Seattle is a pretty lousy place in a lot of ways, and there are plenty of incentives to get out. If I didn't have kids, I'd probably have left long ago.

Anyway, the interesting part is that as I was leaving a couple of intoxicated girls propositioned me. Women really are desperate these days in America. I agreed to walk them to their car, making small talk and promising I'd see them soon (who knows?). It's starting to become clear to me that the imbalance in the dating market actually works in men's favor. There are immense numbers of women out there who have cast off their boyfriends or husbands in hopes of hitting it big, but for the most part they're just ordinary women, so they failed and are therefore wide open.

I think this explains the PUA phenomenon as much as anything else: there are hordes of single women and very few men willing to get down on one knee. Game may work, but it is as much a product of an artificially enhanced dating market as anything else. To put it simply, there is a glut of available young women on the market, and even those women in "relationships" are down to play on the side. Hypergamy and women's sexual liberation is simply a pipe dream that women are already starting to pay the price for.

Why would a man ever commit in this environment? Women got what they asked for, and it is only becoming a man's world again. As with so much we see in America today, it is funny and sad at the same time.

Plaintiffs in Sexual Harassment Cases At Least Twice As Likely To Win If Judge Is Female

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A recent post in the ABA Journal was passed on to me by a reader.

It links to a *Yale Law Journal* article, drudged up at a recent conference on judicial diversity. The findings–that female judges are much more likely to render decisions in favor of the plaintiff in sexual harassment cases–seem to be presented in the study as a positive offset to male anti-plaintiff bias. However, it could just as rationally be read as pro-plaintiff bias on the part of female judges. Men and women perceive sexual harassment differently. *Especially, one would imagine, when the women are highly educated and have likely been indoctrinated by feminist professors in women's studies programs.*

The report seems to have been produced in 2005 and some of the MRAs who frequent *The Spearhead* may be familiar with it, but for others I thought it might provide useful data.

Isn't It Time You Dumped Her Sorry Ass?

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~~Valentines Day~~ Vagina Day has passed and like all Vagina Days, it involved lots of men supplicating before women. In other words there are a lot men who should be dumping the women they're with but they don't. You may be one of those men. Let's take a look at two (admittedly extreme) examples of men who need to dump their women, post haste. The first example comes from here (which I talked about on my blog a while back).

> Recently, my girlfriend of two months came up to me with a request for something foul. She wants me to try scat with her. Before I continue, let me say something. If you don't know what scat is then trust me when I say that you don't want to find out. Take my advice and don't read this thread. When my girlfriend explained to me what scat is, I threw up right away, and I've been shaking ever since. So, believe me when I say that you don't want to know what it is. If you aren't planning on taking that advice, then know that you're following at your own risk.
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> My girlfriend wants to poop in my mouth and have me eat it and swallow it. That's what scat is. It's the most horrific thing I've heard of, and my girlfriend wants to try it on me this saturday. She wants me to fulfill her desire. And I agreed to do it. She told me that if I'm not willing to do this for her, then I'm not a real boyfriend, that I don't love her, and that we should break up. And, well… I love her. And when you love someone, you do these kinds of things for them. My girlfriend has been stuffing her face full of everything from bean burritos to chili, with plenty of laxatives thrown in for good measure. She wants to pull out the biggest crap of her life, just for me. I don't think there's any backing out at this point. Come this Saturday, my girlfriend wants to execute the greatest display of control and female empowerment on me that she possibly can by using me as a toilet. And there's nothing that I can do about it now because I love her and I don't want to disappoint. I'm just so terrified that I need help and some people to talk to.

I have to admit I'm not sure this is something that really happened. However, I am sure something similar is happening to a guy (or many guys), especially with the standard shaming language that is being used. While there is a joke that can be made about a literal "shit test" here, the fact is we have a man who has been bombarded with messages about how he's a loser without a woman. He needs to dump his girlfriend's sorry ass. Let's take a look at the second example I found:

> This my be a little long winded so I apologize in advance. My wife and I have been married for 5 years and I recently came back from a very long deployment over in Iraq. Shortly after I returned she confessed to me that she had been cheating while I was away but that it was all just a purely sexual fulfillment thing. After the shock and hurt wore off my understanding side came out and I basically told her that every woman has needs and that I understood and forgave her. She then hesitantly told me that she was without a doubt pregnant by one of them. Not him, but "one of them" she said.
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> Now the real confessions came out. Come to find out that during the year that I was deployed and gone she had numerous sexual flings with several guys. Once in a while she would have a one night stand but most of them were "friends with benefits" type situations

or just plain old “Booty Calls” where they just used each other with no real friendship. When I asked her to tell me exactly how many guys she had slept with while I was gone she couldn’t give me an exact number. She just agreed that it was “more than a dozen”.

Now let me say this. At this point I’m still being the understanding and forgiving husband. I realize that while I was away at war she was extremely stressed.. wondering if I was going to get injured or killed. OK I get that. I forgive her for all of her flings no matter how many.

Heres what I have the problem with in all of this. Shes pregnant by another guy and doesn’t have a clue who’s it is. Not that it matters really but it just makes it even more wrong that she doesn’t know whose it is. And why is she pregnant in the first place? Because she has an IUD she never ever used condoms with any of the guys that she had sex with… ever. She says she didn’t think it was necessary with an IUD.. well obviously it was.

Before or during sex with these other guys she just either never mentioned pulling out to them or if they asked, she just left it up to them. Hmm.. if given the choice I wonder what the guys will do? Hmm. Of course they’re not going to pull out if given the option.. obviously because none of them did!

Now my wife is absolutely gorgeous..without a doubt. So I dont hold it against any of the guys for sleeping with her. However I do have a problem with something. She swears that she not only told every guy that she was married before she slept with them, but she also told them that her husband was over in Iraq fighting for our country. So they all knew that she was married and they still slept with her.. Ok, no shocker there.. But what amazes me I guess is that they knew I was over fighting in war, for America, risking my life every day while they used my wife for their sexual pleasure not even caring the slightest bit if they got her pregnant. Talk about thinking with your c**k!

Yet still Im not blaming them. She offered it and they accepted. They got their rocks off, some of them once, most of them coming back for more over and over again. I honestly cant say I blame them at all. She is hard to resist. 90% of the blame lies on her.. I get that..I really do

Before I say anything else let me tell you that Ive made the decision to forgive her for all of this and work on our marriage. I know without a doubt I can do it and that we can get past this. I really do. I love her more than life itself and am ok with what she did under the tough circumstances. The sleeping with all the other guys part doesnt bother me as much as the fact that she is pregnant by someone else. You may not agree or understand my decision to stay with her but Ive made it.

My(our) biggest decision, which is really why I am writing for advice here it what to do about the baby. Our 3 options are to either have an abortion, give it up for adoption, or raise it as my own. Shes already had 2 abortions in her past, once during college and one right before we met. Adoption I think would be tough on both of us. Being with her the whole 9 months that the baby is growing in her and then giving it up.. Dont know if either one of us can do that. The 3rd choice is to have the baby and raise it as my own. My friends and family would have to think that it was my baby though.. And I have no idea how I would feel being with my wife while she was pregnant from another man. Will it bother me? Be a constant thorn? A constant reminder of her sleeping with these other men? Would it end up turning me on for some reason? I have no clue.. Any thoughts from anyone?

This man is married so he is stuck from a practical perspective. Dumping his wife's sorry ass means a divorce which despite the fact that she was cheating on him with multiple men while he was in Iraq, he still will lose half or more of his assets and possibly his freedom. In addition, if his wife keeps the baby he will be paying for child support despite the fact that the baby is not his and that there is no way it could be his since he was in Iraq. However, this man's problems go deeper. Look at all the ways he is making excuses for his wife. He is also pretending he has a choice when it comes to keeping the baby vs. adoption or abortion. He doesn't. His pathetic excuse for a wife has all the power there. What he needs to hope for is that his wife has an abortion so that he can divorce her afterwards with a minimum of problems.

Experts in game will tell you about push-pull techniques to keep women interested in you. This sort of misses the point. The point is **having a backbone**. Both these men are lacking a backbone. The first man should dump his girlfriend's sorry ass immediately. The second man needs more of a strategy since he's married, but he should do the same. We should not be reading their weak willed writings. We should be reading how they have dumped (or will dump) their women's sorry asses. Maybe she will beg to you to take her back. Maybe not. However, the important thing is that **you stand up for yourself**.

Many of you men reading this may be thinking, "My woman isn't that great, but at least I'm not those guys". These examples may be more extreme than what you're going through. However, is it really that different? Just because your woman isn't treating as bad as these guys are treated, it doesn't mean that your woman isn't treating you like crap. If you're man in a similar situation even if its only 1% as bad as these two guys, why are you letting it happen? If you're married, you have some hard decisions to make. If not, then what you need to do is easy. Isn't it time you **grew a backbone** and **dumped her sorry ass**?

Men’s Studies Banner Campaign

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I just put up a page for activism regarding misandry in education. This is an important issue that I feel strongly about, having been subjected to it myself for years. Also, given the widespread failure of boys in school, it is becoming a national issue. People are still largely ignorant about just how bad it is in universities and high schools, and it’s important that we get the word out about this problem.

Although The Spearhead is not directly engaged in activism, we’d like to keep people updated on what’s going on out there, and this is as good a cause as any. If you’d like to support this campaign, visit the following page to find out how you can help:

Men’s Studies Banner Campaign

NY Times Finally Admitting There's a Problem

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In reference to a recent article in The Atlantic magazine (I want to write it up, but need a little more time to do so), David Brooks of the NY Times has come out and said that boys and men are getting the shaft. Of course, he doesn't explain why, and his proposed remedies are weak and likely to be ineffectual, but *he said it*. This is important. People are finally starting to listen.

Coming from the NY Times, the following is almost revolutionary:

> The current financial crisis is no different. The U.S. will have to produce 10 million new jobs just to get back to the unemployment levels of 2007. There's no sign that that is going to happen soon, so we're looking at an extended period of above 8 percent unemployment.
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> The biggest impact is on men. Over the past few decades, men have lagged behind women in acquiring education and skills. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at age 22, 185 women have graduated from college for every 100 men who have done so [...]

In years past, we were treated to the same steady drumbeat of "women good, men bad" that so many of us have grown accustomed to, but now major media organizations have finally started to face the obvious and write about the crisis amongst America's men.

This is just the beginning, so I wouldn't expect any changes anytime soon, but when you have even hardcore feminists like Eve Ensler soft-pedaling their anti-male stance you know something is in the air.

What this means for us is that we have to be very careful not to get our hopes up about any kind of cooperation — it's never worked in the past. As Gloria Steinem has said, the feminists want 65 more years of feminist revolution, and they haven't lost a battle yet.

I'll come right out and say what nobody in the mainstream media wants to admit: feminists have to be purged from positions where they can harm men and boys. Feminism is female supremacism, nothing else. A woman (or man) spouting feminist rhetoric in a university should receive exactly the treatment one would expect a professor calling for the return of black slavery might receive. Companies should fire troublemaking feminists. Politicians who support feminist laws should be exposed and thrown out of office as soon as feasible. Feminist judges should be removed from the bench. After WWII, the allies carried out a program of "de-Nazification" in Germany. I think that is an appropriate model to follow in dealing with feminists. There can be no common ground with supremacists, and there is no sense in dealing with them until they have been properly rehabilitated.

Women Don't Create Jobs (Part II)

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I've already dealt with the stifling effects that unmeritorious female board membership has on a company – an effect that reverberates down the company line, within the industry, and throughout the whole economy over time. A whole nation of risk-averse companies stifles profitability, economic growth, innovation, job growth, income growth, and most importantly, quality of life. Now I'll turn to another engine of job growth, innovation, and wealth creation that percolates most when men are in charge: small businesses.

If you read the opening lines of the Small Business Association's 2007 report "Are Male and Female Entrepreneurs Really That Different?" you'd come away with the feeling, in answer to the rhetorical headline, that no, they really aren't all that different. This fits the narrative prevalent in so many other facets of society that favors equality and negligible gender disparity.

The study states:

> "While gender was shown not to affect new venture performance when preferences, motivation, and expectations were controlled for…"

Throughout all of the tables of bi-variate and regression analysis, the theme is that if women didn't have structural barriers in the way – if they had equal access to capital and similar socialization into business networks – women-owned small businesses would be just as successful as men's. What the research overlooks is that small businesses started by men tend to have emergent properties that businesses started by women don't seem to have.

To compare apples to apples, the researchers controlled for management experience, number of previous start-ups, age, race, household size, and other factors to determine the differences between men and women that deal solely with the characteristics of each gender rather than the benefits or impediments each might face due to their gender. Even though the beginning of the research indicates "Move along, nothing to see here; women are still down-trodden," a closer look reveals that there are robust differences in male and female entrepreneurs. We have to analyze those findings to understand the emergent properties of male start-ups.

1. Men are more likely to found technologically-intensive businesses, businesses that lose their competitive advantage quickly, and businesses with a geographically-dispersed customer base.

Even though the research found that if control variables are accounted for – management experience, prior start-ups, age, race, etc. – men are still more likely to engage in technology-intensive businesses. This is important to my original thesis. Despite the finding that maleness didn't indicate more employees or superior performance for start-ups, thinking about the nature of business would alter the picture a little bit. Technological businesses increase innovation and decrease costs. Not even counting the jobs created within the company, these types of businesses are more likely to create jobs for other companies and throughout the whole economy since their products travel further through the supply chain of other companies.

I can make a safe assumption that, with their greater technological-intensiveness, businesses started by men pay their employees a higher wage. Technology is positively correlated with wages. So even if male-powered start-ups didn't create absolutely more jobs, they create *better* jobs and help support

businesses that create jobs outside of the organization. To make a trite comparison, starting up a bakery or an art gallery has lower returns to scale than a tech-industry start-up.

Companies founded by men tend to deal with geographically- disperse customers. Like Marco Polo, successful companies spread their products out across the world; that successful product begets new ideas and other new products that take humans to build, market, and sell.

Further, the rapid turnover of competitive advantage indicates that men are more at ease with increasing the churn of innovation. While this may not bode well for those companies that fail, the "start-up compost" creates freshness and innovation on which the economy thrives.

2. Men are significantly less likely to prefer low-risk/low-return businesses.

On the whole, risk-taking in capital decisions has positive externalities and creates superior returns. Part of the story of the economy's success is its failures – part of the start-up compost mentioned above.

Going back to Baumeister, men's low risk-aversion is *the* story here. Risk is inextricable from maleness; when we discuss the goodness of start-ups begun by men, their riskier nature is the reason the economy and the culture have succeeded so far.

The Guardian Life Small Business Research Institute forecasts that small businesses started by women will create 5 – 5.5 million new jobs by 2018 – more than half of the jobs created by small businesses. Here are the Institute's parameters:

> "This job growth projection is based on a rigorous analysis of converging factors, including the faster growth rate of female-owned vs. male-owned businesses; higher college graduation rates by women than men; and the predicted growth of industry sectors and occupations traditionally dominated by women."

It's likely that the forecast makes the assumption that female-owned businesses will employ the same risk strategy and have the same returns as male-owned businesses. In the long-run, male businesses will create more jobs, innovate more, and build more wealth precisely because of the innate riskiness of men. Women simply can't compete on this parameter.

3. Men are more likely to start businesses to make money, consider their business more important than family, and enter a business in order to become a community leader.

The research states that there isn't a significant difference in the number of jobs created by male start-ups or female start-ups. One can't help but figure, though, that businesses that have a profit-motive or a pro-community stance will create jobs and give back more than those that were begun in order to create a more amenable work-life balance – such as those businesses that women start.

This underscores other positive externalities of male-owned small businesses. They pay more tax revenues and higher marginal rates. Their owners are less likely to "settle" for a malleable work-life balance; they're driven to succeed on multiple fronts. Going back to Baumeister, this is one of the lynch-pins of men's contribution to our existing culture. Men's risk-taking and desire to make a name for themselves are all strategies predicted by Baumeister in his speech. By engaging in these strategies across the whole economy, men create more "stuff" than women.

Men embrace technology, they take risk, they venture into uncharted territory, the embrace the profit motive, they focus on their business qua the business, and they define themselves according to what they do in the office, factory, laboratory, or boardroom. Whatever this says about the personal lives

of these particular men is irrelevant; our society wouldn't be where it is today if it weren't for such investment. If one values the remaining fragments of our culture and economic freedom, he has to appreciate the dedication that this investment takes. He also has to realize the true nature of this innovative bent. And the reality is that men, by and large, hold these qualities in spades, although you wouldn't know that by reading popular press or even government agency reports.

The tack of some feminists is to teach us all, through reports like the SBA's, that women could do it if they were given the chance. But there are other factors at play that. When given equal opportunity women don't have the tools to perform as well in business as men.

Attorneys Exploring Residual Hearsay Exception for Plaintiff Advantage in Gender Discrimination Cases

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I'm no attorney, but I like to keep up with legal trends when I can, and as men's position erodes ever further in society, it's worth documenting the process by which this has happened. It isn't as though men's current, subjugated position is natural — far from it. There has been an avalanche of legislation that has accompanied the decline of men in the Anglosphere. We have quite literally been chained by the law. It is my opinion that the best path to freedom is the elimination of these laws, which, unfortunately, will probably require regime change of some sort. I don't think the current regime can or will go back on the body of oppressive law that has been growing for many decades. In fact, I have an inchoate theory concerning an idea that law is the DNA of civilizations, and its mutation and radicalization is simply part of the natural aging process that precedes civilizational death.

So I'd like our readers who are attorneys to reflect a bit on a hearsay exception idea I came across, and what implications it has. From my perspective, it is simply another example of stacking the deck against men. I don't doubt that it will be put to use if possible, as innovations are immune to morality, whether they be legal or technological.

Here's an excerpt:

> Rule 807 is a rarely applied rule of last resort upon which litigants can try to rely if all other hearsay exceptions don't quite cover statements that they seek to admit. As the recent opinion of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in Taylor v. Fairfield Resorts, Inc./Wyndham, 2009 WL 5195973 (D. Nev. 2009), makes clear, however, it could be a useful rule for gender and race discrimination plaintiffs who can't point to smoking guns and who can't find employees willing to testify.

Feminist Response to Super Bowl Ads

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While perusing the feminist law professors website (lousy site, but it provides a wealth of valuable information), I came across the following little gem, produced by outraged feminists in response to the notorious Dodge Charger ad:

Seems they'e still fuming over the Super Bowl ads. Poor babies… Of course, we men are never demeaned and insulted on TV, right?

Feminist Sites Losing Their Punch

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I often visit feminist websites to see what they're writing about, but recently I've noticed that they are consistently boring and lacking in good material. I don't know whether it's because the economy has forced them to lay off writers or whether they are demoralized, but their journalism has taken a serious dive in terms of quality lately. Not so say it was ever all that great, but they used to come up with items that had broader appeal and were worth discussing.

I have a theory: because of the increasing domination of formal news organizations and reporting by women, there is little competition to spur on greater effort and a zeal for work. When an entire industry becomes feminized, it will soon become as repetitive and predictable as a daytime soap opera.

Perhaps feminism will sink due to its progressive banality. Sassy women who go through an endless series of men and complaints as they make their way to middle age are not all that entertaining — even to women. Because so many men have been shoved out of the way to empower these women, they don't even have anyone left to fight anymore, and they're drifting into complacency.

Feministing, for example, has been reading like a NOW press release, with some 40% of their articles about defending abortion. Jezebel has become, for all intents and purposes, a trashy celeb magazine with puerile writing. And Bitch magazine, well… that's just the special needs little sister.

I have to admit that I'm a little disappointed. It would be nice to have some real, spirited opposition, but it looks like these little feminists don't even matter much anymore. In fact, it's becoming increasingly clear that the people we're really up against are not shrill fembots, but politicians, appointees, professors and executives — in short, a grim, but far from entertaining bunch.

Maybe it's time for us to get a little more serious ourselves, but I, for one, would miss the antics of the shrill, feminist activists were they to disappear. Given their entertainment value, they've done a great deal to popularize sexual politics, and that's worked to our advantage over the last year or so.

Metrosexual Backlash

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First, remember the name "Mark Morford." Morford just wrote a hit piece for the San Francisco Chronicle. It's racist, sexist, heterophobic and dripping with contempt for the middle and working classes. Perhaps newly emboldened by the special legal protection Obama has extended to gays, Morford lashed out from his San Francisco redoubt with some of the most vicious language I've seen in newsprint.

Here's what San Francisco elitists like Morford think of us:

> Let me just ask you this: Do you pity the sad n' squishy white guys of America right now?
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> Do you feel any empathy for their perilous plight, their incessant sexual frustration, their terrible taste in light domestic beer and that tell-tale slumping paunch, as they are slowly crushed under the relentless demands of their wives, the ruthless wail of their kids, the frightening instability of their job status, all overlaid by a thoroughly devastating female empowerment movement that has successfully mocked, derided and shamed every formerly proud dumb-guy thing — cars, beer, barbecue equipment, porn — down to a quivering puddle of don't-even-think-about-it?

He goes on to whine about the failure of metrosexuality and the return of more traditionally masculine pursuits:

> [...] if there's one hallmark of this dumbed-down American male, it's utter lack of intellectual range, subtlety or refined taste. Is this really the message? Is this really the new male ideal? Farewell "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," hello "Lair for the Lugnut"? I'm not buying it.
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> I really do not wish to begrudge. I do not wish to overly criticize, even as I lament the loss of what I saw as a damn fine and long overdue trend, a healthy, if subtle, cultural shift away from the macho, simpleminded energies that seemed to have gotten us all into so much trouble lo these past, oh, two million years or so.

Of course, the machines, engines and hardware he so disdains could only be created by stupid simpletons, right? For some reason, I suspect Morford would have a hard time designing and building so much as a chicken coop.

The piece Morford wrote is so over-the-top that it betrays some truly angry desperation. Perhaps he is angry that the Super Bowl did not feature the gay commercial; he certainly seems to have taken the other Super Bowl commercials very personally. Maybe he really expected that America would "evolve" (a favorite progressive code word) into a metrosexual/feminist paradise where the men he and his fab girlfriends despise were forced into mute slavery. In Morford's world, all the beautiful people would endlessly chat and party while the disgusting heterosexual white men keep everything running and hand over their earnings to the state for redistribution to deserving people like Morford and his girlfriends.

That's what they truly want, and they do want us to shut up about it. It is columns like this that should remind us that there isn't any hope of compromise. We're in a negative sum game that is taking on

some elements of the late 18th century Bourbon dynasty.

A Working Definition Of Oppression

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The following was submitted by *Snark*, whose blog can be found here.

How does feminism maintain its relevance in a world where women have got everything they asked for and more? As we all know, feminists lie, they juke statistics, they continue to portray men as eternal oppressors and women as injured innocents, and so on. But there is something else going on, which has barely been articulated by the Men's Movement up until now. That is *redefinition.* Feminists have been working hard to dissolve the partitions between categories, e.g. between the categories of 'oppression' and 'non-oppression'. I refer to this dishonest practice as *categorical dissolution.*

In a recent video, Angry Harry comments on certain child protection organisations, which once focused their efforts on children who were at risk of being severely beaten or killed by abusive parents. Today, these organisations are intent on creating new sins. Innocuous and wholly natural behaviours are increasingly criminalised, and 'deviant' men are rooted out for punishment. The axiom of men as oppressors and women and children as victims has been branded, with the red-hot ferocity, into our cultural code. This axiom is a useful tool for those who wish to extend their authority into new areas of our personal lives.

A lot of people's livelihoods depend upon feminism remaining relevant. Just as the butcher, the brewer and the baker act in their own self-interest rather than out of altruism, those people who work in the abuse industry create new sins, not out of an altruistic regard for the vulnerable, but out of pure self-interest. Their fear of obsolescence stifles real progress and clamps down on the freedom of men to interact with women and children in wholly natural ways. Feminism is like the shark: if it stops swimming, it dies. If feminists cannot find new reasons to attack ordinary men as 'deviants' and 'victimisers', they cease to have purpose; they cease to exist as feminists.

If we are to articulate an objection to this, we require a definition of 'oppression'. 'Oppression' is a term which has been dirtied by feminism and other victim-ideologies, which is why I prefer to use 'coercion', 'restraint' or 'restriction'. While no less accurate, these terms are rather more sober, allowing for the recognition that rights cannot exist *without* constraint in some form – thus, some forms of constraint will inevitably be necessary, insofar as we believe that people should be able to claim rights.

However, 'oppression' is the buzzword, and if we are to refute its unscrupulous use by feminists and the abuse industry, we must be able to articulate a definition of *what it is* as well as *what it is not.* Oppression, according to my working definition, is oppression only if it meets the following three conditions:

1. The restriction in question must be enforced by other people.
2. The restriction must be unjust.
3. The restriction must be to the detriment of those who are restricted.

All three of these conditions must be met for restriction to be oppression. For example, men's greater physical strength is not a matter of oppression for women, because although it may be unjust, it is naturally so; nature does not make all people equal. This restriction, in and of itself, is not enforced

by anyone. It does not meet the first condition of oppression, and arguably, it does not meet the second either.

To take another example: we imprison criminals, but this is not oppression, except for when they are falsely accused. When they are guilty of the crime they are convicted for, they are restricted by other people, and to their detriment, but it is not a matter of injustice (this is leaving aside issues of unjust laws, and the unjust application of laws; for the purposes of this example, assume that the law is just and is justly applied). Imprisoning criminals meets the first and third conditions, but not the second, so it is not oppression.

Now, feminism seeks to dissolve *all* restrictions which are to the detriment of women, whether just or unjust, whether enforced or natural, into the category of oppression. It is said that any restriction against a woman is an artificial construct of 'patriarchy'. Inevitably, in attempting to justify this position, their arguments become ever more abstract. 'Patriarchy' becomes not simply the visible, measurable power which a man holds over a woman; since it is responsible for every negative feeling which a woman experiences, it is everywhere and it is invisible. It becomes like the air, all around us although we can't see it. We try to grasp hold of this concept, but we grab at nothingness.

To put it phallocentrically, imagine two pillars, stretching majestically up into the sky. The first pillar represents those things which do or might happen to women, which fit the above definition of oppression. The second pillar represents those things which do or might happen to women, and are of detriment to them, but do not meet the other two criteria of oppression, i.e. they are not unjust and/or enforced by 'patriarchy'. Those things represented by the second pillar are not anyone's fault but her own, or they are simply the results of bad luck. Now imagine the first pillar, gradually leaning over, and eventually, collapsing into the second. This is what feminism is seeking to accomplish.

As a recent, real world example, let's take the (non)-issue of sleep. Feminists are currently attempting to make sleep the new 'feminist issue', on the presumption that women are sleeping less and men are somehow to blame. We're not talking about sleep deprivation here – we're talking about women getting between six and seven hours sleep a night, which is neither unusual nor harmful. But the point is this: outside of work, your time is your own. And unless men are engaged in a society-wide conspiracy to keep women awake for an additional ninety minutes each night (a truly ingenius plot which would have to be carried out while the men themselves are asleep), this cannot feasibly be traced back to men or to an invisible patriarchy. It is most certainly not an example of genuine oppression. It is not enforced, and it is not a matter of injustice, but it is to women's detriment; and thus, men are to blame. This is categorical dissolution at work: dissolving irritations into the foaming sea of false oppression.

Another recent example is the labelling of women as 'victims' because of their *majority status* on university campuses. Whether they are in the minority or the majority, women are oppressed, so our cultural guardians tell us. Even when a female majority has been brought about intentionally by women through affirmative action programs, they remain the 'victims'. The 'victimisation' in this case stems from the fact that, as the numerical majority on campus, women can't all get boyfriends. Again, we find categorical dissolution. This situation is only enforced and unjust insofar as women have made it so – but as it is to the detriment of women, it falls under the rubric of women's oppression. Note that this dissolution works only in one direction. Never before were men considered victims for being the majority of university attendees. As if to prove my point beyond a shadow of a doubt, this article sprung up mere days later, gloating about how men will have to "up their game" given projected demographic shifts which will leave the UK with more unmarried men than women.

Is this how we speak to victims of oppression – by crying “eureka” and telling them to “up their game”?

Of course not – and it isn’t oppression. Women are not entitled to partners, and thus it is not an example of injustice when there aren’t enough men to go around – particularly since they have enforced this situation upon themselves.

Simply pointing out categorical dissolution, when a feminist or feminist-sympathiser cries oppression, should be a sufficient response; it exposes their trickery for all the world to see. What they are agitating for is additional privileges, not freedom from unjust restraints (often, the privileges they agitate for are self-contradictory, e.g. they want women to be both the superior majority *and* the coveted minority on university campuses). And take note: a pillar cannot completely collapse into another without the roof caving in. That will be the bursting of the misandry bubble, the rapid uncoiling of the tightly wound spring, or whichever metaphor you prefer. I have more to say on this subject, so stay tuned for the second part.

Captain Phil Harris Worked and Fought Until The End

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Deadliest Catch captain Phil Harris, who died on February 9th, urged crews to keep filming after he surprised everyone by awakening from a medically induced coma. Harris, who had a stroke while offloading snow crab with his crew, was only 53 when he died. Like many men who came before him, he lived a short, hard life. The tattoed skipper was a heavy smoker and in all likelihood knew how to enjoy a party during the off season.

It is ironic that many of the toughest men who perform the most dangerous job in America live in Seattle, a left-coast city that has embraced the progressive label and promotes matriarchal values. However, perhaps it is inevitable that in such a climate, men like Harris are driven to face the elements and a long sleep in Davy Jones half the year — being cooped up in the social womb of a contemporary American city all the time simply doesn't suit their nature.

When Harris came out of the coma, he couldn't talk, but wrote on a piece of paper that we wanted the crews to keep filming, saying "we need a great finish to this story." In a moment of jest (or perhaps not) he also told the doctors and nurses "Don't f— up." Harris was dearly loved by his children and admired by his crew, and a major draw for fans of the *Deadliest Catch*.

Hot Smoked Salmon

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Living in the Pacific Northwest, I have plenty of opportunities to eat salmon. In fact, I've eaten so much salmon in my life that I'm not a big fan of ordinary broiled/grilled salmon anymore. It is one of those foods that can grow tiresome after a while. So eventually, I looked for different ways to cook it, and I found that smoking the salmon not only improved the flavor, but made it very tasty even when cold.

Smoking salmon is not very difficult, but you have to keep in mind that hot smoking and cold smoking are very different processes. Lox is cold smoked salmon, and is not cooked, but rather brined and then cold smoked at about 85 degrees for hours. Hot smoking salmon does not require a special smoker (you can use an ordinary charcoal grill), takes less than an hour, and the end product is cooked.

The ingredients are basic, including:

- Salmon filet(s), skin on
- Coarse salt
- Brown sugar
- Pepper

For equipment, you'll need a charcoal grill, some aluminum foil, wood chips and a metal spatula.

To get started, make a rub out of equal parts brown sugar and salt, and grind in pepper to taste. The amount you need varies depending on how much fish you have, but a cup should do the trick for a couple of ordinary filets.

Thoroughly cover your filets with the rub, and then refrigerate them in a bag or on a covered plate for a few hours. Before cooking, take out the salmon and let it air dry on an uncovered plate for a while. This will allow the salmon to develop a pellicle, which is a sort of tacky rind on the meat, which is important for keeping it moist inside as it cooks.

Also, do not forget to soak the wood chips in some water. Alder, which is sweet and aromatic, is the traditional wood used for smoking salmon, but any mild hardwood, such as apple, will do.

When you're ready to cook, it's time to fire up the grill. You won't need to use too much charcoal, since the goal is not to cook it too hot. Once your coals are all burning, arrange them around the edge of the grill, leaving an empty space in the middle. This is to avoid cooking the salmon with direct heat. Cover the grill to save the coals cool and keep them cool.

Now, make a pan out of aluminum foil, making sure that the bottom of the filets are completely covered by foil. Make sure to set the filets skin-side down on the foil. Before setting the fish on the grill, sprinkle some of the wet wood chips on the burning coals, and open the vents on the grill a little until they start to smoke. When they are smoking, set the filets down directly over the empty space in the middle of the grill, cover, and close the vents.

All in all, the fish can be cooked from a half hour to an hour, depending on how well done and smokey one prefers it. I usually hot smoke fish for about 45 minutes, which is more than sufficient to cook it through. If you take it out earlier, it may be a little more tender, but the smoke doesn't have as

much time to flavor the fish.

When it’s done, the fish can be eaten immediately, and leftovers stored in the refrigerator. This leftover salmon makes a tasty snack, and can be eaten with crackers and cheese, or tossed a salad. It retains a strong, sweet flavor when cold, and the texture is excellent.

For those of us who live near salmon-filled seas, this is a great way to improve on the ubiquitous broiled or grilled salmon, and for men everywhere who like to grill, it’s a fun and delicious meal.

Meet Your Oppressors

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Are you one of the millions of men who has seen his life crumble under the treads of the family law system? Did you ever wonder why hatred and abuse directed toward men was so prevalent in school? Maybe you're an employer who got screwed in a sexual harassment lawsuit, or an employee who was falsely accused.

Perhaps you are the victim of an ex parte TRO (temporary restraining order), and were summarily evicted from your own house and your children's lives. You might have tried to fight for custody of your children, only to find the deck stacked so high against you that you had no choice but to give up.

Maybe your wife had an affair, then received your house plus a hefty alimony judgment and now lives there with her new boyfriend.

After facing terrible injustice, you can't imagine who would ever create this monstrous, oppressive system that has driven you to ruin and despair. You look around, but you have no idea who is to blame.

Look no more, because *The Spearhead* has come upon a neatly compiled list of people who are directly responsible for your pain and suffering. Yes, the people listed below are proud to be the source of your affliction, and broadcast their efforts to ruin the lives of more men from their lecterns in our nation's institutes of higher learning. They write law, indoctrinate students, influence judges, serve as legal advisors to organizations such as NOW, and generally put a great deal of effort into beating down men with the law.

Of course, the following list is not comprehensive, but it's a good start. It shows where they work, and has links to CVs that detail their experience and affiliations. Those who are interested in activism can use the info to protest the nearest school, or if they are alumni to demand an explanation for why the school is promoting sexist, misandrist female supremacists.

These lists are golden for political purposes, as cross-referencing can easily identify associations that are dedicated to feminism, allowing us to identify enemies and their allies as well as their opponents. They should be widely distributed so that plenty of people can use them.

Albany Law School

- Alicia Ouellette
- Laurie Shanks

American University Washington College of Law

- Ann Shalleck
- Anthony Varona
- Billie Jo Kaufman
- Christine Haight Farley
- Mary Clark
- Nancy D. Polikoff
- Pamela Bridgewater

- Victoria Phillips

Boston University School of Law

- Katharine Silbaugh
- Linda McClain
- Wendy Gordon

Brigham Young University School of Law

- Cheryl Preston

Bristol Law School

- Rachel Fenton

Brooklyn Law School

- Anita Bernstein
- Liz Schneider
- Minna Kotkin

California Western School of Law

- Nancy Kim

Chapman University School of Law

- Francine J. Lipman

City University of New York

- Caitlin Borgmann
- Deborah Zalesne
- Jenny Rivera
- Julie Goldscheid
- Michelle Anderson
- Penelope Andrews
- Rebecca M. Bratspies
- Richard Storrow
- Ruthann Robson

Cleveland State University College of Law

- Lolita Buckner Inniss

Columbia Law School

- Ariela Dubler
- Carol Sanger
- Caroline Bettinger-Lopez

- Elizabeth Emens
- Elizabeth Scott
- Jane Spinak
- Katherine Franke
- Kendall Thomas
- Patricia Williams
- Susan Sturm
- Suzanne Goldberg

Cumberland School of Law, Samford University

- Marcia L. McCormick

Drexel University College of Law

- Anil Kalhan
- David S. Cohen

Duke University School of Law

- Kimberly Krawiec

Elon University School of Law

- Eric M. Fink

Emory University School of Law

- Martha Fineman

Florida Coastal School of Law

- Nareissa Smith

Florida International University College of Law

- Cyra Akila Choudhury
- David D. Walter

Florida State University College of Law

- Faye E. Jones
- Lesley Wexler

Fordham Law School

- Sonia Katyal

George Washington University Law School

- Alexa Freeman

- Joan Meier
- Naomi Cahn
- Neil Buchanan
- Phyllis Goldfarb

Georgetown University Law Center

- Nan Hunter
- Rebecca Tushnet

Golden Gate University School of Law

- Leslie Rose

Gonzaga University School of Law

- Mary Pat Treuthart

Hamline University School of Law

- Marie A. Failinger
- Sharon Sandeen
- Tom I. Romero

Harvard Law School

- Elizabeth Bartholet

Hofstra University School of Law

- Barbara Lukeman
- Elizabeth M. Glazer

Humbolt University Berlin Law Faculty

- Susanne Baer

Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law

- Felice Batlan

Indiana University Maurer School of Law

- Susan H. Williams

Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

- Jennifer A. Drobac
- Shawn Boyne

John Marshall Law School

- Colin Miller
- Doris Long
- Susan L. Brody

Lewis & Clark Law School

- Kathy Hessler

Louisiana State University Law Center

- Christine Corcos

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

- M. Isabel Medina

Marquette University Law School

- Andrea K. Schneider
- Jessica E. Price
- Lisa Mazzie Hatlen
- Rebecca Blemberg

McGill University

- Kim Brooks

Michigan State University College of Law

- Catherine Grosso
- Cynthia Lee Starnes
- Joan Howarth
- Kristi L. Bowman
- Melanie B. Jacobs

New York Law School

- Ann F. Thomas
- Carlin Meyer
- William P. LaPiana

New York University School of Law

- Amy Adler
- Meg Satterthwaite
- Sylvia Law

Northwestern University School of Law

- Elizabeth L. Inglehart
- Kimberly Yuracko

Ohio State University College of Law

- Marc Spindelman

Pace Law School

- Adele Bernhard
- Alexander K.A. Greenawalt
- Andrew C.W. Lund
- Audrey Rogers
- Barbara Atwell
- Bennett Gershman
- Bridget Crawford
- Darren Rosenblum
- David Cassuto
- David Dorfman
- Don Doernberg
- Emily Gold Waldman
- Horace Anderson
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- Jeffrey Miller
- Jill Gross
- John Humbach
- Leslie Yalof Garfield
- Linda Fentiman
- Margaret M. Flint
- Marie Stefanini Newman
- Michael Mushlin
- Michelle Simon
- Noa Ben-Asher
- Ralph Stein
- Vanessa Merton

Pennsylvania State University

- Eileen Kane

Princeton University

- Imani Perry

Rutgers University School of Law – Camden

- Imani Perry
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Rutgers University School of Law – Newark

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Santa Clara University School of Law

- Margaret M. Russell
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Seattle University School of Law

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Seton Hall University School of Law

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South Texas College of Law

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Southern Methodist University School of Law

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Southwestern Law School

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- KC Sheehan
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- Kate Nace Day
- Marie Ashe

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- Kevin Noble Maillard
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Texas Southern University School of Law

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Texas Tech University School of Law

- Jennifer S. Bard

The University of Chicago

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Thomas Cooley Law School

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University of Alabama School of Law

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University of California Hastings College of Law

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University of Cincinnati College of Law

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- Kristen Kalsem
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- Verna Williams

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- Clare Huntington
- Laura Spitz
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University of Denver College of Law

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University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

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- Bret Boyce
- David Koelsch
- Jennifer Henderson
- Julia Belian
- Julie St. John

University of Florida College of Law

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- Nancy Dowd

University of Houston Law Center

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University of Idaho College of Law

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University of Illinois College of Law

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- Sarah Deer

Mangum Busted

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We might finally see some roundabout justice in the Duke LaCrosse case, the national disgrace that showed exactly why boys are falling behind in school. Crystal Gail Mangum might have gotten away with her false accusation at Duke, but this time she's been arrested for attempted murder, a charge that's taken far more seriously.

Mangum allegedly tried to stab her boyfriend, set his clothes on fire and fought police responders. It's beyond me why any man would want to be involved with Mangum, but despite the man's lack of judgment and good taste, he doesn't deserve to be stabbed and have his property destroyed. Additionally, the three children who were at home when police arrived should never be exposed to such a scene.

If Mangum had been held accountable for the crime of filing a false report of rape against the Duke Lacrosse players, she might have learned her lesson a few years ago. However, it seems that she believes she has a certain immunity when it comes to victimizing men. Former prosecutor Mike Nifong, for his part, should be in prison today for his part in the original Duke case.

Olympic Sports and Gender Parity

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I was reading a rather strident article in my local college newspaper written by some feminist in training about how women are being oppressed by not being allowed to have their own ski-jumping competition. According to Rebecca Kuensting, feminist crusader at the UW Daily, the International Olympic Committee's rationale for not holding a women's ski jumping event is wholly unjustified:

> The International Olympic Committee (IOC) contends that the reason why ski jumping remains the only Olympic sport from which women are excluded is not a matter of sexual discrimination. They claim that the women's version of ski jumping lacks the size, universal appeal and history of world championships that is required of Olympic sports. If the fact sheet on their official Web site is any indication, the ladies of the Visa U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team aren't buying it. The page attacks the IOC's allegations point by point, citing that, "in 2009, more than 160 women from 18 nations were registered with FIS as elite ski jumpers."
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> The disturbing truth is that there is no good reason why the IOC has chosen to exclude female ski jumpers from the Vancouver games. Female jumpers use the same jumps that men use, are scored according to very similar technical criteria, and have accumulated the numbers and support necessary for the success of their sport.
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> We always think of the Olympics as an event that celebrates equality, that brings people of all nations together. But if you're a fan of ski jumping, you know there's a whole host of willing athletes who aren't allowed on the slopes.

Frankly, I think Kuensting is full of it. There's no way that the number of women ski jumpers is sufficient. She cites 160 women from 18 nations, and that may comprise every single female ski jumper in the entire world from what I've seen. That isn't nearly enough to sustain an Olympic sport. As for interest, who cares at all about women ski jumpers?

Honestly, most people don't care much about male ski jumpers. However, there's a big difference here: men – boys in particular – love to jump. When I was a kid I ski jumped all the time. There's no way I could have ever been an elite ski jumper — I'm too big and heavy. To be competitive you have to be light and thin to catch the air. Guys like me have the trajectory of a cannon ball. But as a kid I didn't care. I'd jump for hours just for the feeling of being free and airborne. I did it on skis, my bike, and even on the basketball court. I fell all the time, and hurt myself a couple times, but it was all worth it. I've never met a woman – ever – who had the same zeal for that experience.

Because men love flying so much, there will always be plenty of guys willing to launch themselves off ramps to sail for hundreds of feet through the air. The sport won't be lacking, because it is an archetypically male pursuit, as exemplified by Icarus, the boy who flew too high.

What this leads me to is a question about the very origin of sports. Sports were created by men because they love the pursuits they represent. Boys naturally run, throw things, kick and jump. They love sticks and balls, and they want to perform feats with all these natural abilities and tools. As far as I know, every single sport in the Olympics, with the possible exception of figure skating and synchronized swimming, was invented by men. Is there any one single sport that women came up

with by themselves? If not, why do they deserve exact equality in representation? What the hell is their point?

I suspect that if women created their own sport, the vast majority of men wouldn't want to have anything to do with it. So why is it that these feminist blowhards are so set on parity in everything men have invented? Why don't they create their own sport? Maybe we could have Olympic sock darning competitions, or Olympic Christmas tree decorating. Of course, gay men would probably win these events, but at least the girls could put in a decent effort.

But when it comes to men's sports, what's really the point? Sometimes, I think it's simply to inflate the medal count. In fact, that's probably how it started. Some countries figured they could sneak in a few more medals by training their women in ice hockey or something similarly ridiculous when played by women, and now we're stuck permanently with a bunch of programs for freakish, butch women that nobody wants to watch anyway.

Taking it to The Dean

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Spearhead reader and blogger Dirk Johanson, a practicing attorney who runs the *guyinism* blog, wrote a concise and amusing letter to the Dean of the John Marshall Law School, pointing out the "specious legal reasoning" of feminist law professor Colin Miller, who is on John Marshall's faculty.

In the following passage, Johanson flays Miller's legal reasoning:

> The case Miller believes supports his argument is Taylor v. Fairfield Resorts, Inc./Wyndham, 2009 WL 5195973 (D.Nev. 2009). In that case, an aspiring timeshare sales con artist claimed that she was given inferior suckers lists due to her race and gender. In denying the defendant's motion for summary judgment, the court considered an uncertified transcript of a non-party witness deposition submitted by the plaintiff. The court noted that the plaintiff was proceeding pro se, and that the defendant did not challenge the accuracy of the deposition. The court in no way indicated that it would have allowed the plaintiff to simply repeat what another employee had said – the very definition of hearsay.
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> Nevertheless, Miller argues that the Taylor decision is somehow supportive of using the residual hearsay exception to admit statements of other employees in gender and race discrimination suits – deposition transcript or no. Miller's reliance on Taylor for such, I am confident you will agree, is ridiculous.

Johanson sent copies of the letter to a number of other male professors on John Marshall's faculty, pointing out the they have a mangina in their midst and should keep Miller's third rate legal skills in mind when tenure comes up.

This is a great use of the resource provided by the feminist law professors blog, which kindly provided us with the list of feminist law professors we published yesterday. Standing up to those who would further enslave us with bad law and unfair advantages for women, despite their clear dominance in university enrollment and employment, will eventually draw more attention to our plight and start turning things around.

This won't happen if we don't use the tools at our disposal, but Dirk Johanson has given us a good example of how we can start to do so.

Defeating Patty Murray Should be a Priority for Men

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Senator Patty Murray of Washington State, although considered one of the dimmer bulbs in congress, has been a rock-solid proponent of feminist laws, including IMBRA, VAWA and others. Currently, she is promoting SAFE, The Security and Financial Empowerment Act, which would give women another powerful weapon in family law. SAFE allows women to take time off work to prepare for court and mandates that employers must pay them while they do so. As with other federal DV bills, women would likely be able to do so without any proof other than their own word.

According to Murray, VAWA was only the "first step":

> VAWA was the first step. It helped us respond to the immediate threat of abuse. Now we need to address the long-term problems that victims face — from insurance and employment discrimination to finding permanent housing.

Feminists love Patty Murray, seeing her as a staunch ally in their war against men. Her tireless fight to give women advantages in relationships and the workplace have earned her high praise from self-described radicals. Gloria Steinem herself showed up unexpectedly at Patty's birthday during her first senate run to lend her support.

Murray knows where her base of support lies, so she highlights her feminist accomplishments, which turn out to be pretty much her *only* accomplishments.

Fortunately, Murray isn't looking so hot any longer. There's even a chance she could go down come fall. She lacks charisma, and a serious candidate could give her a run for her money.

A Murray defeat would be a real victory for American men, so we should keep a close eye on Murray and see what we can do to fan the flames of opposition to her radical feminism. We also ought to identify additional feminist politicians in weak positions and take measures to work for their defeat and eviction from office.

These people have done real harm — removing them from power is imperative.

Marry Him! (Really?): A Clear Example Of The Eternal Solipsism Of The Female Mind

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This time of year when one of the biggest holidays on the calendar burns through the dead of Winter-Valentine's Day, what else?-it's common to hear of the newest/latest books and the like, almost always aimed at Women, to help them find their Mr. Right. Ms. Lori Gottlieb's "Marry Him: The Case For Settling For Mr. Good Enough" is no exception; in fact, it appears that her missive has started quite a backlash among her fellow travellers. It seems that all of the Usual Suspects of the Femosphere have kneejerked their disapproval at Ms. Gottlieb's sisterly betrayal: what, actually *settle* for some lowly Man? Women need Men like…oh, well you get the point.

Not only has Ms. Gottlieb's book been the talk of the town on the Web, but apparently it's been optioned to be made into a feature length film, by none other than Tobey "Spider-Man" Maguire himself-which, when one thinks of his Peter Parker persona, really makes sense.

That's because only a non-Venomnized Pete could ever, ever even consider such a thing. Not only is the very premise-that a Woman, any Woman, has to put up with a guy because she's simply run out of options-but the Y-chromosome yammering over the whole thing once again, leaves out one crucial element:

US.

But, we'll get to that in a moment, as well as the gist of Ms. Gottlieb's book. But before we do that, let's consider one little thing, shall we?

Gottlieb's book no doubt will be viewed as "dating advice"; perhaps even as "self-help"-and in any event, such books are marketed in droves to Women, *for years*. All kinds of truly dehumanizing language and allusions are made to Men, such as the very title of the book we're discussing; we're rated and objectified, ranked and given the heave-ho for the slightest imperfection, infraction or just the misfortune of being *human*-a necessary evil all in the name of the Precious Ladies' search for "Mr. Right".

Moreover, none other than the High Priestess of Relationship & Dating Advice herself-Oprah Winfrey-is known for her pricey workshops and seminars as she is for her long running tv chat show. And of course, she endorses everything for Women from The Rules to He's Just Not That Into You, to now, of course, "Marry Him!".

Yet, one of the biggest complaints and charges by those who decry Game-almost, but not always Women, is that it is not only disrespectful to Women and trades in dehumanizing terminology to and about them, but it suckers in unsuspecting guys too, on the grounds that the Game/PUAsphere is chockfull of hucksters-21st century snakeoil salesmen who rake in the dough while their clients and customers get feeble, at best, results.

And to be sure, for my part at least, I don't deny that the Gamesphere has its share of hucksters and shady types. But the sheer hubris it takes on the part of many Women to actually fix their mouths to make such charges, in the face of scads of books and the like, such as the one we're examining today, really takes the cake. It, along with the other points that need to be raised and presented in the light of day for all to see, counts as just one of many examples of what fellow Game and all-around blogger

Ferdinand Bardamu called the Eternal Solipsism of The Female Mind.

But wait, there's more!

Not only is Gottlieb's screed a half-hearted attempt to sound like she's gained some wisdom in her more than a *quarter century of frutiless dating*, but she has the nerve-the unmitigated gall-to suggest that she still has every right to be picky, because, afterall, she has a son to think about.

That's right. Ms. Gottlieb is a Baby Mama. The question becomes, *how* did she achieve this monumental feat, without so much as a hubbie, boyfriend, or even a Hookup?

The answer comes from Gottlieb herself. In her Mar 2008 article of the same name of her book in the Atlantic (and which is still available online; , she makes it clear that she took a trip to the local fertility clinic with time running out on her biological clock so she could knocked up the good old fashioned way-with the Turkey Baster-because, well, there just wasn't anybody out there good enough for her to make a baby with otherwise.

Let that sink in for a moment.

OK, so let me get this straight: she can't find anybody "good enough" for 25 YEARS, then finally, at the fag end of her fertile years, decides to get the Butterball Treatment. Then, STILL expects to find "Mr. Right", and failing that, will grudgingly "settle" for "Mr. Good Enough".

Is this Beeyotch out of her ever-loving mind?!?

Oh yea-I can just see the swarms of Men now, who can't *wait* to lineup to take to one knee and humbly beg for this Middle-aged Maiden's hand in holy matrimony, Test Tube Baby in tow, no less.

The sheer arrogance, hubris and out and out megalomania, that this Woman exudes is something the likes of which I've never set my eyes on before-and believe you me, I done seen a lot of stuff. She honestly thinks that her stuff don't stink-and she's by no means alone. More and more, both here in the States and across the pond in the UK, Women are being seen as increasingly demanding, narcissistic, unrealistic and haughty-with average, at best, cred to back it up. Consider the recent London Daily Mail article that talks about this very problem, the one written by American homegirl Kay Hymowitz, and others. Heck, forget all that-just take a look at Gottlieb herself-one can understand why she finally had to go under the Turkey Baster to do the deed. Girlfriend is hardly a prize by any Man's standard, even if you took the baby out of the equation and rolled the clock back a decade. At best, I'd rank her a middling 5. But the way she talks about herself, it's as if she's the identical twin to Megan Fox or something.

NOT.

And that's another thing that burns me up about Women like Gottlieb-which, I am very sad to report, are the coin of the realm in our times: they not only want, or expect, but DEMAND the tip-top absolute best Man in the Universe, but give little if anything in return. They surely aren't offering equal value, that's for certain. Ever took a peek at Craig's List, or Match.com, or eHarmony, and looked at these ladies ads? Their "lists" of the ideal Man are yay long, but notice something:

They never, ever, offer what the guy gets in return. It's almost as if these gals are doing such sought after guys a favor just to be in their hallowed presence. What's in it for me? Not a whole lot. Gimme, gimme, gimme.

No, screw that. It ain't "almost as if"-it IS as if.

Nor does it surprise me one little bit that Gottlieb's supposed cautionary tale talks about how all the guys she passed up in her life have moved on to have families of their own-you know, the one you

make with someone you actually know and doesn't require a petrie dish-and trust me, they're thanking GOD in Heaven that they didn't get hitched to this Royal Headcase, or others like her. Men, in case no one's figured it out by now, are just simpler, more pragmatic and are much, much more likely to "settle" than are Women, and when they decide that the dating game ain't for them, they find happiness elsewhere. Which explains why for every Game or PUA website, blog, book or seminar, you can find easily dozens of the female-versions in any direction you want to go. Happiness for Men is a heck of a lot easier than for Women for the simple reason that we expect a lot less than do Women. And once Women, for all their vaunted brainpower, finally figure this out, they too just might get a freaking clue.

The ASSumptions this book and attendant squawking by the Femmetariot makes-very, very dangerous ones-is that the guys will simply go along with whatever the ladies eventually decide to do, assuming that's even humanly possible in the first place. It doesn't occur to them that Men have minds of their own, connected to their own ideas of what they'd like to have and do and be in life, and who to do that with. Moreover, they assume that the reason why they haven't found Mr. Right, is because, well, they just haven't found Mr. Right. It never occurs to them that the real reason why they haven't found Mr. Right, is because they're NOT Ms. All That-and the Mr. Good Enough's of the world aren't exactly beating a path to their door either. They can't seem to make the connection between what goes on in their heads and what goes on outside it, and line the two up accordingly. And they can't seem to understand why anyone with any modicum of options, self respect or just plain ole sanity, would be out of their mind to even give one nanosecond, or one spark of brainpower towards even considering standing in the same room as such a Woman, let alone dating or worse, mating with her. Once again: Feminine Solipsism, anyone?

Parting Shot:

As if I couldn't be more pissed off by reading Ms. Gottlieb's crocodile tear-laden "cautionary tale", her constant rejection of Men for congenital features (among a great, great many things), such as lack of the height she wanted and so on, really got me to thinking-you know, Women do not hesitate to call a Man a Misogynist-usually because he disagrees with her-and some Men have tried to "answer" back by charging some Women with Misandry.

But it doesn't work, in my view. Why? Because the word is too esoteric, and besides, it smacks of a kind of loserdom; they call you a Misogynist, you call them a Misandrist? Nah.

But as I was out talking a walk to cool off after reading Gottlieb's mad ravings, something else occurred to me; Bigotry. The intense dislike of another, just because of how they look. In fact, Gottlieb's book, stands as an A1 case study in perhaps thee most pernicious form of discrimination around, and that's the kind that Women of her ilk visit on Men all the time. In fact, now that I think about it, I have been discriminated against MORE by Women-and in this case, Black Women-than I EVER have by job employers, banks, landlords and the like. In other words, being an "unacceptable Male" has been the cause of my being discriminated against, by BLACK WOMEN, than my being discriminated against, simply because I'm Black.

Therefore, it is wholly appropriate, and I call on all my Brothers-and Sisters of Good Will-to begin to call such people like Gottlieb for what they are:

Woman, thou name art Bigot. And Hypocrite. And just plain ole Cwazie.

And like Archie Bunker, we'll laugh AT you, too.

Now adjourn your pathetic arses…

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America's Most Decorated Winter Olympic Athlete Raised by a Single Father

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Yuki Ohno immigrated from Japan and set up a hair styling shop roughly 30 years ago, marrying an American woman and having a son. Within a year his wife was gone and he was struggling to raise an infant child by himself. Working long shifts to keep his business going, he had to hire daycare providers to take care of the little boy. But Yuki stayed as involved as possible in his son's life, carefully choosing daycare providers and, as he grew up, keeping him involved in after-school activities so that he wouldn't drift into delinquency like so many other neglected children – known as "latchkey kids" – of the 1980s and 90s.

After many ups and downs, the effort paid off, and now Yuki Ohno's son Apolo has achieved Olympic fame and success. Apolo credits much of this to his father, who never gave up on him, fostering his talents and steering him in the right direction as only a caring father can guide a son.

At one point, when Apolo was 15 and entering a rebellious time in his ife, Yuki told him he would have to spend some time alone to decide for himself what he wanted. Apolo stayed in a remote cabin in the rainy, cold Pacific Northwest for eight days, pondering his future and inner desires. At the end, he called his father and said he was ready to go back to training in speed skating.

Following the angst of adolescence, Apolo went on to become one of the best Olympic skaters in the world, as attested by his wealth of medals and victories. In addition to his Olympic success, Apolo appeared on Dancing With the Stars, earning the show's first ever perfect score in a samba routine with partner Julianne Hough. He has also been involved in charities in his native Seattle, raising funds for sick children and working for the Salvation Army.

Apolo knows how lucky he was to have a father like Yuki, but there must still be something bittersweet about his life. Being abandoned by one's mother is a harsh burden to bear, and Apolo expresses no desire to see her or talk much about it. Perhaps, given women's newly liberated status and frequent eagerness to break their marital vows and abandon their husbands, we will see more men reluctantly thrust into the role of single parents. We can only hope that they will have the wisdom and determination that Yuki Ohno displayed in his struggle to raise a successful son.

Although Michael Phelps' mother was lionized in the press for raising an Olympic-caliber athlete as a single mother, Yuki Ohno has had a lower profile. However, the bond between Apolo and Yuki appears to be every bit as strong, and in contrast to Phelps' mother's case, Yuki never had anyone to pick up the slack for him — he was truly alone with his son throughout all the long years it took to raise him.

In Apolo and Yuki's case, victory arose out of the tragedy of abandonment. How sweet success must be for the father-son team.

Jessica Valenti in Washington Post: "Where's the Outrage?" (i.e. Donations)

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In a call to arms featuring the same old predictable bogeymen, Jessical Valenti was given space in the Washington Post today to editorialize on why the battle against men is far from over. According to Valenti, Americans are suffering from the "mass delusion" that women don't have it so bad in the West. She goes on to use the exaggerated statistics concerning rape and women's earnings that have been thoroughly debunked by people who have bothered to run the numbers, painting a picture of a suffering, victimized American womanhood.

Valenti's job is to promote a sense of female vicitimhood, whether it exists or not, so even her supporters should be skeptical of her claims, but the real issue is why she is given such publicity and space to promote her radical, questionable views. Does the Washington Post actually profit from Valenti's strident declaration that we are facing "an epidemic of sexism?" Is there any chance that someone with opposite, equally strident opinions will be given any space in a major national publication to offer some editorial balance?

Sadly, the PC culture in newsrooms around the country suggests that there will be no effort to achieve balance, but the profit question still remains. As demonstrated by Jezebel and Cosmo, feminism is best promoted with an eye toward women's interests, which include things such as fashion, celebrities and sex. Strident feminists such as Valenti aren't the greatest draw in that department, but I'd be willing to bet that there are some women on WaPo's editorial board who are very sympathetic to her brand of activism.

This is just the thing: as media has found it more and more difficult to make a profit, it has become more elitist. Major newspapers are becoming charities for activists such as Valenti, supported by the rich and powerful rather than the average consumer. Exacerbating the problem is the huge disparity in wealth that has arisen in the United States over the last generation, allowing the rich to fund their pet projects, many of which involve outdated ideologies and the warped view of reality that big money tends to create.

Valenti is making a direct appeal to these people. Although she doesn't state it explicity, she's clearly asking for money:

> There is so much more work to be done. The truth is, most women don't have the privilege of being able to look at gender justice from a distance; they have no choice but to live it every day. Those of us who are lucky enough not to have to think about sexism, racism, poverty and homophobia on a daily basis — **those of us who have the privilege of sending money to an international cause via e-mail while ignoring the plight of women here at home — have a responsibility to open our eyes to the misogyny right in front of us. And then to stop it.**

For the foreseeable future, we should expect more of the same fantasy-laden editorials in national publications. There is little remaining motivation to cater to the typical American, and the money is flowing in from the kinds of people who vacation in Paris every year, so editorials will be skewed toward the interests of perhaps 10% of the American population. This will further erode profitability,

leading to a positive feedback loop that forces the old media into the position of boutique publishers who cater to a small elite.

Of course, this is unsustainable over the long-term, and new models will eventually find their way and rise up to relegate the old media to its proper place, much as printing eventually pushed old manuscripts into museums and the hands of wealthy private collectors. But in the meanwhile, we should expect “respectable” media outlets to increasingly become platforms for fund raising for the pet causes of the very rich.

Another Tragedy Amongst Millions

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One of Roissy's commenters posted a link to an audio file where a man dumps his girlfriend on the radio, demanding she pack up and leave by Valentine's Day. The young man, who had been with his girlfriend for five years, including three years of living together, and was preparing to propose on Valentine's Day, had found out that she was cheating with "an old friend." The dumping, which was pretty harsh, can be listened to at the following address:

Valentine's Dumping

The young woman believed that she was about to be proposed to on air, but instead she was shamed, humiliated and unceremoniously dumped. Her pain is obvious, and was actually hard for me to listen to, although I'm sure plenty will feel no such squeamishness. The young man almost certainly dodged a bullet. He's lucky he had friends who told him when they saw his girlfriend out on the town with another guy. If he had married her, clueless the entire time to her affairs on the side, he would have found out, probably after a kid or two, that he was married to a tramp who had no respect for him as a man, and he would have endured the pain and humiliation so many American men go through these days. He's a lucky guy in many respects. Sure, he blew five years of his life with an skank, but he doesn't have to give her one red cent and he's free to move on.

However, if you think about the fallout from this breakup, the lives of these two young people will probably be forever changed. The young man will never be as trusting and willing to love as he had been, having had his heart broken by the woman he was prepared to marry, and the young woman will be thrust back into a merciless dating market just as her sexual value is on the decline.

If it weren't for our culture of female promiscuity and entitlement, these incidents would not be nearly as common as they are today. As awful as it may seem, it is not uncommon for young women to play the field sexually as they pull the wool over the eyes of the man they expect to marry them. Women love the attention of multiple men — in many ways they are *less* monogamous than men. It isn't that they are more sexually predatory, but the allure of "romance" and clandestine relationships is far stronger for the so-called "fairer sex." Men may be more sexually adventurous, but women are surely more emotionally adventurous, and while men may have a number of sexual partners, they tend to bond with one woman above all others. Women, on the other hand, crave "connecting" with multiple partners. Combine that with the assumption that sex with multiple partners carries fewer physical risks than it used to, and there are bound to be many, many young women who sleep around on the men who love them.

In an era of sexual permissivity, the long term well-being of both men and women is sacrificed. For most young men and women, their lives would be enhanced by a long, monogamous marriage. For a few men and women, there is much to gain from sexual adventure, but these are in the minority. The typical result is unfortunate incidents such as the above heartbreak of two young people who, in another time, might have gone on to be a happily married couple.

The wreckage of lives introduced by feminist policy is a subtle evil, in that one cannot see it as clearly as a corpse-strewn battlefield, but its victims are legion, and the real harm and tragedies it has introduced to millions of young people is taking an enormous toll. It is up to us to expose this scourge and hold those who profit from it morally accountable.

Styles Makes Fights — And Game

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Fans of the Sweet Science will recognize the words in the title of this post; in boxing, its one of the first principles. As much as learning the universal basics of boxing are important, such as the rules, conditioning and so on, so too is it very, very important for a boxer to find a style of boxing that best works for him. Some boxers, being tall, can utilize their superior reach; others, speed; and still others, power. Some boxers, while not having awesome "one-two" knockout power, may nevertheless be able to use their keen understanding of the mechanics of boxing and the human body, as well as being astute students of history and watching tapes of their opponent, to use all of this knowledge to their advantage during the fight, using the "point" system and endurance to wear their opponent down. Other boxers are shorter, more compact, and may do much better as an in your face kind of fighter-which quite a few boxers aren't able to handle, especially for extended periods of time, say three or four rounds back to back.

The point is that very often, the boxer who has the best fit of his chosen style to his natural abilities, talents and gifts, more often than not, wins the fight. The same can be said of Game-after you learn the basics, such as the fundamental differences between Male and Female, what turns on both and why, etc, and when you've learned key principles such as Negs, Social Proof, PAS and so on, you're then ready to give serious consideration to the style you will use, to best take advantage of your natural abilities.

Since Game tends to attract geeky types, and because many Game writers and the like will tend to draw analogies between Game and the Force-I've done it myself-I thought to illustrate a bit more by discussing the styles a Gamesman can use, by way of the various combat styles the Jedi, the fictional ancient order of Force users in the Star Wars universe, display in the franchise of films.

In the Star Wars universe, there are what is known as the Seven Forms, a series of styles of combat that developed over millennia. Shortly after a Jedi trainee is finished with their basic training, they are then sent off to study the ways of the Force with a Master. It is usually at this time that they choose a style of combat that best suits him; often, his Master will aid him in this regard.

The Seven Forms are as follows:

1. Shii-Cho
2. Makashi
3. Soresu
4. Ataru
5. Djem-So
6. Niman
7. Juyo

Let's examine these forms briefly:

Shii-Cho is the first and most basic of combat for the Jedi. This covers all the fundamentals-stances, thrusts, striking points, swings, defence, offence. In Game parlance, this would be about learning all the most fundamental basics of Seduction, and while this style isn't as effective against more higher powered Targets, no other form can be effective without a firm grounding in this one. It's for this

reason that such a style, for the aspiring Gamesmen, is most closely aligned in my view, with “Solid Game”.

Makashi is a bit more obscure, owing to the fact that, at the time when the Star Wars films are made, very few Jedi encounter another Force user in combat. Makashi was designed with *dueling* in mind, and relies on elegant, subtle, yet quick and precise, almost balletic moves. It is most effective in one-on-one situations, though a verified Master of the form can take on two highly trained Force users and defeat them both (as Count Dooku did to Obiwan and his apprentice Anakin in Attack Of The Clones). In Gamespeak, this style is best in terms of Direct Game, yet elegant, swift, with a rapier wit (Negs in this form are ultra smooth, subtle and highly, highly effective), perfect timing and a flair for fashion, elegance and style, perhaps just a bit over the top or having a thing for the dramatic.

Soresu is the third form of combat for the Jedi, and developed in the early days of blasters, which meant that Jedis had to learn to defend themselves from such attacks. In the films, for example, when you see a Jedi blocking incoming fire from a blaster, he’s practicing this form to some degree. At the time of the Star Wars films, this form was pretty much the “default” style of combat, due mainly to the prevalence of blasters and the rarity of coming across Force using opponents.

Because of its focus on defense, and not on offense and attacks, this form is often referred to as “the true Jedi form” because of the Order’s emphasis on passivity and peace, as well as mercy-Soresu tends to focus more on disarming an opponent rather than taking him out altogether. Obiwan Kenobi is recognized as the undisputed Master of the form and displays it beautifully, even as an older Man in the famous “cantina” scene of Star Wars: Episode Four, and his final duel with Darth Vader on the Death Star; and in his epic duel against his one time apprentice Anakin Skywalker in Star Wars: Episode Three. Notice how no matter how much rage and sheer power Anakin used against Obiwan, Obiwan remained calm and parried all his attacks, blocked all his blows and patiently bided his time, until, finally, Anakin revealed a blindspot-and Obiwan took him out.

Its for this reason that Soresu is considered virtually invincible, because opponents have been known to get tired and give up. In Game parlance, this form doesn’t expend much energy chasing Targets around, but rather *draws them in* and then uses their energy with which to build attraction. “Maximum effect with minimum output” is a big feature of this style, and it is for this reason that its one of the best styles to have.

But it’s also heavily dependent on one cultivating strong Inner Game, because that’s where this style’s true strength comes from. This style of Game relies on patience, tranquility and calm-cool, smooth, refined, yet focused and determined in the eye of the storm. Through this inner calm and peace, firm yet relaxed cool and confidence, and ability to draw in a Target to himself, such a Gamesmen rarely encounters flakes, LMR or ASD. Closes are almost always complete and full.

Ataru is the forth form of Jedi combat, which is focused on the body; this style makes use of the Jedi to accomplish great physical feats, such as leaping far distances, or performing acrobatic moves in combat. Yoda is a Master of this form of combat, because it both takes advantage of his shorter height, and as well his deep connection to the Force which makes it possible to for him to move as if a young Man. Ataru is also more attack oriented; notice Yoda doesn’t “defend” himself per se; offense is the best defense in this form. In the films, perhaps the best examples of this form in action was when Yoda engaged Count Dooku, and, more importantly, Senator Palpatine, who uses a Sith variant of Ataru as well. In Gamespeak, this style most relates to flashier displays, like Peacocking,

that are really over the top, working a room hard and taking it over, taking full advantage of the situation and engaging a group at full blast. The Gamesmen really puts his all into it and pretty much overwhelms or bowls over the Target and her entourage.

Because this style demands high levels of energy, it is recommended that only high energy guys use it, otherwise you can burn out pretty quick. Also, an older and/or short Man can use this style to great effect, because both states infer a less vibrant or powerful Man, and your Target can be both taken aback as well as impressed by your "Big Man" personality and/or your formidable level of energy, despite being older.

Djem-So, the fifth form of Jedi combat, is actually a mixture of Makashi and Soresu, a joining of both a dueling style, and a more defensive, "protective" style. Less "flashy" then Ataru, Djem-So concentrates on the principle of "peace through strength" and even a "might makes right" mentality. Unlike Soresu, where the user defends himself but doesn't hurt the attacker, a practitioner of Djem-So deliberately turns defence into offence. This is seen for example, when both Anakin Skywalker and his son Luke, turn blaster fire right back on those who fired it at them. Some Jedi frown on this style, as it tends to focus more on the aggressive side of the Force. In Game parlance, this style tends to focus more on Direct Game, strong approaches, and taking any defences the Target will put up and turning back on her. Such a style is perfect for barrelling through a Target's "Bitch Shield", via use of sheer persistence, determination and will. Plus the more raw or naked displays of power is very often a big turn-on for many Women.

The sixth form of Jedi combat, Niman, is considered more of a diplomat's form or style, because instead of focusing on any one form, these users kind of dabble in all of them, having a basic understaning of each. The problem with this form though, is that there isn't enough of a grounding in any one style to really be able to make an impact when out in field and going up against hardcore opponents-this is why most Jedi were killed at the Battle of Geonosis in Attack Of The Clones.

However, one important feature of this form is its use of two weapons at once, known as Jar Kai; the only practitioner to do this in the films was Anakin in his first confrontation with Dooku, and for a time he held his own, but was eventually bested by the Makashi Master. In Game parlance, this relates to "Game theorists" but not Game *doers*, who know all the theory and what not, but have very little actual hands on experience. However, if one is able to make use of two "weapons" at once or in tandem-say both be able to work Social Proof and Preselection at once-this form can be highly effective. But by and large, not highly recommended.

Juyo, the seventh and final form of Jedi combat, is similar to both Ataru and Djem-So, in that it focuses on physicality, offence, power and passion, but much moreso than either of the two forms-in fact, it so relies on the latter, that it brings the user very close to the Darkside. It is for this reason that very few Jedi can even learn the form, much less have the inner focus needed to keep from veering over to the Darkside. Only two displays of this form have been seen in the flms-Darh Maul's Sith variant of Juyo, and Mace Windu's "take" on the form, which he calls Vaapad.

A major feature of this form is the blinding speed at which attacks are mounted, coming from all directions in a seemingly disconnected and unorthodox manner, but which are intended to both overwhelm and disorient the opponent. In Game, the practitioner using this style focuses on his inner passions as a source of his Game, and basically overwhelms his Target, coming at her from all directions and throwing everything at her including the kitchen sink. When executed correctly, it takes a Woman by storm and sweeps her off her feet. However, the downside here is that things can

get too hot too fast, and can be over almost as quickly as it began. That's OK, if that's what you're looking for-but it does come at a price. For starters, the emotional toll this places on Women can be huge, since for them emotions and sex are closely linked; and the longterm effects can be hazardous to the Gamesman as well, unless he's constantly doing inner monitoring of his own state, and focusing on the Light. For this reason, it is best that should a Man choose to use this style, it is highly recommended that he first have a very clearly defined code of conduct and rules of engagement, lest he be seduced himself by the Darkside of Game.

Speaking of which, I've mentioned several times the term "Sith variant" to the differing forms of Jedi combat, and this applies to both boxing, or any other martial art, and as well, to Game. The difference is that while the former focuses on a code of ethics and the highest good, the latter focuses on the exact opposite-being amoral/immoral, and using the style in question to humiliate, demoralize or in some other way, bring the Target down or low. In boxing this would equate to hitting below the belt, using head butts and so on.

For example, much has been said about the Neg. It is a powerful tool, no doubt, but it can also be used to hurt a Woman, sometimes deeply. In Jedi speak, when it comes to Sith, there is the tactic of Dün Moch, basically taunting your opponent while using other "dirty" tactics designed to demoralize your opponent. Darth Vader did this to Luke Skaywalker during their first duel on Bespin, by using the Force to hurl objects at him from many directions while also attacking him at the same time. Senator Palpatine did this to Yoda during their battle on Coruscant while in the main chamber of the Galactic Senate. And Darth Vader did it again during his final duel with his son on the Deathstar, by mentioning Leia Organa, Luke's sister and his daughter.

In Gamespeak, Dün Moch is basically Negs Gone Bad, used intentionally to bring a Woman low, in a pernicious way. Other "dirty" tactics can be brought to play, too-just think of how a Gamesman can use Game in a negative, morally questionable way, and you have Dark Game. It's something that is both highly effective, but also very, very damaging, to the Target and the Gamesman both.

Anyway, the above should give you something to think about as we head into spring. Remember: styles makes fights.

And Game.

Bonus Question: what style do you think The Obsidian uses?

Holla back

The Obsidian

We Got Your Self Esteem Here

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Let me tell you what I'd do if I liked money more than self respect. I'd go to the local shoppers club and buy a hundred gross of small brown paper bags. Then I'd drive out of town to the nearest auction barn and pay them a fair price to let me go into the stalls and fill every bag with an even pound of cow crap.

Then I'd slap on some shiny pink labels with "Bag-O-Women's-Self-Esteem," printed on them in a distinctly womanish font, add a five, no, ten dollar price sticker, and tie 'em closed with couple of nice frou frou ribbons. Next, I'd set up a kick back arrangement with Dr. Phil in exchange for an endorsement and take out an ad in Cosmo or Redbook.

Then I would head down to Belize and sit on the beach, throw back cocktails and check the bank account on my Droid 8 or 10 times a day. After about a week I'd buy the beach I was sitting on, and maybe that cute little senorita that was fetching my drinks. The word expatriate would start sounding pretty good.

And I'd be doing myself and you ladies a big favor. It would be perfect synergy. I like money, and you like buying bullshit.

You've been doing it for as long as I can remember. Fake self esteem, like 98% of everything else that is marketed just to females, has become the psycho-porn of the western woman, with profits that would put a twinkle in Bill Gates eyes. How much profit exactly is anyone's guess.

What I do know is that the self esteem racket comes in a lot of guises. I will deal with the two major ones here because that is all I have time for.

First, the plastic surgery route. With 8 year olds getting bikini waxes and high school juniors getting fitted for an instant C cup, it is a growing industry for the grrls. For the supposed grown ups it is a monster. Plastic surgeons know how much better you will feel about yourself if your tits draw some more stares and your lips look a little more blow job ready.

This is what they pass off as self esteem, and they use it as an advertising come on in the same way beer companies use girls in bikinis. Since you are the consumer, it sells like cheap crack in a bad neighborhood. And so now you and your sisters are lined up like schoolgirls for tickets to see *Pink*, to get cut and stretched, injected and inflated, and to have your fat asses suctioned down to bubbles of perfection.

But, there is one ever so slight problem. Actually, it's a big one.

You see, vanity isn't self esteem. Neither is narcissism. Not the real deal, anyway. If you think self esteem and self obsession are the same thing, then go buy those plastic titties. They will match your character and personality just fine, and they might go a long way toward a career as a porn star or topless dancer if the scars don't show too much. After all, it's common knowledge that self esteem abounds for women who can squat down and pick up folded dollar bills off the floor with the crack of their ass while a room full of drunks howl at them.

Then you can attract more men and join the millions of other women that spend their time bitching about how those men won't look at them from the neck up. It's a small price to pay for all that self worth.

Tell you what -today only- two bags of cow crap for the price of one.

Now, if you are not on an elective surgery budget, you needn't feel left out. There is a whole world of cheaper but equally fake assistance with your problem. It's the Stuart Smalley route of the self esteem simpleton. And it is for sale in the wacky world of mental health. The purveyors, usually women who don't have any more self esteem than you do, are scattered across the world wide web, thicker than Henry Kissinger's accent. For a mere hundred or so per hour, they will give you the stalwart advice to look in the mirror -each and every day- and say really affirming things like *"I am unique. I am special. I am the only 'me' there is!"* They will advise you to smile while saying it, but I dare you to simply keep a straight face.

They will tell you there are lots of reasons you don't have self esteem. The most common one being men that don't see just how special you really are, or don't tell you as much every 15 minutes. Those are the relationships where you lose your self esteem. Yes, ladies, you can have it and then lose it, like there was a big hole in your pocket and it fell through and rolled under the sofa.

Actually, they will make it look a little more sinister. It's like this: You get into a relationship and at first he is all roses and chocolates. After time though, he starts saying things that are not really bad, but just a little cutting, like "I'm going fishing with my friends,"

After some more time passes, it gets worse. When his fishing trips don't stop simply because you tell him how important it is for him to give them up for you, what started as "I'm going fishing with my friends," ends up being "Get off my back you insufferable fucking control freak."

Self esteem into the drink, right then and there.

Seriously though, ladies, disinformation about your self esteem aside, the self help gurus aren't any better at it than the cutters. And they miss the most important thing about self esteem, just like you do.

The cold truth is that if you have self esteem, nobody can take it from you. And if you can surrender it to someone, even an asshole that says he loves you, then you never had it to begin with.

That is partly because there is no such thing as self esteem. It is just a made up word; a marketing tool to get to your purse, or through you, your mans wallet. There is, however, self respect. And self respect, since it must be earned, is rarely sacrificed.

When you have it, respect from others is a given. But you can't have respect from others or yourself if what you keep chasing is scripted adoration and unearned preeminence. And if you are the average woman in today's world, you don't have a damned clue as to the difference. It makes selling you bags of bullshit all the easier. In fact, as long as you insist on hanging on to the idea that your being special is a demand you can put on anyone else, or obtain by making an ass of yourself in a mirror, it makes selling you anything but bullshit impossible.

Unlike what any plastic surgeon or psychobabble spouting huckster will tell you, you have to get off your ass and earn the way people see and treat you, and the way you see and treat yourself.

You do this through the development of your character, not as a princess or little girl or the self designated center of someone else's universe, but as a grown human being with more focus on your responsibilities than your entitlements. Ante up like a big girl and see how quickly the world, and men, treat you like one.

And if you are taking shit, stop it.

If you don't stand up, and I mean immediately, to any mistreatment from any other human being, and

put an end to it, then don't whine about being a door mat. You volunteered for it the second you laid down.

But the real trick here is for you to understand that people, particularly men, failing to meet unrealistic expectations isn't robbing you of anything. They aren't respecting you by catering to your childishness, they are just giving in to it, and, in the mother of all ironies, disrespecting themselves.

Now you can take this advice, which is totally free, and start applying it today. You can start growing up this very minute. Before you know it other people, men included, will be looking at you in a way you have likely never seen before. With genuine admiration. I know, it's a poor substitute for adulation, but in the real world it has to do.

Or, if you just can't wrap your mind around the idea that the onus is on you to get the job done; that self respect is a by-product of maturity and humility, I have another form of self esteem, right here, by the bag full.

Operators are standing by.

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Best of Craiglist: How men handle the current society

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Damn, just discovered it and the stories there are really funny.

First, resignation:

To the guy doing my wife at my house

"Dude, I'm chained to a warpig, but you are the one that is desperate enough to pork her. So respect my stuff"

Chances are that, since he's porking his wife, the other guy will not give a damn anyways. As usual, the children are the only reason of why a man would take this abuse. If he wants to keep seeing them (as much as he can before she decides to divorce), he's gonna have to take it on the rear.

One would think that giving males reasons for not reproducing would be counterproductive, you know if you want to avoid having to cut pensions at all just for avoiding bankruptcy due to low replacement rate. It's common sense, right? Hah. When was the last time that a politician cared about that?

Second, advice to female posters, Dr. Paul's style:

Note to the female posters

"We are MEN. We already know everything about "commitment". We won't be apologizing for the former and like hell we'll be going to the latter. Get used to it."

It says another things, like telling women what men know since a long time ago: You aren't an unique snowflake, much less a better one. Sounds reasonable, right? Unfortunately the manginas who will attempt to please women and fulfill what they say that they want (not what they really want) will make this advice fall in deaf ears. Sigh.

Finally, an old favorite of mine. I laughed when I found this story in another website a long time ago, and it's funny no matter how much times I read it:

Vasectomy: $400. Speechless look on her face: priceless.

Many men can guess a summary of the story, but still should read it. A paragraph worth mentioning (an actual quote):

> I also heard that the real father was some guy in a band she had met. I assumed that after 30, women stopped going after musicians, bikers, criminals, and thugs. Silly me for thinking the best of American women.

That's everything you need to know about Western women.

The capacity to stoically cope with hard situations hasn't been lost in Western males. It's a part of manhood, that's something that cannot be removed, no matter how much they try. Stories like these prove that all the mangina conditioning of the world cannot destroy manhood.

College Professor Amy Bishop Always Got a Pass

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Amy Bishop, the University of Alabama in Huntsville professor arrested in the shooting of six colleagues on February 12, left a long, bloody trail of violence and conflict in her wake throughout her adult life. Details of the many incidents she was involved with are coming to light in the aftermath of the Alabamas rampage, but what remains unexplained is why she never had to answer for them.

Readers of *The Spearhead* probably already know why this is the case, but for the uninitiated it is a clear case of women getting a pass on violent – often criminal – behavior, even as men face heavy social and police scrutiny for their every move. Even as men are forced to attend anger management classes for raising their voice in an argument, or even making phone calls when their visitation is interfered with by ex-wives, women like Dr. Bishop get away with some breathtakingly violent acts.

In 1986, at the age of 21, Amy Bishop was attending Northeastern University with her 18-year-old brother Seth. She and Seth got into an argument, and somehow Seth ended up dead on the floor with a shotgun wound to his chest. Bishop's mother claimed it was an accident, and the incident was swept under the rug — the police accepted her and Amy's version and halted the investigation. No charges were filed, despite the fact that Amy attempted to rob a car dealership in an apparent attempt to procure a getaway car. One would think that this is an indication of guilt.

Here is an excerpt from an in-depth NY Times story on Dr. Bishop:

> Carrying the shotgun, she descended the stairs to the kitchen, where her brother and mother were standing.
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> "I was at the kitchen sink and Seth was standing by the stove," Mrs. Bishop told the police. "Amy said, 'I have a shell in the gun, and I don't know how to unload it.' I told Amy not to point the gun at anybody. Amy turned toward her brother and the gun fired, hitting him. Amy then ran out of the house with the shotgun."
>
> Mrs. Bishop said the shooting had been an accident.

In 1994, Bishop was questioned concerning a mail bomb plot against a Harvard professor.

In 2002 Bishop attacked another woman in a Peabody, Massachussets International House of Pancakes over the use of a child booster seat, punching her in the head. Although she was charged, she apparently got off the hook with a slap on the wrist and probation — she was never convicted.

Bishop was an aspiring writer, and worked with a writers' group in Massachussetts, where one of the collaborators on a novel she planned to write about biological warfare described her as "always within striking distance of the edge."

A man with a similar history wouldn't have escaped the criminal justice system. Even the IHOP incident would have, in all likelihood, landed a man in jail for a spell, and at least with a conviction on his record.

We live in a society in which the innocence of women is an article of faith. When men have their legs crushed for allegedly making a phone call to their ex-wives, and women get off scot-free for murdering their own brothers, there's bound to eventually be some blowback. It is sad to see what

happened to Dr. Bishop's colleagues, and although Dr. Bishop should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, others, including the prosecutor and police chief in Braintree MA who let her off the hook, should answer for letting her crimes go unpunished.

No End of Young Women Seeking to Capitalize on their Promiscuity

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Ashley Cole, a famous UK footballer, has been following in Tiger Woods' footsteps by having a string of affairs with blondes despite having an attractive, accomplished wife. His most recent escapade was in Seattle, where his Chelsea team was playing an exhibition game against the Seattle Sounders.

Cole hooked up with a 28-year-old City Council staffer named Ann Corbitt at the Four Seasons Hotel. The soccer player is portrayed as being a sly, tricky devil in this article, but the tactics he allegedly used to bed the star-struck staffer, including sending her pictures of himself in underpants, were pure cheesecake.

His clumsy attempts to "seduce" the young woman didn't matter, because all she could think of was his status as a famous athlete. It took very little for Cole to convince Ms. Corbitt to go to bed with him the first night they met. Pictures of her with the athlete portray a giddy woman grinning from ear to ear, looking for all the world like she'd just hit the jackpot.

Corbitt claims not to have had any idea he was married. Of course, she could have asked, but it probably wouldn't have mattered, given that she is the kind of woman who will jump into bed with an athlete at a moment's notice and then make the details public (she has even hired a British publicity agent).

Here's Ann Corbitt spilling the beans:

> "All in all, the sex lasted three or four hours," she told us. "I was very taken aback by how intimate he was and how needy he was.
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> "It was like having sex with a boyfriend, someone who loves you. Ashley took my clothes off and was incredibly attentive.
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> "He was a creative and adventurous lover. At the end he was satisfied and so was I. He was aiming to please, not just out to satisfy himself.
>
> "When we went to sleep, he wanted to snuggle up close. I don't like sleeping like that and he made me too hot.

> “But even when I moved to the other side of the bed Ashley still wanted to hold hands and have that contact. And that was sweet.”

Why do American women love sharing with the world what sluts they are? Could it be because they are rewarded for it? Whatever the reason, it takes not only shamelessness, but a vicious attitude toward the man’s wife to do something like this. I suppose the only conclusion one can come to is that Corbitt is pure trash, and as low-class as it gets, but unfortunately she’s the norm.

An additional observation I would make is that women who are attracted to politics seem to be amongst the most consistent offenders in this regard. Perhaps this is how they get their jobs as “staffers” in the first place. Wouldn’t surprise me at all if a plurality of female staffers sleep with all the high-status men they can get their hands on (as opposed to those who only do it sometimes and those who don’t do so at all). Perhaps Tom Rasmussen, Seattle City Councilman and Corbitt’s boss, hired her for just that reason.

Crystal Gail Mangum: Requiem for a Headcase

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By now everyone on the planet has heard about the recent arrest of former exotic dancer Crystal Gail Mangum, who, nearly four years ago, falsely accused three White students of gang raping her on Duke University's campus. The story, fueled by the joining of two of America's most potent taboos-Sex & Race-quickly sprouted legs, and became the cause celeb of do-gooders everywhere.

Despite the opportunistic zeal of Durham NC DA Mike Nifong, the case was eventually thrown out, due both to Mangum's story having been flimsy in the first the and the DNA results proving the accused so-called Duke Three's innocence. But by then, the damage had been done-the Duke Three's families spent more than a million dollars in legal fees defending their sons' good name; upwards of 100 Duke faculty, much of them tenured academics, signed an open letter condemning the Duke Three; and the whole of the Femosphere, aided and abetted by the mainstream news media, led the charge in vilifying in the worst ways imaginable, the Duke Three.

If ever there was a case to be made for a High-Tech Lynching, this was it. The sheer irony of it all, during Black History Month no less, is something you just can't make up.

Mangum's recent arrest on a litany of charges, including *domestic abuse*, along with a long history of legal trouble, and some even suggest mental and emotional problems, only goes to show the Woman for what she is — not some hapless victim, but the problem herself. And ironically enough, it is Women like her who make true victims of rape harder to believe.

Part of the personal code that I live by is to always respect Universal Law, because its true-what goes around, comes around. Not only that, but the Truth ALWAYS comes out, sooner or later. If you're standing on Truth, you have nothing to worry about for Truth crushed to earth, shall always rise again. That the cacophony of academics, talking heads and Feministas, are now strangely silent, only proves the point. And worse, notice that not a one of them have so much as offered an apology, not just to the Duke Three – their lives ruined regardless of their innocence proven in a court of law – but to the general public either. All of them go on as if nothing happened, even as Ms. Mangum's mugshot is plastered all over the news media and Internet.

Earlier this morning, the local NPR affiliate, instead of covering the Mangum case, instead decided to run yet *another* story of a young lady who claims to have been raped on college campus, *after attending a frat/keg party and drinking heavily*. Hmm. I defy anyone reading this to check in with the leading Feminist blogs and sites: Alas! A Blog, Feministing, Feministe, Jezebel, Pandagon, and tell me that they've even mentioned Mangum's name in the past week, much less even fixed their mouths to offer a mea culpa. Remember, these are the same folks who say, that Women never LIE about being raped, and that anyone who suggests otherwise is a rank Misogynist. Right?

I'll wait.

As I've always said, and it bears repeating now, tough times don't shape character; they reveal it. If the Femosphere-which absolutely includes Academia and Legacy Media-had a scintilla of character, they would be among the first to offer a "my bad". They. Remain. Silent. And then have the nerve to continue running "hate against Women" propaganda as if nothing ever happened.

If nothing else proves that this foul triumvirate has no credibility, that the Empress is walking around in the buck, the Ballad of Crystal Gail Mangum most definitely does. And, I assure my Brothers-and

Sisters of Good Will-do not be troubled.
For the Truth needs no defense.
And it will always win out in the end.
Just ask Ms. Crystal Gail Mangum.
The Obsidian

Goodbye, Old Friend!

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Little Sparky, my macbook, has finally entered his death throes. Victim of a faulty power source, he has started to sputter and rattle like an old man at the end of the line. Poor little Sparky! He served me so well throughout the years…

I'll have to get a new machine, despite my dire straits, but what really bothers me is what will become of the little guy. I'd give him a proper burial, but his corroding components would likely leach out and poison the soil. I'd part him out on e-bay, but that just seems so cynical and cruel. Perhaps I should shellac the little machine and mount him on the wall.

If anyone has been the workhorse of *The Spearhead*, it has been Sparky, who has patiently endured so much pounding and poking without so much as a whine or beep. Never once did he present me with the Blue Screen of Death, and he obeyed my every command. If only I could find a wife as fine as Sparky, I'd be a made man!

So, if there are a few gaps in content over the next day or so, mark it down to grief (and to all the time it will take me to install all my junk on a new machine).

Why Women Shouldn't Preach

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Elusive Wapiti, a contributor to *The Spearhead*, has a great post up on why "Conservative" women are as much a problem as their strident, infanticidal sisters in the left-feminist movement. EW is a committed Christian. Considering the abuse that Christian men are subjected to these days not only from their country, but their church as well, it is a wonder that any of them exist at all these days. It must be a testament to the strength of the faith, so maybe all is not lost.

In any event, none of the Abrahamic religions have any room for feminism, but this heresy has infected Christianity to an alarming degree. One might even compare contemporary American Christianity with the state-sanctioned churches that were dedicated to promulgating the sham notion that the USSR and other Communist countries tolerated religious freedom.

As women increasingly voice their opinion on church matters, Christianity becomes more and more of a farce. Search the internet, and you will find female theologians popping out of every crevice, virtually preaching their own brand of femino-centric Christianity to the world.

Although I definitely inherited a Christian sensibility from my family and culture, I've pretty much given up on the faith. However, I still think it's within my rights to tell Christians that if they don't tell these mouthy ladies to shut up (1 Timothy 2:11-13) they might as well call it a good run and start over with something else.

Look around at EW's place, and throw in a comment over there if you have an opinion.

Delusions of Masculinity

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The other night my compadre and I were watching some coverage of the winter Olympics. There was some sort of skiing on, slalom I think, and it caught my eye. Impressive stuff. Then women's figure skating comes on and the compadre gets ready to turn the channel.

> "Don't even say it…I know you won't watch this."
>
> "Why not? You basically have some pretty girls being graceful and dancing to Western classical music. Nothing wrong with that. That's what they're *supposed* to do. Like ballerinas. *Like women*. Ice skating is a good sport for women. It's pretty and feminine. Only the male skating is offensive. If I wanted to see some f—ing queen in spandex gyrate like a f—ing whore I would go to a f—ing gay bar."

So obviously I'm not watching the men's figure skating competitions. But you've seen them. Maybe not this year. But they've looked pretty much the same for the past 20 years, right? Gay guy in a sparkly outfit fags out, middle class housewives clap. Husbands wince. End of story.

> **TEXT MESSAGES – FRI APRIL 19**
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> Jack: I feel like kicking every dude I see today in the balls. No idea why.
>
> Max: Because America just won its first gold medal in mens figure skating and fag who lost is accusing the fag who won of skating like a woman.
>
> Jack: Now it makes perfect sense. Thanks.

But *why* do men wince?

I was laughing about the text exchange above with a guy I work with a few days later. He says:

> "Dude, I *hate* watching that stuff. It's *embarrassing*."

So I did what I do. I applied the narrative.

> "That's what I get from most men. It's *embarrassing* to watch because the skater is *embarrassing himself*. It's uncomfortable to watch a man *dishonor* himself."
>
> "Yeah. *Exactly*."

I don't know if I'm willing to go on record as saying that men's figure skating is always unmanly. I can't recall one off the top of my head, but there are probably guys who have put a testosterone spin on it—*who really made the ice their bitch*.

This is the part where I really want to say, "*What would Brian Boitano do?,"* but he ain't exactly Clint Eastwood, is he?

He did build the pyramids, and he beat up Kubela Kong.

And NAPOLEON. He dressed like Napoleon. *So there's that*.

Figure skating isn't really a sport. Figure skating is an interpretive dance that requires a high degree of athleticism. Ballet is also an interpretive dance that requires a high degree of athleticism. Figure skating is more like ballet than it is like swimming or sprinting or weightlifting. But the audience for the Winter Olympics this year has been 56% female. Women love watching figure skating, which is all about backstory and expression and emotion—not raw numbers or linear achievement. It's ratings

gold and they'll call it whatever they want to call it. Men will continue to tune it out. It's women's entertainment; skaters are entertainers catering to a largely female audience. In fact, from the looks of it, they're catering to roughly the same audience as *American Idol*—where faggotry also abounds.

For the record, my application of the term "faggot" is inclusively pansexual, and that usage seems to be increasingly common among men. Homosexuality and effeminacy correlate on average but effeminacy is not the exclusive domain of homosexual males. Not by a longshot. I don't care who a man says he's having sex with. If he's wearing something f—ing *bedazzled* and prancing around like a tart, he's a fag to me. Fruitcakes are fruitcakes. Likewise men who act like men should be regarded as men and treated like men.

Fagtastic figure skating is fine and dandy, so to speak.

If some guy wants to get in touch with his inner Tinkerbell, well, I guess someone has to do it.

But don't expect men to get excited about it, or watch it, or approve. It is what it is.

And when a male figure skater says something stupid like, "I think masculinity is what you believe it to be," men need to stand up and correct him, instead of caving in to women and gay groups and apologizing.

Men need to control the definition of masculinity.

Masculinity is not "whatever you believe it to be."

If it is "whatever you believe it to be" then it is a word without meaning. So why even say it?

The argument itself is completely insincere.

Johnny Weir knows he's not masculine. He's "gender bending." He knows it, and he *loves* it. He knows he's playing at being a half-woman. He knows the kind of reaction it gets from men. He knows it gets a lot of attention, negative and positive. He wants that attention. He's not just "expressing himself." He's being purposefully transgressive, and the people close to him obviously enable and validate it.

His feigned innocence is a lie. Fags like Johnny Weir subscribe to a feminist agenda. They believe they are changing the world, and they are absolutely giddy about it. And unfortunately, *they're right*.

They are remaking "masculinity" in their own image.

Because men are allowing it. They don't want to deal with these guys, because arguing with fags is like arguing with women. There's no honor in it.

Some *French Canadian* guys joked on-air about what most guys *think* when they are forced to watch some queen shame himself on ice. They said he should be tested to make sure he's really a man.

He's acting like a big queen, he knows he's acting like a big queen, he has no shame about it, so they shame him a little. They're not *afraid* of him—it's not a real *phobia*. It's like a peculiarly male form of empathy coupled with a peculiarly human form of social control. They're embarrassed for him, they're ashamed of him and they want to distance themselves from him. Weir is an omega. He's rejected the form—he's openly mocking it. So they push him out of the world of men and he continues to thrive as the little darling of women.

There's a lot of talk in "men's movement" circles about shaming language, because women use it to control men. But men also use it to control each other.

Johnny Weir and his supporters want figure skating in fur and sequins to be equal to showing strength and valor in battle—at least in terms of "masculinity." Unfortunately, I sometimes see men's

advocates saying essentially the same thing.

“Throw off those old roles!”

“Do whatever you want!”

“Don’t let anyone tell you how to be a man!”

“Kill the alpha!”

“Beta power!”

“Masculinity can be whatever you believe it to be!”

Oh, wait. That last one was Johnny Weir.

Don’t be a tool.

Masculinity means something. Some men are more masculine than others, just like some men are taller than others. Some men are good at being men, but they are not always good men. There is room for distinction and discussion—men have always talked about what it means to be a man.

But men don’t need to live in a world where nothing means anything, and everyone gets to be “alpha for a day.” That’s not *winning*.

That’s the way women think.

That’s the world that women want.

That’s the world feminists want.

When masculinity means whatever you want it to mean, it means nothing.

And being a man means nothing.

When being a man means nothing, women have won “The Battle of the Sexes” completely.

And they know it.

Men have got to start saying “no” again.

To Johnny Weir, to politically correct groups, to women, and to each other.

Take back the power of “NO.”

NY Times: Cultural Signals Missed in Amy Bishop Case

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Writing for the NY Times, Sam Tanenhaus suggests that art has failed to keep pace with the rising tide of female power and violence. According to Tanenhaus, American artists have usually had a good sense of the direction society was moving, and have produced faithful representations of their contemporary times:

> [...] the Jazz Age is better known through the fiction of F. Scott Fitzgerald, who captured its energies in real time, than through any number of retrospective studies. And the alienated teenager, that fixture of modern American life, didn't fully exist until J. D. Salinger, with his faultless ear and attentive eye, coaxed him into being.
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> But every now and then, it seems, a gap is exposed. Events occur; art offers no guidance. The powers of imagination and attunement falter. Artists suffer a collective loss of awareness. "The culture" emits signals, but they are picked up only fitfully or are missed altogether.

He writes that today is one of those times of artistic failure, and skates dangerously close to the edge of truth in the following passage:

> But the landscape of unprovoked but premeditated female violence remains strangely unexplored. Women who kill are "relegated to an 'exceptional case' status that rests upon some exceptional, or untoward killing circumstance: the battered wife who kills her abusive husband; the postpartum psychotic mother who kills her newborn infant," Candice Skrapec, a professor of criminology, noted in "The Female Serial Killer," an essay included in the anthology "Moving Targets: Women, Murder and Representation" (1994).
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> Ms. Skrapec was writing at a time when Hollywood seemed preoccupied with women who commit crimes — in productions like "The Burning Bed," the 1984 television film in which a battered wife finally sets her sleeping husband aflame, and "Thelma & Louise" (1991), in which a pair of women go on a outlaw spree after one of them is threatened with rape.
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> Both are essentially exculpatory parables of empowerment, anchored in feminist ideology. Their heroines originate as victims, pushed to criminal excesses by injustices done to them. The true aggressors are the men who mistreat and objectify them. So too with "Monster" (2003), in which Charlize Theron, in a virtuosic instance of empathy (and cosmetic makeover) re-enacted the story of Aileen Wuornos, a real-life prostitute who, after years of sexual abuse, began murdering her clients.

A few writers at the NY Times are beginning to show signs of breaking out of this "feminist ideology." Tanenhaus, in exploring the possibility that female empowerment has led to the rise of female violence and criminality over the last decade or so, is exposing the fact that feminist rhetoric is dated and out of touch with contemporary reality.

Expanding on Ezra Pound's assertion that artists are the "antennae" of culture and society, he writes that, for many of our artists, their antennae have grown rusty, or simply aren't working. That we could read appeals from Jessica Valenti for the poor, oppressed American women – those eternal victims of the patriarchy – even as the blasts of Dr. Amy Bishop's gun echoed through the halls of

the University of Alabama actually suggests something more sinister.

It isn't a mere oversight to inaccurately depict society, after all, when objective reality flatly contradicts feminist discourse. Rather, it is a deliberate attempt to shore up the very power that has led to atrocities, both large and small, carried out by those with more political and social power in the United States.

Tanenhaus takes a step in the right direction by airing this discrepancy, and demonstrates that his own antennae are in good shape. However, I suspect that the real trick in keeping them that way lies only in the ability to fire up the browser and navigate to some of the sites that are spearheading this social revelation.

Potiphar's Wife: False Rape Accuser of the Bible

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In the spirit of the current discussions on religion and and false accusations, I thought I'd bring the two together by introducing the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife, found in Genesis. Joseph was a Hebrew who was sold into captivity and eventually purchased by Potiphar, but due to ability and perseverance rose to become the head of his master's household.

Potiphar's wife took a fancy to the young and virile Joseph, and set out to seduce him. Being a loyal servant to his kind and trusting master, Joseph resisted her, but she took hold of his cloak, forcing him to flee. Angry, and left with nothing but Joseph's cloak in her hand, Potipher hatched a plot to accuse him of attempted rape.

Here is the account given in Genesis 39:

> 1
> When Joseph was taken down to Egypt, a certain Egyptian (Potiphar, a courtier of Pharaoh
> and his chief steward) bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there.
> 2
> But since the LORD was with him, Joseph got on very well and was assigned to the
> household of his Egyptian master.
> 3
> When his master saw that the LORD was with him and brought him success in whatever he
> did,
> 4
> he took a liking to Joseph and made him his personal attendant; he put him in charge of his
> household and entrusted to him all his possessions.
> 5
> From the moment that he put him in charge of his household and all his possessions, the
> LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; in fact, the LORD'S blessing was on
> everything he owned, both inside the house and out.
> 6
> Having left everything he owned in Joseph's charge, he gave no thought, with Joseph there,
> to anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was strikingly handsome in countenance and
> body.
> 7
> After a time, his master's wife began to look fondly at him and said, "Lie with me."
> 8
> But he refused. "As long as I am here," he told her, "my master does not concern himself
> with anything in the house, but has entrusted to me all he owns.
> 9
> He wields no more authority in this house than I do, and he has withheld from me nothing
> but yourself, since you are his wife. How, then, could I commit so great a wrong and thus
> stand condemned before God?"
> 10
> Although she tried to entice him day after day, he would not agree to lie beside her, or even

> stay near her.
> 11
> One such day, when Joseph came into the house to do his work, and none of the household servants were then in the house,
> 12
> she laid hold of him by his cloak, saying, “Lie with me!” But leaving the cloak in her hand, he got away from her and ran outside.
> 13
> When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand as he fled outside,
> 14
> she screamed for her household servants and told them, “Look! my husband has brought in a Hebrew slave to make sport of us! He came in here to lie with me, but I cried out as loud as I could.
> 15
> When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran away outside.”
> 16
> She kept the cloak with her until his master came home.
> 17
> Then she told him the same story: “The Hebrew slave whom you brought here broke in on me, to make sport of me.
> 18
> But when I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and fled outside.”
> 19
> As soon as the master heard his wife’s story about how his slave had treated her, he became enraged.
> 20
> He seized Joseph and threw him into the jail where the royal prisoners were confined. But even while he was in prison,
> 21
> the LORD remained with Joseph; he showed him kindness by making the chief jailer well-disposed toward him.
> 22
> The chief jailer put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners in the jail, and everything that had to be done there was done under his management.
> 23
> The chief jailer did not concern himself with anything at all that was in Joseph’s charge, since the LORD was with him and brought success to all he did.

As I have grown older, I’ve come to realize that we ignore ancient wisdom at our peril. The Bible, the Greek and Roman classics, the Chinese classics, and many other great works of wisdom are available to us to clearly show that for all our “progress” human nature has changed very little.

We educate our children only in “modern” disciplines, and in so doing them we cripple their judgment and deprive them of some of vitally important lessons. Sometimes, I think movements such as feminism are born out of ignorance more than anything else, and a stupidity that can only arise from a lack of real education and understanding of the world.

This is Female Journalism

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"Anti-theist" Angie is live-tweeting her abortion, and is being applauded by Jessica Valenti and her crew for doing so. Although I'm not in favor of using legal pressure to end abortion (I think law got us into our fix in the first place), I have to admit that it would be nice to see these snuff films disappear. When women have control of the mic, anything's fair game, including the elimination of their own children.

Angie looks like a $20 whore to me. I don't know what she expects to get out of this awful display. Perhaps she thinks the feminists who are cheering her on will kick a few bucks her way for using abortifacients. Of course, this won't happen. To feminists like Jessica Valenti, she's just a useful idiot, and the activist women with the big money in their purses wouldn't dare associate themselves with something so banal — they prefer doing it from a distance, hence the support for RAWA and other third world female brutality.

Watch single mother Angie tell the world how abortion is so much easier and more rewarding than being a mother:

This is the perfect representation of the American woman. A woman who publicly celebrates poisoning the children in her womb. And they call men dangerous!

I wonder how her son will feel about his mother's eagerness to eliminate inconvenient children.

If anything, this proves that the Christians who oppose abortion are absolute idiots for the most part. They kill abortion doctors and call the women – who make the ultimate choice – "victims." If you believe abortion is murder, then why is the person who takes out the contract any less guilty than the hitman?

Wheels of Justice Beginning to Turn

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Biurny Peguero Gonzalez, a single mother who has admitted to lying in court to convict an innocent man of rape was sentenced to 1-3 years in prison by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon, who has apparently decided to live up to his name. Gonzalez originally lied to placate her friends, who were upset that she had ditched them to accept a ride from her victim, William McCaffrey.

After Mr. McCaffrey had already served four years of his sentence, exculpatory evidence came to light, and Gonzalez, under pressure from her priest, recanted. She will be eligible for parole in under a year, less than a quarter of the time McCaffrey spent in prison. However, her sentence is exceptional in that most women who lie to put men behind bars are never inconvenienced at all.

Having a man falsely imprisoned is an act of violence. It is worse than all but the most egregious domestic violence in that it not only deprives a man of freedom for an extended period – sometimes for life – but ruins his reputation as well. When people make generalizations about which sex is more violent and prone to do harm, they tend to ignore the willingness of a significant minority of women to destroy the lives of innocent men. This fraction may even be higher than the proportion of men who are violent criminals. It is exaggerated by a lack of accountability, highlighted by Crystal Mangum's false accusation of the Duke Lacrosse players, for which she faced no penalty at all.

Only justice can prevent false accusations and, for once, it appears that it has been done in such a case.

Canadian Women Hockey Players Get Drunk, Chomp Cigars on the Ice

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In a show of poor sportsmanship, the Canadian women's hockey team, gold medals around their necks, swilled Canadian lager and puffed Cuban cigars for their post-game photo op. Later, some were seen sprawled drunkenly on the ice. The IOC is not amused, and has taken steps to investigate the team for what, to most of the rest of the world, was a rather tasteless display.

For some reason, despite the "liberated" spirit of the players, women's ice hockey is not as popular as women's figure skating among women, for whom it has about the same appeal that men's figure skating does for most men.

ESPN's Tony Kornheiser Suspended for Criticizing Awful Cougar Outfit

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Tony Kornheiser, an ESPN sports reporter, deeply offended his colleague Hannah Storm by dissing her outfit on his radio show a few days ago. For this he was suspended, but what really ought to be asked is why Storm's stylist wasn't suspended instead. The outfit really is awful, and although Kornheiser's statement may have offended Hannah, it couldn't have been any worse than the offense her unfortunate viewers were subjected to.

Kornheiser's remarks, quoted below, were actually pretty funny:

> "Hannah Storm in a horrifying, horrifying outfit today. She's got on red go-go boots and a catholic school plaid skirt … way too short for somebody in her 40s or maybe early 50s by now." [She's 47.] "She's got on her typically very, very tight shirt. She looks like she has sausage casing wrapping around her upper body … I know she's very good, and I'm not supposed to be critical of ESPN people, so I won't … but Hannah Storm … come on now! Stop! What are you doing? … She's what I would call a Holden Caulfield fantasy at this point."

Feminists are predictably outraged, but what was "sexist" or "misogynist" about what he said? All he did was suggest that she looked bad in a particular outfit. Women criticize each other's clothing all the time.

These days, "sexism" is pretty much anything women don't like to hear from men. What a joke.

More Female Journalism

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Sally Quinn has been writing a column called "The Party" for the Washington Post for some time, but she's been kicked off the print version due to certain indiscretions. Quinn thought it would be a good idea to air her family's dirty laundry in the newspaper, and use her column as a platform to explain away what looks like a dirty trick she played on her step-granddaughter. The article is terribly boring, and I don't have any idea why your average reader would care one whit about her private drama, but Sally seemed to think it was worth throwing up. I really can't believe the editors let this one get through. Maybe everyone involved was drunk.

Here's an excerpt from the column:

> Our son Quinn Bradlee is marrying Pary Williamson in Washington on April 10. My husband's granddaughter Greta Bradlee is getting married the same day in California. In the past few days there have been a spate of negative stories, both online and in print, about the "dueling weddings." It's been hurtful to all four of these wonderful young people. This "dueling" characterization couldn't be further from the truth.
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> The unfortunate result of the dates being the same was an inadvertent mistake on my part. My error had nothing to do with the two couples who will wed that day.
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> [...]
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> Quinn and Pary decided on Oct. 10, 2010, as their wedding date. Over Christmas, Greta's mother and I came to an understanding that, because of existing tensions, it would be best for all if none of us attended Greta's wedding. Then, in mid-January, we were thrilled to learn that Pary is pregnant, due Sept. 21, and decided to move up the date as quickly as possible.
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> Unfortunately, our church does not do weddings during Lent or Easter. The only date we could arrive on when both church and minister were available was April 10, and the next wasn't until after Memorial Day.

This is in a national newspaper? I'm shaking my head. This belongs on a blog that nobody reads, but is being projected far and wide.

When we talk about the feminization of certain professions, this is what we mean. This kind of irrelevant fluff is as responsible for killing major publications off as the internet. I've never had much pity for newspapers' failures, but every time I see this junk I actually feel optimistic about their demise. Could it be any worse?

Naturally, the others involved expressed outrage, and Quinn was disciplined by being demoted to online only. Why didn't they just fire her outright? Any man who made such a boner would get the axe for sure.

In the distant past, it was commonly thought that women were naturally more modest than men, and had more of a sense of shame. However, I can't think of one single period in the history of the entire world when men behaved with such shameless indiscretion and were so eager to air the personal in public as our women are today.

Just goes to show how *wrong* we were about women.

Major Drama in US Armed Forces as Women Take on Combat Roles

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Writing in the NY Times, Steven Myers examines the rising tide of sexual harassment and rape complaints made by female soldiers serving in combat zones. Evidently, many of the problems occur when women choose to break up with their boyfriends. One such woman, Captain Margaret White, was engaged in a tryst with a married man at Taji, a base in Iraq, and then decided he had become "creepy." When he attempted to win her back, she became "afraid" and later complained that he had forced her to have sex, and sometimes waited for her for a long time at various spots around the base.

Ms. White eventually obtained the military version of a no-contact order, but expressed frustration about the fact that she might face recrimination. According to the military, only 10% of sexual harassment incidents are reported. However, if sexual harassment is as loosely defined as it is in the civilian world, that is not saying much. For example, the article reports one female soldier, Specialist Erica Beck, based in Diyala, as claiming that a soldier harassed her by expressing, apparently on one occasion, interest in her. In all likelihood, the proposition came from a beta male soldier.

In another incident, a female soldier reported sexual harassment, only to find herself drummed out of the army for adultery:

> When Sgt. Tracey R. Phillips told a superior about an unwanted sexual advance from a private the night their unit arrived in Iraq in May, the accusations unleashed a flurry of charges and countercharges, an initial investigation of her on charges of adultery, a crime in the military justice system, and, according to her account, violations by her commanders of the new procedures meant to ease reporting of abuse.
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> In the end, she was kicked out of Iraq and the Army itself, while the private remained on duty here.
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> The military disputed her account but declined to state the reasons for sending her out of Iraq. Her paperwork showed that she received an honorable discharge, though with "serious misconduct" cited as the reason. The so-called misconduct, she said, stemmed from the Army's allegation that she had had an inappropriate relationship with the private she accused. She denied that.

These kinds of "injustices," where females soldiers do not always have their sexual preferences and behavioral choices enforced the the military, have led some politicians to bring up the issue of our poor, beleagured ladies in uniform.

According to California Representative Jane Harman, "A woman in the military is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire in Iraq." This statement has been trumpeted by feminist media outlets as proof that the US Military has a crisis on its hands, but it actually reflects the tiny proportion of combat deaths suffered by women.

If the problem is that men simply can't be trusted to behave themselves around women in a combat zone, perhaps women really do not belong in combat. Or, on the other hand, men do not belong in combat. To settle the matter, all men should be withdrawn from combat zones, and the women should

be left on their own to handle war.

Just like Jane Harman, I’m sure the enemy will be much nicer to them than our nasty boys in uniform.

Stopping Male Genital Mutilation

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I'm circumcised and fortunate not to have had any serious lasting complications from it. Of course, like many other males lacking their foreskin I have reduced sexual sensitivity and if my Johnson gets in a pickle he's more likely to end up chafed.

However, those are the least of the negative effects resulting from cutting off protective, nerve-rich flesh from one's genitals. Complications and even death can result during circumcision surgery. Some of these complications can cause problems into adulthood, even resulting in painful – and smaller – erections.

If I father a boy he won't be circumcised. There is no medical reason for routine circumcision of baby boys. Circumcision creates new risks, it does not prevent HIV or other diseases, and cleaning the foreskin is easy. I'm not going to circumcise my son for the sake of some American trollops who have been led to believe a mutilated penis is more aesthetically pleasing than a natural one. Would you circumcise your son so that when he's older he can "last longer" for selfish little girls produced by the feminized Western world?

I received an e-mail from Intact America, an anti-circumcision organization whose mailing list subscribe to:

> On March 2, the Massachusetts State Senate will consider the Male Genital Mutilation Bill, legislation **that would outlaw the genital mutilation of both young girls AND boys in Massachusetts.**
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> We urgently need your help to show Massachusetts legislators why passing this bill is the right thing to do.
>
> Submit your own personal story about why you oppose circumcision before March 2 – **and we'll make sure your testimony is heard by the Massachusetts State Senate Joint Committee.**

I would urge you to consider sharing your own story to help stop this barbaric practice. Massachusetts could set a precedent for the rest of the United States to follow.

A Word From the Big Head About the Little Head

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Dear Ladies,

In a woman's world, half-baked complaints about men get passed around like joints at an early 70's Zeppelin concert. Most of them have the same result in the cognitive realm. Pot makes you stupid. Misandry makes you stupid and chronically angry.

But there was actually one of those complaints that was rooted in some truth, and now I'd like to share that with the red-eyed, pissed off lot of you.

Men think with their dicks.

True dat.

When it comes to women we are just wired that way. When we meet you, we size up your body part of choice first and then check our the rest of the terrain as a follow up. We wonder if you swallow before we want to know your last name. If you are not what we want sexually speaking, we make some small talk, but start figuring on an escape route even as we nod and smile to whatever it is you are saying. If we are attracted to you, then in one way or another, everything we say or do is geared to matters horizontal.

It is just the way we are. Take it up with God or Darwin as you please, but don't whine about it. It's never going to change. And it doesn't make us defective. Truth is, you would not be reading this if things were not just as they are because homo sapiens would have just been another evolutional dead end. And truth tell, it lands us men in a lot more trouble than it ever brought on you. So if you are looking for sympathy about it, inquire elsewhere.

Actually, rather than being cranky, you should be thankful. If men thought with anything other than their dicks, 98% of them wouldn't give you the time of day. I mean, why would any man pay any attention to you at all were it not for the prospect of boning you? What, your *personality*? Your companionship; sharing interests?

Please.

Let's just get real here, ladies. Think of every time a man has ever bought you dinner, flowers, candy, jewelry, taken you on vacation, paid your bills, carried your crap, repaired your car or fixed any of those other thingy's in your life with moving parts that seem to escape your grasp. Now take your pussy out of the equation. You can kiss it all goodbye. If you think that isn't true you are seriously deceiving yourself.

And let's get even more real. You, of course, already know all this don't, you?

That is why you spend billions collectively on cosmetics, alluring clothing, fake tits and the like. And before you come across with some tired old "I do those things for me," bullshit line, just stop. Save that for your girlfriends. They need their delusions reinforced much more than I need my intelligence insulted.

See, here is the problem. Men thinking with their dicks and you playing on that to get ahead has always been a really good deal for you. I mean, c'mon, surely you can see that biology has dealt you the *get-out-of-jail-and-everything-else-free* card, platinum edition. Just use it with some measure of dignity and it will be passed down to your daughters and their daughters, forever and ever halleluiah.

You should seriously think about the long term impact of a meme that shames men's natural inclinations, even as you exploit them. In fact you can already see the result.

Numbers of men, and I mean growing numbers, have been so barraged with the message that they have started listening to it. Many of us have started thinking, and have concluded, "Man, they're right, I do think with my dick."

Ladies, that is not good news for you. Because the day men stop thinking with their dicks, you are truly fucked.

So my suggestion to you is this. One, smarten up enough to know a good thing when you see it. And two, use the thing you are most gifted at, self interest, and see this realistically.

I have already covered the material and free labor incentives for embracing the natural state of things. But there is another benefit you probably never considered.

It can help keep you from being so psychotic.

Like so many of the things you like to bash men for, it requires you to embrace two diametrically opposed sets of beliefs at the same time. When you are lamenting men who think with their dicks, yet continue parasitic use of them, you just end up in a hostile-dependant mindset that will always keep you in conflict.

It may appear that as a woman you can change beliefs to suit situations as easily as a man can change crank baits in a bass boat, but the resultant craziness is unavoidable, and so is the ensuing state of permanent dissatisfaction.

You can't depend on something you hate and ever be happy or completely sane. That is just as hard wired as a man's sexuality. So you only have three options here.

First, stay crazy and unhappy That will be the choice for almost all of you, which pretty much explains why modern femininity is better explained as a mental disorder than an adaptive aspect of evolution.

Two, drop the dependency. *Fat chance*.

Or last, drop the hate. I have a sneaking suspicion that the number of women who drop the hate will somehow have a positive correlation to the number of men who start telling women to find their purse if they want to go out to dinner, even if it means, god forbid, doing a little thinking with the big head.

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Manliness is Love

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A lot of people have a hard time defining manliness and masculinity.

In fact, some people insist that because it doesn't always mean exactly the same thing, masculinity doesn't mean anything at all. They pillory words like manhood, manliness, manly and masculine by locking them up in quotation marks where they are to be mocked, scrutinized and castrated.

This is a political position, and it's a fundamentally dishonest one. I don't believe for a second that men and women who say masculinity can mean anything—or nothing—are really, honestly at a complete loss when it comes to sensing manliness in men. They can distinguish a manly man from an unmanly man as well as the rest of us, but they dislike the unfriendly, unequal implications of doing so. Some of these people have probably had negative experiences with sensing manliness. Manliness can be frightening, aggressive, impressive, off-putting, threatening, belittling and envy-producing.

But it's certainly *there.*

Men who are regarded as being manly are usually at a loss for words to describe *exactly* what makes them different from others. Even those of us who think and write about the concept of masculinity on a regular basis are unable to nail it down in precise terms. If manliness was a disease—and our society often treats it like one—we would identify it by describing its symptoms. We quickly reach for examples and stories to give it a certain shape. We make lists of traits, but we acknowledge that it is sometimes this and sometimes that and almost never the other thing—except in certain situations handled a certain way. Manliness doesn't lend itself to exact scientific measurement. I suppose a man could measure his manhood, but while we may joke about it I don't know many men who honestly believe that manhood can be measured in inches. There is no Guinness World Record for the manliest man. Men could collectively come up with a list of contenders, and the most popular picks would have a lot in common. But no one man can ever really hold that title. Manliness is a phenomenon, a quality or a collection of qualities and while we can't quite measure it, we know some guys are dealt a weak hand and others have manliness in spades. We can't describe it exactly, but we know it when we see it. Or hear about it. Or feel it.

Masculinity is something we can recognize on television and in the movies but in real life it is something we sense, something we feel. When a man is strong with The Force his masculinity almost has a physical presence to it.

The experience of recognizing masculinity is a little different for everyone. It depends on who you are, and whose masculinity is being recognized. But there is enough crossover to make some sort of universal understanding of this phenomenon possible. We all know masculinity, it touches all of our lives, and in some way or another we are all in its thrall. To know manliness is to be human.

We agree that we can sense and feel things which we cannot measure all of the time. Without doing so, we could not have poetry or literature.

We know what we mean when we say something is beautiful, but what is beauty? A sunset? A symphony? A sportscar? There are equations and commonalities and disagreements but I don't know anyone who can't appreciate the beauty of a mountain or the ocean or a waterfall. These things evoke stronger responses in some than others, but we set aside viewpoints and send postcards for a reason.

We know what it is to experience beauty, to be in its presence. Like manliness, what we perceive to be beautiful probably has a root in our hard-wired collective history.

> Fresh water good. Waterfall good. Drink water. Waterfall beautiful.
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> Young healthy woman make good baby. Less cooties. Firm flesh. Tight vagina. Sex feels good. Young healthy looking woman beautiful.

And that last little vulgarity brings me to the subject of love.

Isn't love also something that touches all of our lives, that holds all of us in its thrall in some way, that we all experience differently but also something that we universally understand? Isn't love also something we have trouble talking about and describing definitively? Isn't love something we treat a little bit like a mysterious disease with familiar symptoms? Something we can't measure, but we can recognize. We can distinguish great love from weak love. And while there are no Guinness World Records for loving the most, some people probably love *a little too much*. To know love is to be human.

Manliness is a lot like love and beauty and all of those other damned messy complicated parts of the human experience. It is so powerful and at the same time a little bit mysterious. Perhaps it is powerful in part *because* it is so difficult to put into a tidy little box. But we feel it, we sense it, we experience it as a natural reaction to the natural differences between us and the advantages—or disadvantages—they bring with them.

> Manly man strong, tough, get stuff done, hunt big game, make good war, hard to hurt, take control when others afraid.

Manliness good.

Manliness is love.

Is This Really What Men Want?

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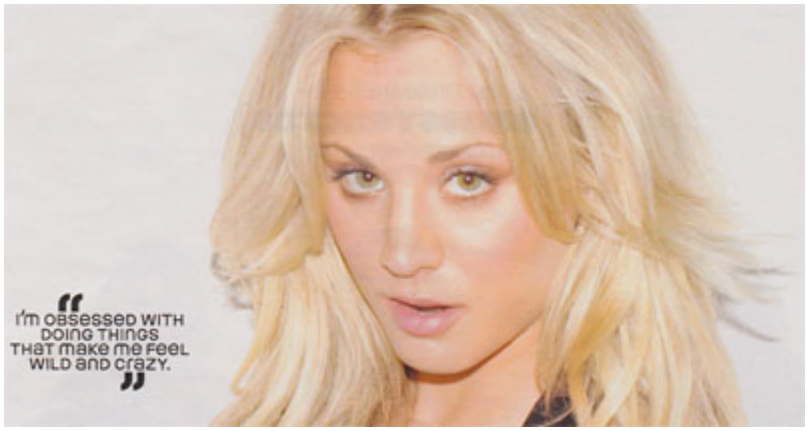
The March 2010 Maxim cover: Is this what men want? Really?

Do men want a saggy-lipped, droopy-eyed, floppy-boobed bimbo like this?

Kaley Cuoco looked much better on the sitcom, The Big Bang Theory, where several super nerds worship the ground she walks on for no other reason than her perky breasts, ample makeup, supple flesh, and propensity for exposing said flesh as much as possible.

Here's an example of her portrayal on the show:

Contrast this photo with the Maxim cover and you'll notice a key difference: makeup. Why Maxim didn't apply more makeup to this Courtney Love lookalike I'll never know. As it is, her photos in Maxim are rather unpalatable, at least to me.



Ms. Kaley plays Penny, a young blonde who somehow manages to pay for her own apartment on a waitress's salary whilst four graduate and doctoral students have to share an apartment across the hall. Penny is a caricature of modern Feminist Woman: dimwitted, slutty, shallow, begging for

attention and entitlements, prevailing due to the support and undeserved subservience of beta males.

Ms. Kaley apparently does not have to stretch her acting "skills" very much to play Penny. I know the only reason Maxim articles exist in conjunction with photo shoots is to allow beta males the opportunity to feel they are bonding with what they perceive to be a "bombshell", but let's examine a few quotes from the Maxim article anyhow.

> Maxim: Does being a bad driver mean you've been in a lot of accidents?
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> Ms. Kaley: I've had so many, I can't event count. Just yesterday I was driving along, and all of a sudden I hear this loud sound. I was like, "Oh, my God! What was that?" I totally knocked someone's mirror off their van.
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> Maxim: Whoops.
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> Ms. Kaley: I did leave a note – I was very proud of myself. It said, "Hi! Sorry! Broke your mirror! Call this number…"
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> Maxim: You gave them your number?
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> Ms. Kaley: Ha, well, it was my lawyer's number. Another time I was driving a Vespa in the Dominican republic with my Big Bang cast mate Johnny Galecki on the back like a little bitch. I ran us right into the wall, and he went flying. I almost killed Johnny Galecki. I'm dead serious.

Men's car insurance rates skyrocket while dizzy blondes like Ms. Kaley parade around callously, nearly killing the poor emasculated schmucks they associate with. Fact: Women have more accidents per mile driven than men.

> Maxim: Do you prefer dating older guys?
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> Ms. Kaley: I've always dated older guys. I still do – I'm very attracted to older men, never anyone my age. I always felt, even in my teens, that guys my age were just so dumb, young, and immature. Guys are just a little behind girls.

Because guys, unlike Kaley with her propensity for running into parked vehicles and solid walls, are SO immature.

> Maxim: Have you ever had an unrequited crush?
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> Ms. Kaley: I'm sorry, but I usually get what I want. When I go for something, there's nothing that stops me. Nothing.

Sorry Ms. Kaley, but I'd stop you. I can do better.

> Ms. Kaley: There was one extra who was kind of eyeing me, and Johnny was like, "We have to have him removed!" I'm like, "What's wrong with him looking at me?"

As you can see, her fellow cast members are classic beta male "protectors".

> Ms. Kaley: I went to American Apparel and bought hot pink shorts, a teeny-tiny hot pink tank top, pink knee socks, hot pink Converse, and a headband. I haven't lost a game [of Ping-Pong] since I put that outfit on. I've got my boobs hanging out and legs showing. The guys cannot even concentrate.

Classy. At least she understands where her worth lies.

I just hope more guys see through the cosmetics girls like Ms. Kaley hide behind. I hope guys realize that feigned beauty ain't everything, that flakiness is not appealing, that taking advantage of pervasive women's privilege is not independence.

And that women like Ms. Kaley are worthy only of scorn and aversion.

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Alternative Right Interview

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In addition to *The Spearhead*, Jack Donovan is going to be writing for a web startup called *Alternative Right*, which is the brainchild of former Takimag editor Richard Spencer. Jack will be contributing mainly to the "Virtus" department. I've had some correspondence with Mr. Spencer, and I appreciate his efforts to shift the political paradigm, which both of us believe to be somewhat outdated. Although I'm essentially a Libertarian (and, above all, a cynic when it comes to government), I have no problem with people on the left or right who respect people's right to live life as they choose.

To start things out, Jack suggested an interview, and of course I obliged. It's about what it means to be a father today, and I responded with a little more candor than usual, since this is a subject that is near and dear to me.

So head on over and take a look at the interview, and those of you on the right side of the political spectrum may find a new online emporium of ideas:

The War on Oblivion: A Discussion about the Future of Fatherhood in the West

Harvard Business Review: Women Held Back by Bad (Women) Bosses

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A reader forwarded me an article in the Harvard Business Review that bemoans the lack of women at the top of the corporate hierarchy. This complaint is nothing new, and it shouldn't be in the least surprising that Harvard is as dedicated as any other American university to propping up female status above other, less important goals such as, say, productivity, profit and international competitiveness.

However, the article inadvertently reveals that one of the main reasons women with MBAs aren't getting ahead despite the best efforts of Harvard et al is other women — female bosses in particular.

According to HBR, it isn't that men necessarily get more opportunities from the get-go, but rather that they tend to advance faster. And the faster advancement of men is tied to early career success, which is largely dependent upon one's relationship with the manager:

> Can we attribute men's disproportionate advancement to early managerial assignments? No. Although it's true that people who have managed others reached higher levels, the women and men in our study were equally likely at every career stage to have had direct reports.
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> We think that gender difference in advancement may reflect another problem altogether: bad first bosses.
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> And so we circle back to those fate-sealing first jobs. A quarter of the women in our study left their first job because of a difficult manager—nearly as many as those who moved on for more money (26%) or for a career change (27%). Only 16% of the men left because of a difficult manager. Of course, these results suggest that women and men may be treated differently by their first managers.

But who are these early managers? Well, it turns out that they are, more likely than not, other women!

As the graphs in the article demonstrate, more women with MBAs are in management than men, who are more likely to be in executive positions than women. So in that fateful first job our young, female MBA grad gets, she's more likely to be under the supervision of a female than male manager, and, according to Harvard, that manager is the biggest obstacle to her success.

So, if women's main obstacle to advancement is other women, then how to solve the problem with an acceptable feminist outcome? This article is valuable in that it reveals exactly the wall that feminism is about to crash right into.

Preparing to Change Machines

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I've been backing up my old files and programs in preparation for the transfer to the new machine, which ~~should arrive soon~~ just got here! I'm afraid it might be a little tricky to make the change from Tiger to Snow Leopard, and I'll probably lose some applications, so I think I'm going to make a partition so I can run the old 10.4 on the new machine. Needless to say, this has cut into my writing time, but when I get everything put back together it will be a lot easier to work with the desktop's bigger screen, and should substantially improve productivity (no more working with windows piled on top of each other).

BTW, does anyone know whether Adobe programs will work if opened on another machine from a bootable hard drive, or do they have to be reinstalled?

Canada Conservatives to Neuter National Anthem

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“Conservative” Canadian politicians have proposed changing the Canadian national anthem to make it more “gender-neutral.” Evidently, the lyrics “true patriot love in all thy sons command” are offensive and sexist to some people (probably feminist academics). It has been suggested that they be changed to “True patriot love thou dost in us command.”

Perhaps, given the extent to which Canada has been feminized (some suggest even more than the United States), this would be appropriate, but given the true scope of feminist changes made to society, perhaps this is not going far enough.

It might be more appropriate to change the line to “true sacklessness in all thy sons command.”

Feminist Icons Starting to Crack

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Australian playwright Louis Nowra has come out on the offensive against fellow Aussie Germaine Greer, dismissing her notions of the true nature of women as fantasy. 40 years after Greer launched her feminist career with *The Female Eunuch*, Nowra has published a scathing critique in *The Monthly*, an Australian society magazine (requires registration, so for more quotes see this article).

Nowra's criticism is mainly directed at Greer's first book, which he describes as having utterly failed to predict how women would respond to women's lib. Having grown up with an angry, frustrated and thrice-married mother, Nowra was initially supportive of the book. He writes that it convinced his mother to divorce his stepfather:

> But my mother was the main reason I read feminist works. My father, a truck driver, was her second husband. An intelligent woman, she felt frustrated at living on a Housing Commission estate and her dissatisfaction showed itself in her volatile emotional states that ranged from vociferous anger to inarticulate fury at her predicament. From a young age, I knew she should never have married and had children. In my naive way, I hoped that feminism would change the world enough to enable women like my mother to find satisfaction in careers rather than marriage and childrearing.
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> Greer's chapters were short and the one about women's isolation in their homes and their monotonous and thankless work was particularly powerful. It changed many a woman's life dramatically. A journalist friend gave it to her mother, who after reading it left her husband. There were countless similar stories.

Over time, Nowra grew increasingly "disenchanted" with Greer's book, and finally, as a grown man who beat the odds and managed to thrive despite being raised by a volatile single mother, he has come out firmly against it.

As more and more men who grew up victimized by feminist ideology find their voice, feminist excesses will come under increasing scrutiny. It remains to be seen how this will play out politically, but the dam is starting to leak.

Levi Johnston: 19 Years Old and Over $20k In Arrears

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In a crystal clear illustration of why conservatives are not to be relied on to do anything ease men's pain, the Palins have demanded and received an order for back child support for over $21,000 for the last year. Johnston is now facing a monthly child support bill of nearly $2,000 for one child in addition to the hefty arrears.

While Bristol Palin lives with her millionaire mother, Johnston's mother is under house arrest for dealing prescription drugs. Johnston's family support is negligible.

Levi Johnston is no hero, but he's a kid, and has little hope of maintaining the kind of income that justifies such an exorbitant child support order. Some have suggested that he may have work in pornography to pay the bills. Unfortunately, that's probably the only job he's qualified for that might pay around $100k per year.

Johnston is probably far from wealthy right now, and if he pays the rest of the order almost certainly will be close to tapped out after legal fees. If he isn't careful or lucky, his arrears might build to a level that he cannot hope to repay any time soon, crippling him for his young adult life.

Conservatives commenting on blogs and websites have little pity for Levi, laying all the blame for the pregnancy on him, as though he raped Bristol. Sarah Palin, likely furious about Levi's public criticism, has access to top-flight attorneys and piles of money. She can bury this kid, and it appears that she has.

Whatever people may think of Levi, this court order doesn't bode well for any young men and boys in similar situations.

On a "Man" Finding His Inner Vagina

March 4, 2010 | by Chuck Ross | Link | Original Link

For American youth, which industry controls the spigots of information flow? Within this certain industry, which company holds most sway over cultural and social perceptions of same said youth? Unless you've been cryogenically frozen for the last 30 years *and* aren't a Dire Straits fan, you'll know that the answers – in order – are "the entertainment industry" and "MTV".

This post isn't a profound insight into MTV's scrap-metal mangling of youth culture. Rather, I want to point out the attitude of one particular cultural gate-keeper and expound briefly on how that affects boys and young men growing up today.

After a reading of Eve Ensler's new monologue "I Am an Emotional Creature", Jason Rzepka – who works in "social issues and entertainment" – had this to say:

> "She's an extremely remarkable person. The world needs more Eve Enslers…I found my inner vagina."

Perhaps Rzepka should speak to Caster Semenya about that affliction.

I googled Rzepka to learn more about the type of sack-loathing Herb who would be caught dead uttering such a phrase on the record. Turns out, Rzepka is VP of Public Affairs at MTV – which sounds like the type of job that could control propaganda and programming. I'm particularly troubled that a young man who holds an important position at MTV – and therefore in our culture – says things like this. In an overfeminized time when boys should be developing themselves as men, comments like Rzepka's tacitly encourage them to move more towards androgyny and outright femininity. If youthful minds are Playdough, MTV's cultural dictates are hands. Molding young peoples' minds as they do – and using the pink dough to boot – is especially detrimental to boys whose core identities aren't as malleable as girls'. The ideas that come out at the tail end of the boob tube have been hand-picked, distorted, filtered, and steam-pressed by minds like Rzepka's. Young men today are being shaped by an elitist group of other slightly less young men who continually worship at the alter of V.

Young men have no need to find an inner vagina; in fact, Ensler's current monologue or her famous one have no place for a *man* to find anything. Her writings are gynocentric – just read the fucking titles. If Rzepka found a vagina somewhere while at the reading, he should put it back because its not his.

But Rzepka's trite comment is troubling on a more fundamental level. Why is it that young men are made right, whole, or correct by developing their feminine side? They are fledgling *men*; the only tools they have are those of men. Their brains, their bodies, their attitudes, their hormones, desires, and motivations operate in a completely masculine realm. Anything they "find" has to occur based on a bedrock foundation of their being male. So searching for their inner vagina is a snipe hunt; understanding the full scope of what it means to be a man – finding their descended nutsack – is a better endeavor.

> Chuck Ross had his inner vagina surgically removed by an ex-girlfriend and Dr. Roissy. As of this writing, the IV is still in remission. He blogs daily at Gucci Little Piggy.

A Tyrant on the High Seas

March 5, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

As USS Cowpens – a guided missile cruiser with a 400 man crew – patrolled the seas in defense of the United States, all was not well on the ship. Sailors describe an atmosphere of abuse and intimidation, with foul invectives frequently hurled in their direction, along with solid objects, by the raging captain. One sailor, a strapping 6′4″ officer, describes shaking with fear in the presence of his superior. Others documented the incessant profanity and humiliation.

Who was this fire-breathing monster? A burly, bearded thug in uniform? No, it was a strong-jawed 1985 Naval Academy graduate named Holly Graf.

Graf was almost universally despised; her inclination to demean her subordinates was legendary. Some of her alleged abusive statements and actions are as follows:

> "Take your goddam attitude and shove it up your f_____ ass and leave it there," she allegedly told an officer during a stressful maneuver
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> "This is one of the reasons I hate you," she allegedly told one who was seeking her help. When another officer visited her quarters to discuss an earlier heated discussion, her response was terse: "Get the f___ out of my stateroom." She allegedly told a male officer, "The only words I want to hear out of your mouth are 'Yes ma'am' or 'You're correct, ma'am.' " She also allegedly put a "well-respected master chief" in "time out" — standing in the ship's key control room doing nothing — "in front of other watch standers of all ranks."
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> A younger woman recalled going to Graf to seek her help. " 'Don't come to me with your problems,' " she said, quoting Graf. " 'You're a f_____ department head.' " The officer also said that Graf once told her, "I can't express how mad you make me without getting violent."
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> A second female officer told the IG that Graf was a "terrible role model for women in the Navy," alleging that Graf once told her and a fellow officer on the bridge, "You two are f_____ unbelievable. I would fire you if I could, but I can't."
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> Paul Coco, a 2002 Naval Academy graduate, served as a gunnery officer under Graf aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Winston S. Churchill from 2002 to 2004. "She would throw coffee cups at officers — ceramic, not foam," he recalls, "spit in one officer's face, throw binders and paperwork at people, slam doors."

The litany of tyrannical acts goes on, concluding only when she is removed from command, upon which the crew – to a man – cheers vociferously.

How did someone so clearly unfit for command last so long, despite the profound dissatisfaction of her crew? The answer appears to be a Navy policy to push women into positions of leadership. Nicole Waybright, who served under Graf for a year of her five-year stint as a junior officer, says that

the Navy was too hasty in its efforts to achieve gender equality:

> "She was a terrible ship handler," Waybright recalls. "I was 23 years old and I wanted to show, just by my actions, that women could do it and just blend in like the gray doors with the rest of the gray ship," she said. "But she betrayed our gender." Waybright felt the Navy pushed women into command too quickly at the time, but adds that Graf's "sadistic cruelty" didn't help.

Like Amy Bishop, Holly Graf's unstable behavior was overlooked because of gender. She was an equal opportunity bully, who pushed around both men and women alike and, according to subordinates, was physically violent toward them. To have someone with these tendencies in command of a billion-dollar warship might seem very unwise, but as in so many other institutions, the ideology of gender equality overrides all other concerns.

We are already starting to pay dearly for this foolishness, and the end is nowhere in sight.

“Catholics Come Home” Campaign Portraying Men as Abusers

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Is the Catholic Church trying to bring men back into the fold? If so, its latest campaign won’t help. Some of our readers may have seen the Catholics Come Home (catholicscomehome.org) commercials that have popped up on TV recently. I just saw one that didn’t leave me – a lapsed Catholic – feeling anything but pissed off. After a quick search I found it on Youtube, and thought I’d post it here to invite comments from Catholic and non-Catholic men alike.

Let me ask you: how do you feel about this kind of portrayal of men?

I’m beyond disappointed, but not really surprised.

Because blog comments appear to be disabled, perhaps our Catholic readers (and others if they object strongly to the abhorrent, one-sided portrayal of men), should contact the program director to communicate their thoughts (please be civil):

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Domestic Violence Lobbyist Murders Her Husband

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

This looks to be a story straight out of The Onion.

> *A 45-year-old woman, charged with ending a domestic dispute by killing her 26-year-old husband of five days, is a registered lobbyist for a group fighting domestic violence.*

This feminazi cougar married a man 19 years her junior, got into an argument with him and killed him 5 days after saying "I do."

> *Arelisha Bridges was ordered held without bond in the Fulton County Jail. She is scheduled for a preliminary hearing later this month on charges of felony murder, murder, aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.*
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> *Officials said Bridges claimed she was unemployed. But records show she is a lobbyist for an organization called the National Declaration for Domestic Violence Order; its Web site says the group is pushing legislation to create a database of those convicted of sex crimes or domestic abuse.*

If this group is successful in pushing through their agenda, I wonder if Mz. Bridges will be registered? Somehow I doubt it. In fact, it's an almost virtual certainty she'll be lawyering up and we are about to hear the sordid details of an abusive 5 day old marriage…probably involving "marital rape" and abusive behavior like pressuring her to wear white high heels during sex…but maybe they'll put her dead husband in this database, after all, the only reason an activist against domestic violence would murder her husband is if he were being abusive! After all, everybody knows that domestic violence is only committed by men!

Ahh….but we have witnesses…

> *Usually an accused felon will appear at a preliminary hearing a day later, but Bridges' hearing was within hours of the shooting death of Anthony Rankins. Officials said the court appearance was moved up because of the unusual circumstances around the crime.*
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> *Witnesses told police that Bridges was wearing a nightgown and a shower cap as she argued with Rankins on the sidewalk on North Avenue near West Peachtree Street around 10:45 p.m. Monday.*
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> *And moments later, witnesses said, they heard shots. They said she then "calmly walked away."*

This cougar is a cold-blooded man killer…

> *A MARTA police officer stopped her as she was getting into her car, perhaps to return to her home nearby on Centennial Olympic Park Drive.*
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> *According to Atlanta police, Bridges told investigators that she and Rankins had been dating for a few months and were just married on Feb. 24.*

I think it's safe to say, a 26 year old man marrying a 45 year old feminist activist was a relationship destined to end badly. Let's see if this story gains any kind of national prominence. It will be interesting to read and hear the spin on this from our feminist-driven mass-media matrix.

This is What a Feminist Looks Like

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Sorry, guys, couldn't resist after I found the "This is What a Feminist Looks Like" website. Yes, this is a real photo on the site. Feel free to browse at your leisure. Some of them are actually men, believe it or not.

This is what a mangina looks like:

Women Engage In Double Standards Far More Then Men Do

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Yesterday's discussion, along with other items in the news, has inspired me to write this post, about just how much Women engage in doubles standards all. The. Time.

This is an important topic, since it won't be long, if you're a guy, before you hear some lady bemoan stuff like "the sexual double standard" or "the income gap", a form of a double standard, and so on. And to be sure, both of these issues gets mad facetime and ink. Much, much less is said though, about the very real double standards in reverse, let alone Presidential attention. But fear not, for I have come to shed the searing Light of Truth on these and other pressing matters of the day, for once you know the Truth, it shall set you free.

So let's dive right in:

Female Double Standard #1: Women Objectify Men MORE Than Men Objectify Women. This is a fact, easily proofed by the most casual of observations. How? Simple: height. Women make no bones about not wanting to date a Man their own or shorter height. Take a quick spin around the Internet, there you will see Women being quite flippant, and others downright adamant, about rejecting out of hand a Man's lack of vertical cred. Of course, many of these very same Women will call any Man who judges a Woman's objective beauty scale to be "objectifying" and the like, and notice, have you ever heard Men en masse deny this? Even more to the point, isn't it true that Men settle much quicker than do Women, all things being equal? Then there's the reaction of many of these ladies when they're called out on the carpet for their blatant objectification of the Male form and rank discrimination based on physical factors one has no control over. Even when you freely acknowledge their right to choose whomever they want to be with they'll attempt to shame you by calling you names and the like. Yet these are the very same people who have no problem labeling others as racist, homophobe, fascist, etc. Pot, meet Kettle much? Of course, a Woman's desire for a taller Man hearkens back to our Evolutionary past, when choosing a Man based on his physical size was a reasonable thing to do; after all, somebody had to do the heavy lifting and if necessary, killing of potential enemies. But in an age where even a kid can pull the trigger of an AK47, and when much smaller wives kill their hubbies all the time, such a fixation is really kind of silly. Yet Women will vehemently defend their right to be basically, a bigot, and will engage in rank hypocrisy at the same time. The reason why I say that, you see, is because often these very same Women will poo poo Evolutionary Psychology as being inherently misogynistic. But as we can see here, they have no problem actually embracing with a big ole bear hug, EP when it suits them.

Hmm.

For more on this, please see anything in the current press about Lori Gottlieb, also my recent post on her and her book "Marry Him!"

Female Double Standard #2: Women Are Snobs Much More Than Are Men, AND, Don't Really Believe In Merit Either-We are often berated about this sort of thing by Women en masse, yet many of these very same Women have no problem looking down their noses at "lesser" Men for not coming from the "right" pedigree, or not having gone to the "right" school (or school at all), not being in the "right" social circles, and so on. As author and avowed lesbian Norah Vincent chronicles in her must-read book, Self Made Man, Men are much more inclusive than Women are, especially

when it comes to merit-if you can do the job, you're in. Moreover, Men are more apt to create a system that's more "flat", that is to say, that is more amenable to Men or Women being able to move from one social class to another, based again on merit or at the very least, effort. Not so for Women, and this can be most vividly seen wrt Game — you wanna know the real reason why so many Women flail so wildly about on this issue?

Because Game gives Men the tools to move up through the social hierarchy that was once reserved only for the "natural Alphas" Women always desired; "how dare those poor schlubs step out of their place!" It rankles many Women deeply, in ways they themselves may only be dimly aware.

For more on this point, please see my post, Why Game Elicits So Much Hate.

Female Double Standard #3: "Reproductive Rights" Is About WOMEN, Not Men. And Women Want To Keep It That Way, with quite a few news items appearing before us involving this thorny issue, for example: the recent Pro-Life promotion efforts in the Black community, or the Woman who live Tweeted her abortion, or the Healthcare Bill that's tied up with abortion-none of them addresses the very basic and simple premise: that it only deals with one half of the population. "Reproductive Rights" is taken to mean something that only Women can have. Men have no reproductive rights that any court is bound to respect.

This becomes deeply problematic because Women have successfully put forward the notion that dads are optional now. Indeed, many Women are becoming single mommies *by choice*, and not just among the Lori Gottlieb set. Have we forgotten the "pregnancy pact" girls in New England a few years back? As the book *Promises I Can Keep* clearly shows, poor Women want to be moms and are prepared to go it alone if need be. Of course, there is no Male equivalent to such a book, even when I asked its authors whether they had interviewed the baby daddies. They hemmed and hawed and finally had to admit, no, they didn't. Hmm.

At any rate, the issue is clear: if a Woman has the right to determine when, and under what circumstances she is to become a parent, it is only right and just to say that the same should apply to Men. But, a quick perusal of some of the much staunch advocates for "Choice" on the Internet, will have no compunctions vociferously denying a Man's right to choose, too. Here again, Women want the double standard to be removed when it impacts them negatively, but have no problems with it when it doesn't. Like I said, hmm.

And don't even get me started on Mandatory Paternity Testing…

Female Double Standard #4: Women Have No Desire To Financially Support A Man For ANY Reason-Here we get to the good part. While Women en masse are all for overturning archaic notions of gender and the like, when the rubber hits the road, they not only balk but are vehement in their refusal to Man Up. Case in point? Paying for dates. Regardless of the fact that Women now make up a clear majority of the American workforce and are more educated and higher earning than many Men, to say nothing of the effects of the Mancession, Women can still be heard trying to shame Men into paying for dates, or paying more for dates, or saying "I'm not gonna support a lout" and so on. Yet, when has *any* Man said such a thing, historically speaking? It was expected that not only was the Man to pay for the date(s), but he was also to support the wife *for life*. We all either saw firsthand, or have heard of the guy who, on payday, hands his check over to his betrothed. Well, Today's Women say "screw that!" — they're having none of it. They want the goodies of earning a higher income, but none of the responsibilities that come with such a high honor.

But wait Obsidian, I'm not like that, some of you ladies reading along may say. And indeed, some of

you aren't like that, my own personal life, present and at some points in the past, attests to this. And for this you are to be commended. Nevertheless, you know as well as I do, that there are easily twice or thrice as many Women out there, who take the view I outlined above, with no problem whatsoever engaging in double standards.

Research Question for the Fellas; listen closely, and please respond:

1. Of the past 10 Women you've dated or otherwise were romantically involved with, how many offered to pay for the *1st date*, without you prompting them to do so?

2. How many of them paid, or offered to pay, for *any dates* during the life of your courtship?

3. When's the last time a Woman called you up and asked you out on a night on the town — on her dime?

4. When's the last time a Woman bought you a drink?

The responses, should be most interesting to read.

The bottomline here is that Men en masse, never seemed to have that much of a problem paying for dates and supporting their Women when it called for them to do so; after all, until relatively recently, Women weren't as fully self-supporting in that regard. But now that the tables have turned, Women have made it quite clear that not only do they not have any desire to return the favor, but they also don't have any problem denigrating any Man who fails to measure up.

Yet another case of the Female Double Standard.

My job is done here.

Holla back

The Obsidian

Men and Open Source

March 7, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

Over the last few days I've been building a new system, picking and choosing what I want to keep from my old machine and installing some new software. I don't have the disks for my old installation of Adobe CS3, so I can't run it on the new OS. This was annoying, but from personal experience and a "writing for the web" class I attended at the University of Washington (probably the most valuable class I ever took in school), I knew there would be a way around it. I've made use of Photoshop, but not even close to its full potential. I've wanted to see what I could do with InDesign, but I'm not producing any print magazines, and it's kind of overkill for what I have in mind. For most of my letterhead and pdf creation I've used LaTeX through the LyX interface. This was helpful for legal correspondence, as I could match opposing attorneys' letterhead with my own superior creations. Petty, I know, but small triumphs help sustain us through the absurdities of the American judicial system. When I have to open Word documents, I simply use Open Office, and for writing code or text to post online I prefer a text editor such as Bare Bones' BBEdit, which color codes tags and code and doesn't foul up the text with some proprietary encoding.

About half of the programs I've been using in desktop publishing are proprietary software, but I've found a substitute for every single one. This is great for me, because I can't afford to buy Creative Suite all over again, and I'd like to avoid paying for the cheaper ones as well if at all possible. For Photoshop's replacement I installed the GIMP, which is more than adequate for my needs. I also checked out and downloaded Scribus, the open source replacement for InDesign. I'm sure that will be sufficient for me as well. And instead of BBEdit, I am now using the free Textwrangler, which is produced by the same company and has all the features I was using with the old version of BBEdit (it appears to be essentially the same thing). Of course, I installed the latest stable version of MacTeX and LyX, both of which are open source.

After finishing up, it occurred to me that all the bright guys out there who put work into these applications have done me a big favor. I really owe them one. One might ask why in the world they would bother to put this stuff together and give it away for free, but as a guy who is putting out content online for free I totally understand: men build and create things because it is in their nature. Money, although great to have (and, unfortunately, necessary), is not our primary motivation. Gearheads get a thrill out of watching that engine turn over for the first time, programmers love to see their code doing what it was designed to do, and architects are delighted by the buildings they design. Even ordinary guys often find their greatest joys involve the small projects in their garages, basements and back yards.

If you go out anywhere there's civilization and look around, you'll see the fruits of these labors. In fact, they are so common that we take them for granted. When you see a beautiful breed of dog such a golden retriever, you tend not to think of the years of care and work it took to develop the breed. When you drive through town you don't usually consider that the reason hundreds of thousands of huge vehicles have not hopelessly clogged the streets is that some guys who were fascinated by maps and streets worked out a system to keep traffic flowing. One could go on with this ad infinitum, but the point is that this is simply what men do. Civilization was developed to reward them for this, and we can see the impressive results, but sadly we seem to have taken a turn in the opposite direction in recent years.

Now, this being *The Spearhead*, I thought it might be worthwhile to investigate what's going on with the other gender as far as Open Source is concerned. It occurred to me, after seeing so many names, that the open source community is thoroughly dominated by men, so I did a little searching to see if this is actually the case. As one might expect, it certainly is.

According to an article in Network World, women comprise somewhere between 1.5 and 5 percent of the OS community. I'd be willing to bet the lower figure is more accurate. Writer Amy Vernon is not happy about this, but at least she isn't whining that it's all men's fault:

> Instead of worrying that other people aren't going to think we can do things, we need to just do them. Show people what we can do instead of waiting for someone to ask us. That's what the boys do; haven't we spent the last 40+ years saying we want to be treated equally?

She's a bit more optimistic about female involvement in cutting-edge tech than I am. In fact, as much as I admire her go-getter attitude, I'm afraid that, as usual, an entirely different approach will be implemented to "equalize" the open source community. Another article, written by a member of "PHPWomen," opens with a far more familiar tone:

> The topic of the difficulties women face in the open source community comes up often. Here at OStatic we've discussed everything from the gender bias and harassment some women say they face, to highlighting the projects that are helping change the way females experience the developer community.
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> A new project has gotten underway recently that aims to foster a healthy and respectful environment between female PHP developers and the PHP community. PHPWomen has teamed up in a partnership program with six open source projects that it feels represents the best the community has to offer in terms of an open, respectful, and friendly community.

So, if you ask the PHPWomen, the reason women are underrepresented in open source development is because of "gender bias" and "harassment" (i.e. having to endure being approached by beta males). However, gender bias as a factor excluding women from open source development is a fantasy, because so many developers are virtually anonymous, and many use pseudonyms anyway. The best OS developers, such as Don Knuth of TeX fame, produced their masterpieces largely on their own time and without a "team." Most people have no idea who wrote the OS software they use, and don't really care. All that matters is that it works.

I sincerely hope that efforts to equalize open source development do not destroy it, but unfortunately I can see some potential damage in the future. All it takes is one lawsuit or public allegation to tarnish the reputation of an entire project, and considering that the development is largely a product of goodwill, the disappearance of mutual respect and an atmosphere of comradery could easily sink some important efforts.

In the meanwhile, I think open source development is worth our support. First of all, men ought to *use* open source software when possible, and then if they have the means donate to projects. If you don't need MS Office, download Open Office — hell, use Linux instead of Windows if you're feeling adventurous. If you're an audio junkie, check out Audacity. Try out the GIMP instead of Photoshop, and see if you can find any other programs to replace or avoid purchasing. Before purchasing any software, first do some research to determine whether you could do the same job with an open source program. Not only will you save money, you'll be supporting guys who work outside of the big software and Silicon Valley companies, which are fully committed to affirmative action

and propping up female entitlement.

People of The Promised Land

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[Submitted by *Piercedhead*]

It's a familiar story. News of a new land is brought back by adventurers, and tales of its gold, its vast forests and the endless plains of good grazing lands immediately take the public imagination. The same idea is hatched simultaneously in each of the minds of millions: "if only I could get there! I could fence off a few acres for myself, live independently and say goodbye to all this drudgery that is my life!". And the idea becomes an over-arching ambition. The first settlers set off. Reports of their new-found prosperity soon return to the home country and their former fellows, emboldened by their success, start making plans for their own journey. Soon a flood of people are taking that trip to the promised land, all on one-way fares.

On arrival, a new immigrant notices a strange bunch of bedraggled people living in the most abject poverty on the streets of the new city. Alarmed, she asks a passerby who these people are, and why they would live so poorly. "Oh them", the passerby snorts, "they're some of the native people. Sub-human. How could anyone live like that?". The new immigrant is stunned. "You mean there were people living here before us?", she asks, her mouth a little too wide-open, betraying a simple heart. The passerby laughs at her ignorance, "why of course there were!", he replies. "Hundreds of thousands of them, maybe millions. Initially they were all right, but they turned nasty and attacked the city a few years ago. We soon showed them who was boss. Those that you see there living like pigs used to raise gardens and trade their produce – but now they're all lazy good-for-nothings. They give us no end of trouble. Prisons are full of them".

The new arrival, too used to the ways and customs of the country she has only just left, asks "but what did they do with all their money?". The passerby raised one eye-brow and quickly asked "What money?". It seemed almost too obvious to ask, and so the immigrant hesitated a little, wondering how such a simple question could be misunderstood. "Why, the money they got when they sold their land – or haven't they sold it yet?".

At this the passerby stared thunderously at her, his face reddening with anger. "What sort of fool are you taking me for? Go and ask your stupid questions of someone else! They should be grateful to have their worthless lives considering the harm their ilk have done us, never mind paying them for land that they never owned in the first place!", and with that he stomped off in a fury.

For some reason that the newcomer couldn't explain to herself, the sight of these people and their pathetic state had left a large impression. The realization that she wasn't in a new land at all, but in the land of others bothered her much more than it seemed to bother anyone else she talked to – and she found herself talking to anyone who could tell her anything about them. The dialog was universally one of near hatred for the people who once lived unmolested in this land:

"Before we arrived, they lived like brutes. They were forever at war with each other. We civilized them."
"They had no religion. They worshipped the seasons, the rain, the earth, the sun, the wind – everything. They refused to believe in the most basic truths and decencies!"
"Why the concern? The natives are better off because of us. Look at all the great things and new knowledge we bring with us. Besides, we're their moral superiors. What harm can come to them so

long as our great charities are there to save them from starvation or exposure to the elements?”

The more the newcomer learned, the more sickened she became with her own people. She learned that the natives, apart from filling the prisons, also killed themselves at rates well above the average. They died younger from all sorts of diseases that the immigrants were immune from. Their word mattered for nothing in the courts they were forever being herded through. They were jailed and executed out of all proportion to any wrongs they did. Their families were torn apart. Their property was stolen. They were denied the same education as the immigrants. They were specifically exempted from protection by the law – an immigrant, and the primacy of the immigrant – was the central theme of all thinking. A native could be held as a slave in certain circumstances that were becoming increasingly common. And they were being starved to death en masse deliberately by immigrant soldiers who had identified their vital dependencies and were systematically annihilating them.

If you haven’t gathered by now that I’m really talking about the great Feminist immigration into, and takeover of, male spaces over the past 50 years I have been too subtle for you. Isn’t it interesting that colonialism, that great staple of the socialists, is actually being practiced by them as thoroughly now as any they accuse in the past?

Department of Labor: Gender Wage Gap a Myth

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Every now and then the Federal Government does a decent job of getting to the heart of the matter. Actually, this happens more frequently than one might think. I used to work with a lot of government reports, and I found a number of them to be very professional, objectively written documents. The real problem is that our politicians too often ignore them. In fact, I doubt our politicians read many at all; they probably just have adolescent staffers write little summaries or talking points for them to use in support of one piece of legislation or the other.

While reading "The Gender Silent Majority," an article written by Gordon Finley, I came across a link to a report produced under contract for the DOL that Dr. Finley claimed debunked the gender wage gap. Sure enough, when I took a look at the report the foreword concludes that any wage gap that may exist is almost entirely explained by differences in choices that men and women make, and that if all data were taken into consideration there is probably no gap at all.

Here are a couple of excerpts:

> There are observable differences in the attributes of men and women that account for most of the wage gap. Statistical analysis that includes those variables has produced results that collectively account for between 65.1 and 76.4 percent of a raw gender wage gap of 20.4 percent, and thereby leave an adjusted gender wage gap that is between 4.8 and 7.1 percent.
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> Research also suggests that differences not incorporated into the model due to data limitations may account for part of the remaining gap. Specifically, CONSAD's model and much of the literature, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics Highlights of Women's Earnings, focus on wages rather than total compensation. Research indicates that women may value non-wage benefits more than men do, and as a result prefer to take a greater portion of their compensation in the form of health insurance and other fringe benefits.
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> Although additional research in this area is clearly needed, this study leads to the unambiguous conclusion that the differences in the compensation of men and women are the result of a multitude of factors and that the raw wage gap should not be used as the basis to justify corrective action. Indeed, there may be nothing to correct. **The differences in raw wages may be almost entirely the result of the individual choices being made by both male and female workers**.

This is a valuable, up-to-date report, and I'm glad I came across it. All too often, these conclusive findings are buried under the snow of polemic, so having them available for instant reference can be of great benefit. Fortunately, government documents are open source, so this report will be available from now on at *The Spearhead* as a resource for all readers who would like to use it to counter spurious feminist claims of unfair compensation for their labor.

Feel free to view or download the report at your convenience.

The Marxist Origins of International Women's Day

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I almost forgot it was International Women's Day, but fortunately the feminist blogs I frequently check reminded me. Obviously, most people could give a damn about the event, but it does usually result in some publicity and, naturally, some political pandering.

Because most people do not pay it much attention, the origins of the event are shrouded in ignorance. So, it falls again to *The Spearhead* to pierce the darkness and shine the illuminating torch of knowledge on the fetid annals of feminist history.

It turns out that the first International Women's Day was launched by the Socialist Party of America in 1909. The SPA was a fervently Marxist organization — its most famous leader, Eugene Debs, became a convert after reading Das Kapital. As Marxism gained steam, the holiday became increasingly popular throughout Europe and the United States. In Europe, during the fateful years preceding WWI, hundreds of thousands of women marched, rioting and fighting police after agitators such as Clara Zetkin (later a staunch Bolshevik) spurred them on.

When Czarist Russia was teetering on the brink, it was an International Women's Day riot by the women of Petrograd that set off the spark of revolution. In recognition of the crucial support these early feminists gave to the nascent Bolshevik regime, International Women's Day was made an official holiday of the Soviet Union.

Due to its strong affiliation with Communism and the monstrous excesses of the Bolsheviks, International Women's Day fell into obscurity in the West until revived by the Marxist feminists of the 1960s. Since then, it has become a day of triumph, during which women have desecrated churches, excluded men from public places, and generally congratulated themselves.

In some countries, the day has very negative connotations, because it symbolizes Soviet occupation. In the former Czechoslovakia, for example, Women's Day rallies were huge events sponsored by the Communist Party. Since regaining independence, these countries have generally had a negative opinion of the holiday, which is only commemorated by diehard Communist loyalists.

As Western men grow increasingly burdened by authoritarian feminism, perhaps we can identify with the subject peoples of the Communist Bloc. Perhaps, some day in the future we, too, can throw off the shackles of oppressive dogma and forced equality and once again stand and live as free men. Then, as it is now in recently liberated countries, the day will be remembered only as a hated symbol of a cruel regime.

Harvard: From Nation's Most Prestigious University to Feminist Farce

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No social class enforces the damaging lie of absolute gender equality so much as the elites. It is no small irony that those with the greatest wealth and social power are often the most self-righteous about their moral superiority. All humility is lost on the highest tiers of American society, and today their hubris is exaggerated to ridiculous levels. Although it may seem like a joke to those of us in the real world outside of the sheltered institutions of most hallowed academe, it is the little people who inevitably pay the consequences of power's excess.

On February 23, Jason Mattera, spokesman for the Young America's Foundation, criticized feminism in front of an audience in Washington DC. Now, the YAF appears to be little more than a Republican front dedicated to bringing cornfed kids into the shameful charade of national politics, so it would be a mistake to see throw our lot in with these guys. However, Harvard's indignant response to Mr. Mattera's criticism of feminism demonstrates the degeneration of a once proud institution into the burlesque.

For example, Mattera brought up classes such as "Cyber Feminism" and a class on deconstructing the "new feminist black man," and criticized feminism for presenting a warped view of diversity. In response, Linda Ellison, who lectures in Harvard's Women and Gender Studies Program, defended feminism, saying that it was diverse because it challenges conservative viewpoints on abortion and premarital sex. This is ridiculous, because this is sacred feminist dogma, and there's nothing "diverse" at all about a feminist upholding orthodox feminist principles. This would be analogous to a Jesuit missionary in pre-Christian Guatemala calling his conversion of natives a contribution to diversity.

Linda Ellison is apparently a former Mormon who, at Harvard's Divinity School, became an ardent feminist, so the missionary comparison is quite apt in this case.

Perhaps in part in response to increasingly vocal opposition to feminism on the part of proles, Harvard launched a "Feminist Coming Out Day" to celebrate feminist victories. Organized by the Radcliffe Union of Students and the Harvard Queer Students and Allies, the exercise in feminist triumphalism went on display in Harvard's Adams Art Space, where Harvard luminaries such as Alan Dershowitz and Timothy McCarthy metaphorically dropped their trousers and came out as feminists. Dershowitz is a strange case here, because he has explicitly argued against certain rape shield laws that prevent any inquiry into accusers' past sexual behavior (including past false rape allegations) on the part of the defense counsel. Maybe, to maintain his prestige in the new Harvard, he needs to declare himself a feminist, but that certainly doesn't say much for his principles.

It has been less than 40 years since Harvard became fully coed, and in that short time it has apparently become a slave to feminist ideology. In retrospect, it is amazing how quickly such institutions can decay from pillars of tradition to hotbeds of crass radicalism, following every ideological fad that blows in like some foul wind. I wonder sometimes what should be done with them when the inevitable collapse of feminist supremacy occurs. Should these tragic failures be preserved and reformed, or should they be allowed to expire to make way for a new society?

I should stop posting about this, but….

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Some articles are just begging for it:

Women finding love in the World of Warcraft.

Women cheer when other women become cheating skanks because they are protecting the right to become cheating skanks themselves. News at 11. As biased as you could expect. An extract (and actual quote from the skank herself):

> "We spent every night sharing photos and talking on webcam. In time we grew closer and closer. We didn't play WoW for the game any longer, but rather to be together. Both of us were scared of our feelings but one night we declared our love for each other."

As any people who has surfed the Internet enough for finding a porn add (that being about 5 seconds) can tell you, we know perfectly well what they were sharing on webcam. That's the webcam main use.

Blah blah blah, WoW is a MMORPG (introduction for those who can't Google it) the mostly female guild likes the easygoing atmosphere (aka only sit and talk), maybe I'm biased but I want to kill stuff, not just use a glorified Messenger.

Some words from Felicia Day, a woman who was just a minor character in *Buffy* and started her own show *The Guild*, an Internet show. Saw it, got bored. It isn't funny and it just shows a woman who is blaming the game for all her failures in life. Blah blah blah wanna introduce more woman to WoW (please don't, all the drama for WoW becoming a female fad isn't worth it, not that it is likely) and the jewel of the crown, a quote from the woman herself:

> "I would consider myself a feminist. If I'm helping women get into playing games when they wouldn't have before, I'm proud of that. Women should be on equal footing everywhere."

Of course she's a feminist. Feminism a) produce the crops of manginas who only watch her unfunny crap for her not so good pussy that sustains her career and b) doesn't hold her accountable as a man would for spending so much time online.

And a interview to a member of the woman-only guild, Got Girls (duh). They bring these "benefits":

> "Men assume you play because you're lonely and looking for love, but we bring equality to a very male-dominated online society and even offer relationship advice to our male companions."

Equality isn't possible or wanted, my dear. Also, your relationship advice sucks. A lot.

> Sometimes political correctness goes out of the window — but it's all OK as we know that they're joking and we give as good as we get."

You are saying it like Political Correctness was a good thing. Is not.

As I've said, some articles just beg to be eviscerated.

Single Mother Tries to Get Toddler Son to Take the Fall for Arson

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Terminkia L. Humphrey has been charged with first-degree arson after several fires erupted in an apartment she had just been asked to leave. She was staying with her former sister-in-law and six children in the apartment in Kent, a working-class suburb south of Seattle. Ms. Humphrey denied noticing any fires or smoke before leaving to move her belongings to a storage facility, but a witness allegedly saw her packing bags in her van as smoke billowed out of the apartment window.

While firemen questioned her, her four year old son claimed to have found a lighter in his mother's purse and set a fire in the closet. The fire investigator noted four separate locations at which fires had been set, and that the kitchen burners had been left on. Investigators do not believe the toddler set the fires, and even if he had she would have had to allow [or encourage] him to do so.

Hopefully this case will see Ms. Humphrey's little boy removed from her custody and sent to live with his father, if he can be identified and is not incarcerated.

The Plague of Modern Masculinity

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Authors note: Dr. Paul is on sabbatical. I decided to offer this one up. It is an overhaul of an earlier work, and is most likely still a transitional piece. So comments, especially from those with and eye for lapses in consistency, are most welcome.

Scores of our young men today are stranded at an impasse on the road to realizing manhood. They are bogged down in the confusion of a generation lost to treacherous forces they never saw, for reasons they were never able to comprehend. They are struggling and starving; unable to feed their souls in a world that finds them increasingly unnecessary and burdensome.

They have come of age in a time of coerced impotence, their nascent masculinity gutted and stripped long before having the opportunity to shape their character and their destiny. In that they are suffering from the loss of things never held, from things missing but never known. They are, quite literally, a lost generation of the walking wounded, wandering blindly from a battlefield on which they never knew they stood.

In that light, the path they are on is not really the road to manhood, but simply a retreat from the effacing malice woven into the very fabric of their developmental lives. And it takes them not to safe ground, but directly into a dismal culture of shallowness and self indulgence; a realm of options without obligations; of self gratification without self awareness or self discipline. It is the death march of the western male, destined for a withering end ensured by intellectual, psychological and moral atrophy.

This aimless, narcissistic existence is a forced escape from lives shrouded in shame; from manhood being reduced to an evolutionary joke in the eyes of a culture that holds it in contempt, even as the elders deny it is happening. With the wholesale whitewashing by society and abandonment by the fathers more or less complete, the newly (de)engineered young man is all but defenseless against this downward spiral into terminal insignificance.

It's happening all around us. One only need look at current events to see that the world of men is quite literally circling he drain; disappearing from the stable foundations of education and employment. They are targeted with disinformation about crime and domestic violence, and about deviant sexual proclivities with women and children. These are no longer just the ruminations of twisted ideologues. The demagoguery now emanates directly from the government, backed by men with gavels, *and men with guns*. The judicial apparatus has been reshaped, not to pursue justice, but to incarcerate men at every opportunity, even to enable and encourage false accusations to accomplish that goal. This isn't just about male bashing any more. It is about male subjugation. And it is not being executed by feminists or women, but by men.

We might proffer that the solution is a redirection to days past, when we imagine that men made masters of sacred codes; when they possessed strength and purpose and would stand against this growing tragedy and defeat it. We would be wrong. We can only find that Thomas C. Wolfe was right. You can't go home again. And what's more, you really don't want to. It was, in a sense, home that got us here. And that is a truth we must face, no matter how natural or compelling the tendency to point to any other "outside" force and satisfy our frustrations with the simplistic convenience of an easily identified enemy.

As always, our true enemy is in the mirror. The only thing that will save us is to face up to that and act accordingly.

In the fitful and often strange world of the men's movement, we attempt to answer this social malady; to create a haven, if only an intellectual one, for the refugees of this godforsaken gender war. It is a mission often hobbled by our own hands, yet the work goes on, limping toward solutions. We strive, I think, as men who have taken the red pill and seen through the Matrix, to formulate an appropriate response, and in our own way to push some sanity and balance back into the collective consciousness; to force it past the architects of institutional misandry, both male and female. But even as we exert pressure, we don't have a firm grasp on what it is we are fighting.

We have not ascertained, nor have we even really thoroughly tried to, what role traditional manhood plays in the problem. Unfortunately, what we have too often done is practice the obstinate politics of wounded children who insist that they have no role in whatever befalls their lives. We have, at times, angrily and energetically reacted to misandry, but have balked with equal vigor at seriously examining how we fostered and enabled it with masculine codes of conduct. Consequently, all of our efforts rooted in this approach have failed, and miserably so. We have made some progress, and will no doubt eventually mature into a more effective movement, but not before we embrace more than the hostility we feel for perceived enemies.

Our most functional response thus far is to check out and go our own way, but I contend that an exit is not a destination, but just a needed removal from the line of fire; a chance to collectively regroup and rethink. Remember that the young men festering at those crossroads have, in their own way, checked out, too. It isn't looking too good on them.

And it forces us, sooner or later, to swallow a pill that some will find bitter. And to face a reality that some will find unconscionable.

The feminists were right. Masculinity has, as it relates to modern realities, corrupt, oppressive and destructive elements that need to change.

And yes, I mean that literally. And no, I'm not kidding.

In fact, the entire thrust of my argument is that the monstrous social degeneration we are now witnessing, more than anything else, is the result of outmoded and horribly misguided masculinity.

Of course, once we dig more than a nanometer deep into the subject we find that objectivity and reason veer us onto an entirely different philosophical trajectory than the pathologically twisted and apoplectic mindset of feminist ideologues.

To chart our course, we will do two things that feminists never did. First, we will look at the subject without a politically driven agenda for unjustified revenge, or a mandate to dominate the other half of the population. And two, we will proceed with the sincere goal of benefit for everyone, not just an elite group.

The only sensible place to start is with a more grounded understanding of masculinity itself, something that can't be done in a 3,500 word essay, but can, with even marginally appropriate treatment, arrive at far better conclusions than the last forty years of women's and gender studies. We can rely on the combined contributions of history, mythology, politics and, most importantly, human sociobiology. For in the end we are a species of animals whose very existence depended on the development of reproductive strategies, the primary of which is that the most aggressive and

powerful males are selected for mating by the most reproductively viable females. Those strategies arose from an environment of necessity and produced an effective way to produce offspring with the highest probability of survival. As a function of survival, that strategy, and not patriarchal conspiracy, shaped the male hierarchy, as well as what we now call *masculinity*.

Some dry facts- The hierarchy of men:

Despite the numerous male archetypal figures of history and legend, there are truly only four basic types of men. Three of the more commonly known are the alphas, betas and omegas. The fourth I will address later.

Alpha males are a very, very small fraction of the male population. They are highly dominant men who reside at near the top of all populations, from social groups to national governments. These men are generally characterized by the ability to force the deference of other men, often mistaken for leadership, and to obtain and hold power, which lends them dominance in being selected for mating by the most desirable females. There is no evidence to suggest this is any different now than at any other time in history, and there is no way to underestimate the importance of the mating strategy in the phenomenon of the alpha male.

Success often has its price. Alphas also tend to be obsessively controlling, abusive and megalomaniacal. If you point to any despot in world history that slaughtered scores of his own people, for the need to maintain control, or for sheer sadistic pleasure, you are pointing at an alpha male. With alphas, you can throw your imagined codes of honor out the window. Those codes are nothing more than tools used to force betas and omegas into compliance with their agendas. All romanticism aside, the code of the alpha male is to conquer and control, both the objects of his desire and the men he exploits and expends to acquire them. Characterologically speaking, they are a minute, worst representation of the male of the species. But they also get things done, and with great efficiency if you don't factor weigh the loss of freedom and human life.

Incidentally, their characteristics are also the same ones that feminists have erroneously used to define masculinity in one broad stroke, painting all men as domineering and oppressive. Success at this enabled them to take other microscopic minorities of men and attribute their characteristics to men in general as well, e.g. abusers, pedophiles, rapists, etc…

Historically, the challengers to alphas frequently came from other alphas and often from the ranks of beta males, who form the next tier down in the male power structure. Betas serve as the alphas enforcers, the strong-arms used to maintain control over greater numbers. They also play the role of "yes men," affording them their own realm of power and putting them within striking distance (or scavenging proximity) of the alphas position and status, including sexual primacy. Like roadies for a rock band, fortune often filters its way into their hands, and beds.

At the bottom, and most heavily populated part of the hierarchy, are the omega males. These are the pawns on a chessboard, often under the direct control of alpha, or by proxy, beta males. This is the common man, and the one most vulnerable to the hazards of common life.

A good way to look at this is to take a look at the military chain of command. The general tendency is that the alphas, betas and omegas shed increasing amounts of blood in descending order and claim increasing shares of the spoils of victory in ascending order.

Government runs in the same way. In the simplest of terms, alpha lawmakers use beta law enforcement officers to exercise their will on the generally omega population.

Or rather government used to work that way, but it really doesn't any more.

The political sell out that changed the world.

Alpha males in government didn't just collude with feminist ideologues in order to garner a sizable and dependable voting bloc. They had wives to contend with, many of whom were supporting feminism, which effectively reduced everything to the biological imperative. Alpha males are no less, and arguably even more disposed to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure sexual status. Faced with a perceived threat to that, they effectively ceded the alpha position and became beta enforcers for the feminist agenda. You won't find better examples of that than Barak Obama or Joe Biden, or George Bush for that matter. These alphas became the beta muscle for a feminist Mafioso, maintaining rank and privilege through enforcing ideological imperatives on the defenseless masses beneath them. They became cops hauling men to jail on the simple accusation of their wives. They became judges bludgeoning men with their gavels in corrupt courtrooms; politicians passing ever more misandric legislation; C.E.O.'s of pharmaceutical companies pushing drugs like Ritalin to sap the vitality and strength out of our boys, to make them more malleable in female hands once the father had been removed from the home.

Isn't this ironic? The supposed pinnacle of strength in the male hierarchy was revealed by feminism to actually be the pinnacle of sexual weakness. This series of events is also a lesson in real power, and where it resides, which in the realm of sexual selection has always been in the hands of the women who did the selecting.

But an even greater irony is revealed. Women, who have bemoaned a lack of power for ages, and in fact still do, found out four decades ago that all they had to do to gain almost complete control was step up and demand it be handed over, playing the sex card as they did so. And it was handed over, by the most powerful men in the world, who in the presence of these women became like butlers offering cocktails on a serving tray.

I am not fond of that conclusion. In fact, as a man who continually struggles to break old world ties, I am rather embarrassed by it.

Nothing learned, nothing gained.

Nonetheless, what happened here on the whole was that women, their raw biological power masquerading as feminism, have taken the dominant alpha status in our culture, and the result is quickly becoming an age of oppression and injustice more insidious and intractable than any other. It is in the biological, survival oriented nature of women to enhance their lives through the utilization of male labor and male expendability, without compunction or moral constraint, and that is exactly where our culture has ended up on an Orwellian scale.

Defeating this monstrosity requires the insanely formidable task of battling (figuratively) through beta enforcers masquerading as alpha controllers, not to a command post with someone in charge, but through a pervasive ideology that snakes like countless invisible tentacles through the consciousness of the population at large, and that emanate from the very heart of human evolutionary psychology.

And the first strike in that battle should be, must be, at the elements of masculinity that allowed it all to happen.

Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

They say there is nothing new under the sun. History infers wisdom in those words. We can see with proper discernment that the women's movement was not really a new era for women at all. It is, on

close inspection, just women and men practicing their biological strategies in a highly successful manner. So successfully, in fact, that it is rendering large portions of the male population even more expendable. So expendable, in fact, that we are now creating reasons to get rid of them.

It was destined to happen once male control of the environment made it safe enough for women to start acquiring power and resources outside the traditional and protected realm of the home. This is why you see feminism with its strongest foothold in industrialized nations founded on the rule of law. And it is why you see that law itself is now being manipulated away from the idea of justice (which was its intent in a man's world) and toward the funneling of added protection and resources to women (which has always been the intent in the world shared by both sexes).

It is not the pursuit of equality or the love of egalitarian values that has led to feminist governance, but pure blind human biology, practiced in the same way it was on the plains of Africa a million years ago. And the stunning successes of men making all manner of advances since then has now begun to take us out of the picture.

Quite simply, men have worked themselves out of a job.

As noted earlier, we have already begun to disappear from the ranks of the employed and educated, and the government is adopting policies to accelerate that process. It doesn't take a conspiracy nut to understand that this will eventually become a disappearance from the planet. In practical terms, there are not near as many men needed proportionally as there once was. The ones that remain will be of increasingly lower status and will be subject to ever more draconian control.

But of course, there is one factor that will turn the tide before it's over. It is the instinct for survival. It is the only instinct stronger than sex, and it has already shown signs of emerging. We call it the men's movement; MRA's, MGTOW, and the like. We are the evidence that men transcending biology is possible; proof that there actually can be something new under the sun. And we are growing rapidly because more and more men are beginning to see misandry for what it is; a loaded gun pointed directly at their heads, and at the heads of their sons.

Unlike feminism, which is simply a normal, functioning part of the female sex role advanced to destructive levels, masculism is the exact polar opposite. This is the *first time in human history* that men are organizing to overcome their biological mandate and to reverse the flow of survival power back to the world of men. And while our ranks contain many who are misinformed, and who in fact unwittingly play into the wrong agendas with support of chivalry and traditionalism, those notions are becoming increasingly unpopular and more commonly attacked on philosophical grounds. The men's movement is starting to *get it*.

And this is precisely the battle we need to fight! Not with women and not with feminists of either sex, but with the aspects of masculinity that are leading to our destruction because they are now outmoded, archaic and self defeating. What remains of chivalry is better described as toxic waste in the water supply. And just as we depart from the old definitions of masculinity, we must do the same with chivalry. It may have once also been a code of honor used by alphas to control other men, but in the modern world we all know it has but one meaning- female privilege. And so now we can call chivalry by more modern names, e.g. VAWA, primary aggressor laws, family court, prosecution on false accusation, media bias against men- and *misandry*.

The fourth type of man- the zeta male.

As previously noted, the men's movement is a unique and literally unprecedented phenomena. It will bring with it some other firsts. One of them is the socio-sexual warrior, and I refer to him for the

purpose of this discourse as the zeta male. The tag remains faithful to the Greek alphabet classification of the other three types of men, but there is more purpose to the label. I took it from the star Zeta Persei. I liked the navigational metaphor of the star as it is applicable in the context of the lost generation. But I was also intrigued to learn that Persei is a variation of Perseus, the first of the Greek mythological heroes. Perseus had a remarkable talent for slaying archaic monsters, Medusa the Gorgon among them, who as a mortal woman possessed great beauty, and was self enamored and struck with the power of her sexual allure until she was turned into a hideous monster by Athena, who later used her severed head as a weapon on her shield.

In 1940, an article by Sigmund Freud was posthumously published, entitled *Medusa's Head* (Das Medusenhaupt) in which he postulated that Medusa represented castration in a child's mind related to discovered and denied maternal sexuality.

Even more interesting is that in modern times, feminists (Women: A Journal of Liberation, 1978) adopted and reinterpreted the image of Medusa as representative of women's rage, and it served as a binding symbol of feminist solidarity.

So Perseus, namesake of Zeta Persei, was the slayer of oedipal shame (control) and the murderously powerful raging feminist archetype.

The zeta male.

This classification of a male is new because this is a male that until recent times was never needed, and indeed was never there. He is emergent and unpolished and struggling to find his legs, but is doing so thanks to the fertile, safe ground, provided by, of all things, other emerging zetas on the internet. He has no allegiance to tradition or nostalgia for the past, and in fact is charged with plotting a new course. He cannot be shamed into control or intimidated into silence or seduced into capitulation. He doesn't fit in the classic hierarchy, and would gladly bring it down in the name of his cause. When someone says he needs to act like a real man, he smiles and says, "No, thank you."

He doesn't seek power, but justice. And he has one overarching feature largely absent in the world around him.

He cares about those lost young men who were ambushed coming out of the womb. And he will strive to make himself an example, living proof that there are other roads to take than the ones that lead to self hatred and self destruction.

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Are Foreign Women Really Better Looking?

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Just for the fun of it, I decided to look around at various female news anchors around the world to see how our own stacked up (heh) against them. I chose TV news anchors because, although they have to be attractive compared to the average woman, the standards are more realistic than they are for, say, bikini models. A news anchor should be at least a 7, and might represent (in terms of looks) an attainable woman for the average, ambitious guy. Needless to say, the results were depressing, as these things so often are for American men. Not only are we often disappointed while out on the streets of our once-mighty nation, we can't even see something pleasant when we watch the nightly news, and to top it all off, now we know how much better other guys have it in the rest of the world.

It was harder than I thought to find photos of international news anchors (language barrier presents a problem in Google search), but I came up with a few for comparison. The header photo is of French news anchor Melissa Thieuriau.

Russian anchor for RT English language Russian broadcast Anna Federova:

Chinese CCTV anchor Shi Dan (puts Connie Chung in the proper perspective):

Brazilian news anchor Patricia Poeta:

And, finally, our very own Katie Couric:

I think we'll all agree that France takes the gold in this competition. But if you aren't sure of that, simply get a load of Melissa without her makeup on.

Are Women Lightweight?

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[This post submitted by codebuster]

What does Game tell us about the psychology of women? Why is an alpha bad-boy most likely to get the gal? Let's take a peek. But first, let's establish the basis why women think differently to men, because it is not in the genes.

Introduction to the basic theory

A woman can never be attracted to a man if she perceives him either as less than her or, worse, equal with her. Why is this? It is because being provided for is a woman's birthright. And the provider/provided for roles are about much more than just money. They represent very different states of mind. Parents provide for their children, boys and girls, up until they come of age. But where the boy is encouraged early on in his life to learn to stand on his own two feet, the girl is not. The girl unconditionally enjoys an entitlement to being provided for, and she is reminded of this whenever she is provided with the soft options, whenever anyone steps in to protect her from the nasty world outside. A girl carries with her the expectation of this entitlement through to adulthood, marriage, and into old age, and it is reinforced in the politics of affirmative action and VAWA.

It's not in the genes.

But these sorts of entitlements come with costs. Entitlement-thinking is impulsive and compulsive thinking. It encourages indulgence and discourages rationality. I want. Gimme gimme gimme. Me, I, me, me, I want, I need, I hurt, gimme gimme gimme. What a woman has never learned to confront and control she instead learns to avoid. She learns inadequacy and dependency, and she learns to look up to those who are more capable than her. She cannot avoid this. It is an emotional reaction over which she has little control. She is unable to resist the type of man that fits the sort of profile she values and respects. And as Steve Moxon (author of the Women Racket) once pointed out in an online forum, men fall in love, women fall in respect.

Yes, that's right. Even with bad-boy bikers and musicians, 'respect' is the crucial component behind 'dangerous'. 'Dangerous' provides that spicy thrill that combines fear with excitement to give a lady the tingles.

If a man is unable to deliver on respect, he misses out altogether on that wetting-her-panties enthusiasm that yearns "Here I am! Here I am! Talk to me!" If he fails to impress, he'll never see that flick of her hair as she glances back to see if he's noticed her.

Clearly, women have different notions to men as to what constitutes respectably, but that's a topic beyond the scope of this essay.

Entitlement and the flight response

When a woman is confronted with a situation, avoidance becomes fear and an impulsive retreat from the situation is her first instinct. While it may be true that women often 'play' hard-to-get exactly as instructed in rule books written by dating 'experts', it is also true that women spook easily, and being hard-to-get is often less a strategy than it is a reflex, a flight response, a manifestation of women's

proclivity to avoidance.

Women jump to conclusions, reading more into situations that more rational minds would be inclined to leave undefined. They have trouble making up their minds and committing to a course of action, and would rather flee a situation than deal with it head on. Whether as deliberate strategy or as instinctive flight response, playing hard-to-get ultimately taps into the psyche of the entitled, for whom an escape route, a way out, is just another entitlement. If women find a situation too stressful, they freak and head for the hills. Why? Because the entitlement mentality that they've enjoyed since childhood has never taught them to confront the situations that are important to them. This is why even the most attractive women, women you'd think can do better, can sometimes finish up settling for wealthy but hunch-backed gnomes or 'financially secure' but sniveling gollums. But hey, why look a gift-provider in the mouth? Why work yourself up in anticipation over a handsome, successful dude who can leave you for another woman, when you can be provided for for the rest of your life by a predictable non-descript who is at least financially secure? For a man, looks can help, but looks can be quite incidental to the ultimate priorities that many women value.

Let's pause a moment here. Does evolutionary psychology (EP) help us in understanding any of this? Of course it doesn't. No amount of referencing on the topic of hunter-gatherers on the savannah from the Pleistocene era sheds any light whatsoever on what motivates women and men. What does shed light on all of this is context (associative learning, conditioning, Pavlov's dog).

The things that a woman has learned throughout her life come to bear on her impulses, her choices and her flight response. A pampered princess learns that she will always be served, and that this is her entitlement where the only requirement of her is, certainly as far as contemporary western women are concerned, to turn up. There is no onus on her to bear responsibility either for her choices or the outcome.

But it has not always been this way. There was a time, not all that long ago, when women were also held accountable, when they also had their own responsibilities, when they too were judged in accordance with the choices they made. Back in a not-so-distant past, when a woman chose a knucklehead, there was perfect justification for everyone else to conclude that she too must be a knucklehead-equivalent… a slut, a bimbo, or just a really dumb doormat.

The importance of social proof

Notice how women work themselves into a lather about things, arbitrary things, that for one reason or another are noticed, become an issue and go on to become the focus of their collective attentions. It's all in the spirit of jumping to conclusions – if you have limited information, just accept as given that which everyone else accepts. And, true to form, they'll come to a consensus about some dude in the office, work themselves into a lather and decide that he's 'hot'. They'll wet their panties, falling over themselves vying for his attention. It's a collective feeding-frenzy thing, rarely related to logic or fact. It's as arbitrary as the weather and as predictable as the winning number in a lottery. Brad Pitt? George Clooney? Yeah, ok… but I think this Clooney/Pitt cliché has more to do with lather and froth than with better, taller, more handsome, more formidable. Nothing beats the social proof of publicity and fame and the self-indulgence of women working themselves into a lather.

Ever notice how women are drawn to your vicinity when you are accompanied by an attractive woman? A man might be forgiven for muttering under his breath, "I'm with her standing alongside me, you dumb fuck, leave us alone." This is social proof in action. It's the lament of many a man that

it's either a drought or a flood. Success breeds success, and this applies more so to women than anything else. If you are on your own, if you're down on your luck, regardless of your potential, regardless of your courage and natural charisma, you can forget the flood, and it is more likely the drought with which you will be most acquainted. Social proof. It is perhaps the most essential component of context.

The importance of context

Here's something that you can't learn from the hunter-gatherers of the Pleistocene era. First, let's consider 'traditional' women outside of the Anglosphere. Do we know why providing a woman with gifts used to be so effective? Do we know why taking a woman to fancy restaurants with ambience and atmosphere used to win her over? Of course these practices don't work as well as they used to, because they can create a context that makes the modern woman uncomfortable – too much anticipation, too much angst, so much to be responsible for. So let's fast-forward to today's zeitgeist. Do we know why single women are attracted to married men? Do we know why married women like to make out with strangers? Do we know why married women like to fantasize about being raped, or why single women like to fantasize romance with George Clooney or Brad Pitt?

Let's put this into more tangible terms. Context is what grabs a woman. Let's go back to our restaurant example, even if it is a bit out of date, because restaurants are all about creating context. I remember one of my first jobs after graduating, taking a client to an expenses-paid fancy restaurant in London and immersing myself in the context of it all, the view through the windows from high up to the bright lights of the city below. I remember thinking to myself… "hmmm, I can dig this. I like this job." After the initial exposure, though, eating at fine restaurants was not a big deal, because for a man, with his identity defined by his success, fine restaurants are just a part of the job and the routine. A man is in control of the contexts he creates, and therefore he is not so easily impressed by them.

But think of the same situation from the perspective of a woman that you are taking on a date. She's not really into you, at first, but once you've had the opportunity to have her taste a context, a sense of what you stand for, you've put yourself in the position of changing her mind. Whether she prefers the humble context of a cozy restaurant with intimacy and atmosphere, or the more flash surrounds with celebrity, bright lights, status, connections and happenings, if you get the context right, she's as good as hooked. She thinks to herself, "hmmm, I can dig this. He's not my type, but I like this context. I like meeting his friends. I like the package." Because she's not in control of the context, she's less likely to understand it, and she'll be more easily impressed by it. And you've passed first base.

Of course, you could still blow it, especially if you come across as a needy wuss who is eager to provide her with a free lunch, no strings attached. Why? Because you've jinxed the context. You no longer fit with the context as a success. The success-context that has been so important in the lead-up no longer applies. But if you stay consistent with the context, you should have no problem.

Same with sex with married men. Married men provide a context. They have assets, a luxurious mansion and exotic cars. They represent a package. They have family, wife, kids, a package that spells 'influence' and 'success'… and of course, social proof, because somebody 'loves' them. For many women, a married man may be out of bounds… but not necessarily uninteresting. But for other women, a man's marriage is the only kind of social proof that they can take with them to the bank. A married man is dangerous, and the context that he represents is addictive. There are risks associated with getting involved with a married man, and this provides some of that spice that suites many

women just fine.

Same with sex with strangers… a new kind of context, a new kind of package. The thrill of illicit sex is the thrill of the forbidden, and this alleviates the boredom for many a novelty-seeking woman who is tired of her stale relationship with predictable Joe Sixpack. Illicit sex with a dangerous, bad-boy rock star bears no comparison to illicit sex with a bespectacled nerd with a whiney voice. Illicit sex with a bespectacled nerd sounds too much like pity or charity to get a woman's rocks off, but illicit sex that meets all the standards of a rape fantasy works a treat.

Same if you own a yacht. A cynical woman wanting a free ride and boasting-credits enters your lair, and for all her wariness, for all her clever cynicism, depending on how you play the context and how comfortable you can make her feel, a part of her begins to yield. What accounts for this? Context. You work your magic and you change her mind. You do this by applying the laws of context.

Of course you can still blow it all… women these days are propositioned all the time and if the context you create is one of a needy wuss who is just trying to impress her, you will likely fail. Own your yacht, own yourself, allowing for the odds that she has her own self-indulgent agenda, and you'll be fine. And you'll never be disappointed.

Gifts, diamonds, trips, it's all about creating context. It's all about spinning a web that draws her in, that a woman can call home – or at least, in our current zeitgeist, an entertaining diversion. The key to context is that it plays on a woman's subconscious motivations. It develops over time and as she immerses herself into your world, your friends and the way to do things, she becomes addicted to this context, she becomes addicted to you. Even a hunch-backed gnome, if he can create a compelling enough context, can become an integral part of something of which she cannot let go. Even a hunch-backed gnome can own a label, he can stand for something, he can deliver on a context. And a powerful context can move even the tennest of tens.

A bum without a brass razoo to his name can create a powerful context that can draw a woman into his orbit. A freedom-fighter, a rebel with a cause has been known to inspire the odd romantic fantasy. Sometimes women misconstrue bad-boys for rebels with a cause, so it's not necessarily always about danger and rape fantasies. What it is all about is context. EP does not shed any light on how context works.

I'm not passing any value judgment here. This is just the way it is, it is how nature works. If I have any value judgment to make, it is the responsibility that contemporary women fail to take for the choices that they make. Women (feminists excepting) are not stupid. They know what they want, and they usually have a pretty good sense of what they are about to enter into.

So let's review what we know about game, and apply our preceding discussion on context and entitlement to understand why game works.

Why game works

The three main reasons that first come to mind (no doubt, there are others) all tap into the avoidance and flight responses that cannot be separated from a woman's learned sense of entitlement:

1. He owns himself. He does not expect much of her. Mocking, teasing and making fun of her, all in a good-natured kind of way of course, is integral to defusing her expectations. This defuses her self-consciousness and her feelings of inadequacy. It tells her, "honey, your jip is up… I'm not intimidated by your looks, I know you're kinda dumb, but I like you anyways, just as you

are." She no longer feels that she has to live up to any expectations, and this relieves the pressure;
2. His assumed confidence controls her low self-esteem and her inability to act decisively. She is relieved of the terror of decision-making and confrontation;
3. Her low self-esteem implies something important about the reality that she inhabits. More specifically, if someone comes across as 'valuing' her, or seeing her as an equal, she is likely to assume that there is something deficient in that person for doing so. It's a woman's interpretation of Groucho Marx's famous quip "I wouldn't want to belong to any club that would accept me as a member."

Brief note to the above… do women really have low self-esteem? Of course they do. I'm not talking about their deluded princess arrogance that is fed on a daily basis by chivalry and feminist propaganda. I'm talking about their real self-esteem, the one that they deny, lying just under the surface, the one that shrivels up when tested by reality. This is the approval-seeking self-esteem that makes them an easy target for the manipulations of PUAs (pick-up artist).

There are many layers that can be explored here, and as we look deeper, we realize that there are troubling aspects in the dynamics that hold sway between modern women and alphas:

- To begin with, imagine a man behaving as a woman in response to being mocked, teased and made fun of. What a loser, eh? And yet, women eat it up. They love being treated like children. Why? Because it consolidates their lower position on the pecking order. It resonates with a woman's entitlement to be provided for and a man's role as the successful provider;
- What's the significance of the fact that only if you don't expect much of a woman (that is, if you don't respect her), only then are you most likely to have your way with her? Weren't women only a couple of generations ago concerned about whether or not they'll be respected in the morning? These days, it seems that the absence of respect for women is virtually the only thing that will guarantee your success with women.

An aspiring PUA's most essential first lesson, then, is to realize that every woman is, deep down inside, little different to most moms. He's got to learn to humor them and baby them. The vast majority of women, if they can look beyond their narcissistic, career-grrrl delusions, are just moms-in-waiting with motherly priorities and a ticking clock fast approaching midnight. If he knows which buttons to push to set his own mother off, our aspiring PUA will be well-enough equipped, in the first instance, to learn Game.

Female sexuality explained

Now that we've introduced the basic elements of female entitlement and why context is so important, let's take a brief, introductory look at what this implies for female sexuality. A common assumption is that women have a diminished sex drive, virtually non-existent. Nothing can be further from the truth. For example, Rookh Kshatriya observed that "… the female sex drive is so miniscule compared to that of males", to which the following two paragraphs is the gist of my response to this line of reasoning.

Most of us have heard of the Islamic saying 'nine parts of desire'. Quoting Ali Ibn Abu Taleb (founder of the Shiite sect of Islam and also the husband of Mohammed's daughter, Fatima), "Almighty God created sexual desire in ten parts; then he gave nine parts to women and one to men."

Here's my take on the reason why women's nine parts of desire go unnoticed. It's because women, traditionally, are shielded and protected from birth through to infancy through to adulthood through to old age, and therefore ('traditionally' speaking) they are rarely put into the position of having to test their sexuality, to explore it. So they go through their shielded lives never knowing their true selves… they are in a perpetual state of virginal babyhood. But once they discover their own little secret, oftentimes there is no turning back, and this gives us a sense of where chivalry, and the impulse to 'save' a damsel in distress comes from… she needs to be saved from herself.

What manifests as low sex drive is, in reality, untested sex drive. Many women, preoccupied with the priority of being provided for, have no idea of the nature of the beast that lurks within.

So what's the gist of female sexuality? Anais Nin contends that violation is a secret erotic need in women. What does this mean? It seems to conjure up conflicting concepts relating to the forbidden, and the fear of the unknown. Think of women's proclivity to indulge in rape fantasies. And immediately in this we see the potential for one part vocally, consciously, insisting NO, but another part secretly, hesitantly, yearning for YES. This is the gist of Nin's contention that is played out in her stories. It is also a dynamic played out in romance novels.

Think about the forbidden for a moment, if you will. Every culture has it. And so I am talking about something primal, something that cuts across all cultures. Why? Because the forbidden is defined by culture. Sure, there are different forbiddens in every culture, but ultimately the most primal thing across all cultures is this notion of no-go zones, the notion of the forbidden. Anais Nin captures the essence of these notions in her writings, without spelling it out. If women are inclined to safe, predictable lives where routine defines security and a life worth living, it is this primal thrill of the forbidden that lurks in the shadows, an ever-present uncertainty that a fine lady of impeccable breeding might lower her guard to discover the depraved beast within.

Porn star Sasha Grey is interesting because she brings some credible analysis to the matter of women's roles in pornography. She seems to be better able than most women to analyze things from a more tangible perspective that others can better understand – I'm deliberately avoiding value judgments here, we're here to learn, not judge… right? She's ventured beyond the forbidden, and her journey is not yet over. Were any other woman also to go there, they might discover things they could never have imagined and they would be justified in being concerned whether or not there was a way back.

Female sexuality is not trivial. Just like male sexuality, female sexuality must also contend with the forces of darkness. Women of entitlement, oftentimes even those that behave like complete sluts, can be entirely oblivious to their sexuality and its more formidable aspects. The 'lie back and think of Mother England' type is alive and well, and this type you'll encounter in places as varied as strip joints and HR departments. Don't let this type fool you. They may be completely ignorant of their most primal natures, but there are many others who prefer to keep what they know to themselves. All this is fascinating stuff that is beyond the scope of this essay, so let's wrap up for now.

The future of Game

Included among the practitioners of Game is an assortment of pretenders and mommas' boys, who wouldn't last long in a bloodlust society ruled by warlords. They would have their heads lobbed off long before they would be cast out and laughed into the surrounding desert.

It raises concerns about modern society that men (of the PUA school) would be motivated to learn

techniques to pick up women. While the motivations for developing Game vary from casual sex through to strengthening existing long term relationships (hence the acronym 'LTR'), it seems that we've lost sight of the purpose and meaning of manhood.

It is not the purpose of men to be trying to measure up in the eyes of women – not as nature intended, anyways. But it seems that this is the only way that most contemporary manifestations of Game can be interpreted. Game is about pleasing women, and measuring up to their terms – yet avoiding being seen to be seeking their approval. It's a fine balancing act, a deception that conceals a shortfall. And I'm not so sure that I'd care to measure up in the eyes of those predisposed to believing that astrology is science or that social proof establishes character.

This sad indictment of modern society extends to women. For ultimately, Game, in its mainstream, marketed form, would not work if women were not so shallow, self-indulgent, predictable and so easily manipulated.

In other cultures from other times, boys often underwent challenging initiation programs to establish their coming of age into manhood. That was the test of a man, not whether he had an soh (sense of humor) or passed an assortment of popularity tests. Men do need to learn about things like courage and honor… not the smash-face variety of the thugs that attract the sluts and the bimbos, but the more formidable variety that resonates with something more profound.

Game is useful. It works. It provides a true test of how men and women think in very different ways. But we should see it as a stepping-stone. May we move on to the next stage, towards a higher plane of evolutionary development.

CONCLUSION

EP sheds no light whatsoever on how men and women think. It sheds no light whatsoever on the motivations, fears or desires of men and women. Its sole insight is the neo-Darwinian interpretation of natural and sexual selection. Natural/ sexual selection is an important dynamic that operates in any ecosystem, and whilst it is certainly not a trivial force of nature, it doesn't really help us to understand how men and women think.

Are women 'lightweight'? It's probably not too different to asking if men are 'evil'. If we consider that women enjoy entitlement privileges that no longer require them to take responsibility for the choices that they make, then of course, women are lightweight. But what about the men who accept this absurdly unfair situation? What about the men who persist with chivalry and their role as provider chumps in the face of all this injustice? In a culture where one sex is lightweight, it thus follows that so too is the other. For the reality is that men and women deserve each other, and 'lightweight' is the common ground that they share. It is the common ground that allows absurdity to feed absurdity.

A popular myth is that men are so predictable because they think with their dicks. But the reality is quite the opposite. When you understand how context works, then you can better appreciate that it is women who are more predictable, more easily corralled into a desired outcome. The idea that men think with their dicks is an assumption, and that's all it is. Whilst it is an assumption that has force in the current zeitgeist, because men have allowed it, the reality is that men who do not subscribe to this zeitgeist often find themselves in the position of trying to reassure some dingbat that she's misread his cues, and that he really has no intentions on her.

Understanding context is the key to understanding how and why Game works so well. EP provides

nothing of the sort.

English Degree Worth $8.55 Per Hour

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As our feminized education system devalues credentials by pumping out hundreds of thousands of young women with humanities degrees, the glut is taking its toll on the labor market, leading to plummeting wages amongst the literate set. Now, right here in the US, we have our very own Chinese sweatshop content production line run by lolcat internet entrepreneur Ben Huh, who employs college grads at Washington state's minimum wage of $8.55 per hour.

Huh claims that offering such low wages is how he attracts premium talent, but that's obviously a load. He's paying people so little *because he can*, and he can because there are so many people out there who think of themselves as "writers."

As I well know, the market for content producers is absolutely saturated. Only a few can stand out of a field of millions, and the rest will be relegated to low-wage jobs. A few experts, such as tech writers and editors can make a decent living, but when you've got dozens of people competing for the same job, all else being equal, the one who will take it for the lowest wage will be the one who gets the job.

Huh's website, icanhascheezburger.com, is based on the lolcat meme he ripped off from 4chan. Sure, the pictures of cats are a bit amusing, but this is one trend that isn't going to last. He's got 30 employees producing this junk for peanuts, which is essentially the same model Walmart used to bring us millions of tons of cheap trinkets produced in factories in Canton.

When our colleges are pumping out kids with degrees that qualify them for little more than putting pictures of cats up on the internet, it's time to take a serious look at what's gone wrong. Was the feminization of our universities a good idea if this is the result? Does this add any real value to the US economy?

Old Men more Likely to Have Sex than Old Women

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According to *Time*, a pending British Medical Journal article finds that even past retirement, most men are sexually active, while the same is not true for women of that age. Even among men between 75 and 85, over a third are still having sex.

Researcher Patricia Goodson, working at Texas A&M, is attempting to figure out why older women do not see this as a problem, probably because feminists are becoming concerned about the geriatric sex gap.

We will likely see efforts by old feminists such as Pepper Schwartz and Gloria Steinem to address the geriatric sex gap by encouraging old women to have sex even if they don't really want to. If that doesn't work, one can imagine a public campaign to stop old men from having sex, possibly accompanied by legislation.

A Call for Support

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The Spearhead has been around for almost six months now, and considering its short life and rather sudden emergence, it's made quite an impact. Looking around, subtle cues are emerging even in the mainstream that people are recognizing that feminism has gone too far, and men across the Anglosphere are starting to let it be known that they are fed up. We are getting nearly a thousand first-time visitors every day through searches and referrals, and a significant proportion of those people are sticking around to see what we have to say.

I suspect some higher level pundits have read some of our articles, and are thinking about the implications of a society filled with rootless, disenfranchised men. Perhaps they are a bit worried; they should be if they value stability, productivity and growth.

I'm delighted that our publication has been climbing its way into the public consciousness, and excited about its potential. In fact, I'm so optimistic about the prospect for making a real difference that I've taken it on as my primary job, and that's where things get complicated.

As much as I'd like to pretend that money doesn't matter, little things like my computer falling apart recently, the need to feed my kids and pay bills, and the other mundane costs of life continue to pile up. As a simple man with simple tastes, my needs are not great, but there is a bare minimum associated with life in America. Because I am primarily motivated by abstract ideals rather than concrete profits, I'd be perfectly happy to keep putting a great deal of work into *The Spearhead* for that bare minimum, but I do have to meet it.

Ad and affiliate revenue has risen to almost $200/month, which covers my costs as far as bandwidth and overhead (not counting hardware). This is roughly 10% of what I need to get by. My next goal, which I have mentioned before, is to start publishing books in both electronic and print format, and I have recently set up a good system for producing them. All I need to proceed is to purchase some ISBNs to finish setting up my account with the printer. I am hopeful that *The Spearhead* will be self-sustaining through a combined income approach in due course, but that will take some time.

Eventually, we're going to have to go from words to action, and I have some plans along those lines as well. Of course, one can only take on so much at once, but I can imagine putting some effort into influencing some political campaigns come summer and fall. Defeating feminist senator Patty Murray, champion of VAWA and IMBRA, is something I'd be thrilled to help accomplish, and I already have some potentially useful ideas that might help with that.

Last time I asked for some support – three months ago almost to the day – quite a few people came through. Some donors have truly humbled me with their generosity. Following that appeal and subsequent response, I began to put substantially more work into *The Spearhead*. This paid off with rapid growth over the next couple months. In fact, it grew so fast that I could barely handle all the comments and attention. Things have evened out a bit over the last month, but as our database continues to grow, more and more links and views are coming in every day. We have almost 1,100 subscribers now, and the number continues to rise week after week.

In short, *The Spearhead* is still gaining steam. I can foresee a day – not too far off if I may be optimistic – when we outrank Feministing, which operates with a paid staff and has connections at the highest levels of national government as well as ridiculously wealthy supporters. We are like

David facing an Amazon version of Goliath, and we should have all the same confidence the shepherd boy did before he sank a stone in the monstrous Philistine's forehead.

Once again, I'd like to thank our writers, to whom *The Spearhead* owes its success. Their content has been brilliant and thought provoking. Ordinary men from many different walks of life have contributed thoughts that are being read by hundreds of thousands of people. Their voices together have grown strong and reached far and wide. For far too long these men and others like them have been silenced and pushed aside, but now that they've found their voice it turns out that the people want to hear what they have to say. If anything, seeing that happen has been the most rewarding thing about being a part of this publication.

So in closing, I'd like to ask for your support, and to offer my most sincere gratitude to those who have already pitched in. Any contribution is helpful, and will allow me to continue the fight for a better society for men and mankind.

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Eating Grass

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Given the current state of affairs, it is very easy to be cynical about the prospects for any political change. If you take a long term view, cynicism is usually justified. People forget past lessons, they usually don't know a good thing when they have it, and they wreck things by trying to fix what worked pretty well. However, for some reason we seem to keep on moving forward even in the darkest of times: technology progresses, we adapt, and buried truths are brought to light.

The odds against men are formidable. Governments across the Anglosphere have crafted increasingly complex legal constructs designed to extract the maximum amount of resources from men to turn them over to women and the state, and have built the most extensive peacetime prison network the world has ever seen to enforce them. Our consumer-driven economy has helped push this trend along, as women are more reliable spenders and more susceptible to advertising. Finally, thick-skulled men with an atavistic sense of chivalry have aided and abetted this process every step of the way.

When taking into consideration that some enlightened men's best efforts over the last generation to warn us and point out the obvious have been totally ignored and ineffectual, one can't be blamed for giving up hope. Men, it seems, are determined to allow themselves to lapse into a permanent state of subjection due to passivity and and a refusal to act in their self-interest.

When I lived in China, I was bemused by Chinese assertions that they, the Chinese people, could take anything, and could even survive by eating grass. I wondered why that was something to be proud of. "What's the point of taking all that abuse, and shouldn't you have been less tolerant?" I'd ask them. Stubbornly proud of this trait, they would give me a smug look as though the answer was so obvious that there was no need for explanation.

To an American, it might be understandable that the Chinese were proud of their ability to survive great deprivation, but that was only part of it: they also declared that not only could they survive terrible conditions, they would actually allow things to get *that bad* before they would do anything about it. To me, it seemed absurd that people could be so proud of being humble and passive, almost as though it were a completely illogical contradiction. From an American perspective, there is something shameful about not "doing something" immediately to fix some problem.

However, in retrospect, this trait is far from useless. Perhaps, as a relatively new people (I count the British people as fairly new as well), we have little historical perspective from which we can understand why, and its counterintuitive nature must be learned from experience rather than deduction, but there are plenty of examples for the familiar.

What is really going on is that the humiliation, suffering and oppression endured by the meek gives them a messianic zeal and a moral imperative that cannot be gained in any other way. After decades of warlordism, war with the Japanese, and finally civil war, the starving peasants marching with their savior Mao Tse-tung were an irresistible force that Chiang Kai Shek's corrupt, urban nationalists couldn't hope to defeat. Their determination, ferocity, and – mostly importantly – conviction, gave them an overwhelming edge.

Christianity incorporates the same principle. In fact, it is the image of the Via Dolorosa and the cross that gave it the kind of moral determination that comes from enduring the unendurable. The Jewish Shoah had the same effect, galvanizing the Jews and leading to the establishment of Israel. The

crushing poverty of late Bourbon France created the radicalism that led to the French Revolution. The list goes on.

I hope Western men never have to face the kind of travails endured by mid-20th century Chinese, European Jews, and 18th century French peasants, but more of us are being crushed under a severe economic burden than at any time since the Great Depression, and today the law and political atmosphere is more hostile than it was in those grim days. Millions of men will face pretty severe hardship, if not starvation. Many of them are inexorably being pushed to the margins and out of a legitimate, above-board position in society. These men – many of whom are fathers – have all the rights of illegal aliens, and none of the political support. The law is ruthless toward them, and given the prevailing trend, will only get worse. All that they can hope for is that states don't have enough money to imprison them.

From our Western, Anglo perspective this just looks hopeless. Men are being taken to the cleaners, legislated into quasi-criminality, stripped of their children — and they aren't doing anything about it. It would be easy at this point to simply write them off, just like the world wrote off the Chinese in the 1930s as hopeless and powerless against the arrogant, modern, imperialist Japanese, but it would also be too hasty.

In every man and boy cheated, dispossessed and abused by venal politicians and their churlish, feminine masters, a new strength and certainty will take root. Men will stop blaming themselves, and, as they realize that they have no say or choice, they will no longer be plagued by indecision, which is a luxury reserved for those with options.

It is not such a bad thing that so many men are now under the boot, and beginning to recognize their pathetic, hopeless position. Let more of them plumb the depths of despair and hit bottom with a thud. When they finally stand up, they will be much tougher customers than before.

It was once said that "the meek shall inherit the earth." This was not merely eschatological prophesy; it is the way the world works.

On Women And Their (Occasional) Beauty

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[This post was submitted by Michael Claymore]

Quick, picture a woman in your mind, right now. So, what did she look like? Was she fat and /or plain? Probably not, despite the fact that in the real world that is what most women look like!

If you're anything like most men you probably pictured some hot piece of tail out of Penthouse, or your favorite porn star , or maybe just a generic "Girl Gone Wild!". Either way, you pictured something that is not representative of women, and in doing so you on some level transferred at least some of the feelings that you have towards "good looking women" to the larger group called simply "women"!

And are those feelings just the self-serving ones like lust? No. If you're one of those men who goes against what he's been taught all his life and actually examines his feelings, you will probably find other emotions triggered by female beauty – tenderness, affection and protectiveness.

Feminists often whine about the proliferation of beautiful women in our media, yet ironically these images do men more damage than they do women, precisely by giving many of us a false inner image of what "women" are. This leads many of us to respond emotionally not to the prosaic reality of "Actual Woman", but to a glittering, media-induced mirage best described as "Idealized Woman"! So when bastards like Obama get up there and whine about domestic violence, do most men picture a fat and/or ugly woman? No! They picture a good-looking woman with a black eye, thereby triggering feelings of affection and protectiveness and attaching them to the concept of the abused woman, and in turn increasing the likelihood that they will support whatever nutty D.V policy President Useless has up his frilly sleeve!

There is nothing wrong with appreciating beauty in women, and I should know, I've drawn and painted hundreds of gorgeous women over the years. But men have got to make a conscious effort to separate the affection and protectiveness induced by what is at best a tiny minority of women, from a reality which does not support the same feelings.

Perhaps I'm wrong in this. Perhaps I'm projecting the way artistically inclined, beauty-loving males see things. Perhaps I am the exception rather than the rule, but even if so, who do you think ends up generating the media's images of both men and women? Yes, it's the artistic men who create those images inside your head, and on that fact alone, it's time we took a serious look at how false images of women influence the way we feel about the real deal.

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Second Wave Confronts Third Wave

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Feminism is like the hydra — every time you cut off one of its heads a couple more grow back. Some older feminists are horrified by the new growths that have replaced their own cherished brand of feminism. Charlotte Raven, writing for the Guardian, deplores the image of the modern woman, which she sees as excessively sexualized and narcissistic.

To Raven, artificially augmented British sex symbol Katie Price epitomizes the new woman:

> Katie Price's currency is as high today as when she published her million-selling autobiography in 2004. She has generated much outrage in the last few years, but it is nothing compared with her influence. Her narcissism no longer seems so aberrant. Women's belief in specialness and a concomitant sense of entitlement has inflated in line with Price's most famous assets.
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> Two new exposés of the dehumanising effect of the Price worldview feel like too little too late. The fantasy world described in Natasha Walter's Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism, where appearances are everything, has already come to pass. Today's young women are right to think they will be judged on how they seem, rather than who they are. In this context, Kat Banyard's promise to tell "the truth about women and men" in her new book The Equality Illusion is the promise of a horse-drawn plough in the machine age. The truth is no longer enough; she needs a promotional gimmick.
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> In a recent study of 1,000 British girls (admittedly by a mobile entertainment company), quoted in Walter's book, 60% said glamour modelling was their preferred career. A quarter said they would consider becoming lap dancers. By all measures, the value map has shifted in Price's favour.

Raven does something one very rarely sees any feminist do: she takes responsibility, and admits that "thinking women have turned their backs on feminism." This bit of introspection marks a turning point for the old guard, which is increasingly uncomfortable with the monster it has spawned.

However, despite her regret, Raven still can't bring herself to admit that second wave feminism itself was a failure. Instead, she blames corporate culture and asserts that women were simply being manipulated by pervasive branding.

Her biggest fear, it seems, is that women are losing that asset that got them so far in the heady, early days of our own sexual revolution: permanent victim status. However, the image she returns to is deeply conservative, which raises interesting questions about what truly motivated feminists in the first place:

> If awareness returned – if modern woman were no longer disassociating from her pain and victimhood – all her decisions would be different. The things that hurt us would never seem "potentially enjoyable". We wouldn't wear silly shoes, blog about our sex life, worry that our babies are upstaging us. Most importantly, we'd resist the temptation to caricature ourselves. We'd lose the Nigella-esque pinny, the Price-esque lash extensions; the Belle-esque pose of erotic empowerment would seem inhibiting. We'd recover our desire for the missionary position with the person lying next to us. In every sphere of existence we'd be

> free to choose normality.

Taking Credit

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[This post was submitted by meistergedanken]

This post may present a slightly new wrinkle for this site, as most of the populace of the MRA/PUA realm seem to either take the approach of wanting to free or disassociate themselves completely from women, or want to sufficiently alter their behavior so they can use them and lose them at will. But some of us are still in the thick of it, attempting to retool a marriage that seems assaulted from innumerable external forces and inbred expectations, and are trying to make the best of a difficult situation….

Obsidian's March 6 post briefly alluded to the issue I am going to address ("…Female Double Standard #2: Women Are Snobs Much More Than Are Men, AND, Don't Really Believe In Merit Either"), and so I decided I needed to strike while the iron is hot.

In our current Mancession environment, there is a lot of talk about credit, and its supposed scarcity. But I would like to examine a different kind of credit, and how its abuse has rankled me, and I suspect, many more men in committed relationships.

I am specifically speaking of **credit** in the intellectual sense, referring to an acknowledgement of those who contributed to a work, whether through ideas or in a more direct sense.

I'll start with the axiom that women "put on airs", and that they do this based on the most tenuous justifications. Why do women buy into and breathlessly promulgate the "two become one" vision of marriage? Because it permits them to absorb all the accomplishments, social status and rank that the man has worked so hard to accumulate. With a stroke of the pen on the marriage certificate it is instant and legal entitlement. "What's yours is mine, and what's mine is yours". Of course, when the woman doesn't bring any meaningful assets into the relationship (and no, the cats don't count), and indeed brings considerable debt in the form of student loans, that sort of sentiment is easy to adopt as a credo.

The phenomenon is best described as "achievement without accomplishment", just like the corrosive basis of our current public school system, where grade inflation and social promotion are rampant.

The anecdotal evidence for this is everywhere. At work I have heard the receptionists talk about how the rudest callers to the front desk aren't angry clients, but the *wives of the owners of the company*. Their bosses would never speak to them the way their wives do – after all, they are employees in a professional environment, where a collegial atmosphere is valued and personal relationships are cultivated to enhance efficiency. A good boss knows that there is an office karma, and rude, demeaning behavior comes back to haunt you at some point. Respectful interactions with your employees earn you loyalty and encourage them to go the extra mile when it is called for. So where do these wives get off pulling this attitude? Because they assume they have the same authority as their executive husbands – the two are "one", you see, and so the receptionists better hop to it and follow their orders! Furthermore, like most women, they don't like to acknowledge the pitiless edicts of Cause and Effect, and in this case the consequences of their actions can be avoided (or at least deferred) because they can just hang up the phone and never go into the office. Let their husbands deal with the resulting resentment…

A colleague of mine related to me a story about how he decided he had to relocate a tree so his

driveway could be enlarged, and that his wife stood there watching him on and off for three hours while he was laboring at this, making sure he put it in the spot they agreed upon. And the next week he stood there, his back still in pain from the ordeal, aghast, as he overheard his wife say to her sister, "you wouldn't believe how hard we had to work to move this tree!" "What is this 'we' you speak of?" he asked wryly.

Now I'm no Norm Abrams, and my handyman skills are modest, but in the first year my wife and I moved into the house I planted five trees, replaced eight light fixtures, painted four rooms, refinished the stairs, installed two cabinets, built several shelving units, and put in a flagstone walkway. And then there was the stuff I couldn't do, that I hired people [men] for: replacing the roof shingles and basement windows, installing new exterior doors and locksets, sealing the driveway, tiling the fireplace, cutting down three trees, installing gutters on the garage, and repairing a rotted windowsill. Did the Wife contribute any money to these endeavors? No. Did she ever pick up a tool and pitch in? No. Which is fine, I know what I signed up in that regard when we married so I am willing to shoulder that burden. But when you then hear your wife say to visiting friends or neighbors, "yes, we've put in a lot of hard work on this place," or "yeah, we spent a bundle to remodel this kitchen," the incredulity always strikes me afresh. *What is this "we" you speak of, woman? Whose work? Whose money?*

If a man is to have a satisfying relationship, he needs recognition when it is due him. And if a man is to have a satisfying life, he needs to be able to take pride in something: his work, the fruits of his labors and/or ingenuity. Pride is grounded in *personal* achievement – anything else is delusion. One flows from the other. It is an *emotional* form of Cause and Effect. Anything that sullies the purity of that, or that compromises that simple equation should be neutralized. How to do that is another matter entirely.

When you can't actually DO anything, the most efficient way to seem impressive is to appropriate the work of others. Culturally, poseurs do that (accompanying track: "Jumping Someone Else's Train", by the Cure). In literature, this forms the underlying theme of Atlas Shrugged. In industry, it's like India mass producing generic drugs that American firms spent decades formulating, or China bootlegging DVD's of movies that cost $100 million to make. It is piracy, though not of an intellectual property sort, but of a *value-added sort.*

Yet somehow, of course, pointing this out is seen as petty.

Twenty Thousand Dollars

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$20,000.

That seems to be the asking price for killing off one's soon-to-be-ex-husband.

In an interesting case in New York, 43-year old Susan Williams has been arrested because she contracted with an undercover cop to arrange for the killing of her estranged husband of 21 years. The Williams couple was apparently in the middle of a bitter divorce, and I suppose the $20k sounded cheap compared to the legal bills she'd incur trying to secure her, ahem, fair share of the assets. Strangely, the mother of four seemed nonplussed the entire arrangement, going about her normal beauty salon treatments routine (and complaining to her hairdresser about the difficulties of dating as a soon-to-be-divorced woman in her early 40s) as she anticipated her husband being killed and his body quietly and mysteriously disposed of.

Unfortunately for Williams, she's now behind bars and Mr. Williams has been granted temporary custody. It always strikes me as strange when a woman flips her lid like this during a divorce, because if a woman plays her cards correctly, she's going to win the divorce 99% of the time. I suppose there is the greed factor (nothing beats getting 100% rather than something between 50 and 100%) and perhaps the revenge factor (if her husband was cheating or something like that – a la Elin Nordegren yet a bit more organized and determined). But perhaps the strangest thing about this case is the following little factoid:

Why, if you were planning to hire a hit man to kill your spouse, *would you approach an ex-cop for advice?*

Readers, Thank You!

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I'd like to thank our readers for your generosity following the appeal for support. Many people came through, and now *The Spearhead* is ready to take it up another level. In fact, it shouldn't be long now before The Spearhead Press goes into operation, and we are producing real, physical books.

I just met an artist last night who has gone through all the typical misery associated with being a divorced American father, and he was quite excited about the idea of helping out and getting his name out there, so now, if things work out, we have a professional illustrator as well. This is something we've needed for a while, and should help in book design as well as add to the site (comics would be great).

The Spearhead has potential to effect some cultural change, and this is how I foresee it realistically making a difference. When the truth about how imbalanced society is and how ridiculously overprivileged and advantaged young women are today becomes widely known and discussed, changes will start to occur. For the majority of Americans, the supremacist sham that is feminism will come to be seen as a dirty word, because it only benefits a minority of women and men, and hurts everyone else.

Our job at *The Spearhead* is to hasten this process, and to put the feminists and their enablers on the defensive. It's time for them to start explaining why the 50% divorce rates, exploding illegitimacy and fatherless homes are a good thing. They should defend the coercive transfer of resources from men to women even as the male unemployment rate far exceeds the female. Let them explain why it's a good thing that boys are failing in school, and wandering about aimlessly in their youth. Why are girls wasting their chances for a functional family by bouncing from one sexual partner to another for half or more of their fertile lives? Feminists have a whole lot to answer for, and it's time someone stood up and rebuked them to their face.

We want to make it easier for ordinary people to stand up, armed with facts and a strong conviction that what feminists have done is wrong and indefensible. We'll expose the lies about rape and domestic violence they use to tar all men, and shine a light on the abuses of the family law system, which is used to bludgeon millions of innocent, loving husbands and fathers across America — all so that women can do whatever their impulses dictate and transfer all the negative consequences onto the rest of society, men in particular.

Perhaps I am biased in this matter, but I think this is the most important social issue of our time. I suspect a great many of our readers feel the same way. It is thrilling to be a part of something of such fundamental relevance to so many people's lives, and it is rewarding to be able to put effort into making a positive difference.

I'd like to thank readers for their support, and for affirming that we're all in this together. It is through combined effort that we will pop the lid off this pressure cooker and break out into the mainstream.

And the best part about it is that we'll have a good time doing so.

So once again, thank you all for your time, attention and support!

-Welmer

The Decline of the Matriarch

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Yesterday, it came to me that perhaps the most destructive aspect of feminism is that it empowers young women at the expense of everyone else. Although I had observed that older women are usually more reasonable and have a much better perspective on the matters of family and decent behavior, I tended to attribute that to generational differences. But that can't be true any longer, because the only women who were really untouched by feminism during the years it would have been relevant to them are very, very old these days. Today, a woman at retirement age would have been right in the middle of the sexual revolution during her most fertile and sexually active years, but these women do not seem thrilled by the behavior of the younger cohort.

In my short writeup of Charlotte Raven's piece, I exposed the discomfort some older feminists have with the rampaging sexuality of today's younger women. Certainly, young women seem pretty out of control today, but are they really much worse than they were in the late 1960s-70s? Probably not. The 1970s, which I can just barely make out through the mist of earliest awareness, were excessively libertine. In fact, the advent of AIDS had a chilling effect on sexual license in the 1980s, and the rampant "anything goes" promiscuity of the 70s was shut down for a while.

So it isn't as though sexual behavior is significantly worse than it was decades ago, although promiscuity might be more socially acceptable. According to some of the men and women I know who were young during the 1970s, there was plenty of fun to be had. In fact, at the local university, one sorority became a brothel during the 70s, and was eventually shut down. Some of my friends' mothers did stints as hookers back then. They never told me or their children about this, but word of these kinds of things gets around. Rock band groupies were notorious, and women at concerts were a seething mass of sexuality. Listening to girls screaming at Beatles' concerts is probably one of the most intimidating sounds I've ever heard on tape.

Women who are pushing retirement now lived the sexual revolution with as much abandon as young women "hook up" today. Human sexuality is a biological constant, so there's nothing qualitatively different about today's young women (except perhaps environmental estrogen), but there is an important difference.

That seething, sexually chaotic mass of the early stages of the sexual liberation was a demographic mammoth. The young women of the baby boomer generation had disproportionate power due to numbers. Their goals in the early stages were exactly the same as young women's goals are today: empowerment. Women seek power through sexuality, and they wanted free reign to do so. They got it, and now we have a culture and legal regime dedicated to allowing them free expression of that powerful sexuality.

Young men express power through force. Not only violence, but that sublime mental and physical athleticism that only young men possess. The R&B singer/dancer, the metal guitarist and the young professional athlete epitomize youthful male power. Unfortunately, the street thug does as well, so the dark, dangerous aspect of the young male is greatly feared in peacetime. Stanley Kubrick did a brilliant job delving into the subconscious fear that society has for male force. Several of his films captured the terrifying brutality and bestiality that young men are capable of. Clockwork Orange, Full Metal Jacket and The Shining come to mind. Even Kubrick's male computers were homicidal!

His art, and that of others, was taken as a warning. Those in power should *fear* the masculine, and rein it in. The silly liberals who defended young men were setting themselves up to be beaten and smashed by them. People took that to heart, and soon policy began to reflect the new attitude toward young men. Young men were deliberately disempowered, and male tendencies suppressed and punished.

However, at the same time the equally disruptive sexual power of young women was aided and encouraged by these powerful people who had grown to fear young men. For powerful men, sexually liberated young women are intoxicating. There is a symbiosis between socially dominant men and fertile, sexually powerful young women. Together, they can exercise a great deal of control over society — so long as most men are pacified. Younger men, who do not have much social power, are left out of this.

But there is another group that is explicitly disempowered: older women.

In years past, women who survived past their childbearing years exercised a great deal of control over family matters. Even – and perhaps most strikingly – in staunchly patriarchal societies, such as traditional Italian Catholic, Confucian Chinese, and Orthodox Jewish, these matriarchs held enormous power and sway. The Chinese nai nai, the Italian nonna, and Yiddish bubbe were formidable, highly influential people in their families and out. In my own culture, Ma Joad of *The Grapes of Wrath* epitomized the American matriarch. They had earned respect through a life of work, childrearing and devotion to their family, and even the toughest of young men would humbly submit to them in the confines of the home.

I suspect that the second wave feminists who are increasingly nervous about the direction society has taken are starting to realize that now that their sexual power is all but gone, there will be no dignified role for them. Many of them are childless, many divorced, and many put their children in the hands of others to further their careers. Their role as matriarch is greatly diminished by their failure to *earn it*. But even the women who do deserve it are being upstaged by their daughters and granddaughters, who have been told over and over again that they can do whatever they please, and any criticism they may get from the older women in their lives is only the result of jealousy.

There is always some danger in empowering the young. Authority requires perspective that can only be gained from maturity. There is also evidence that the brain changes as we age, giving us better control over impulses and potentially rash decisions. For women, the disappearance of the hormonal cycle that accompanies fertility probably promotes mental stability. Today, instead of having older women calling the shots in the family, we have young women, overflowing with hormones that drive a great deal of their behavior, exercising power and control over everyone around them. This is one reason it can be such a nightmare to work with younger women, who are so often capricious and volatile.

I would like to think that older women could be allies in an effort to restrain the rampant sexuality of young women and their alpha male partners in crime, but unfortunately too many of them were disciples of feminism for their entire productive lives. It is very difficult for people who have supported an ideology for a long time to admit that they lived for an evil cause, and I'm not sure more than a fraction of older women will do so. However, I remain hopeful that a few will break ranks and add their voices to the growing number of people in the Anglosphere who are saying "enough!"

After all, it is not only ordinary men who stand to gain from the defeat of feminism: grandmothers, too, would find their lives vastly more rewarding and their influence greatly expanded. And so, in one

of those curious twists, we men may find ourselves advocating for the return of the matriarch.

New York Madwoman Alleges Abuse, Murders 8-Year-Old Son

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Gigi Jordan, a Manhattan millionaire, poisoned her autistic son with prescription meds, claiming that she was saving him from rape orgies perpetrated by the child's father and stepfather. Both men deny the allegations, which suggest that Ms. Jordan is clinically psychotic.

Although it is not always possible to protect children from the criminally insane, the American assumption that a child is always safest with its mother ought to be reevaluated. In many – probably most – instances of severe neglect or abuse leading to a child's death, the child was in the custody of its mother. Given that custody of children is awarded to mothers almost as though by default, this is hardly surprising.

A great number of fathers have exerted enormous effort to regain custody of their children when the mother has proven herself to be wholly unfit for parenting. The custody bar is set so high for men that a woman with a severe drinking or drug problem will usually still get custody simply by promising to go to rehab, which is usually unsuccessful in achieving full remission, even when the father of the child is a sober, responsible man.

There is no doubt that this overwhelming mother bias in custody decisions has cost the life – not to mention the future – of many a child. When a woman is descending into insanity, addiction or wanton promiscuity, fathers should be given the right to care for their children without having to go through years of court battles and spend tens of thousands of dollars. This could save the lives and salvage the futures of untold numbers of children, preventing needless tragedies such as the murder of Jude Tzekov, Gigi Jordan's helpless, innocent little boy.

Victim Industry Encourages Fantasies of Childhood Abuse

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Dr. Jo Woodiwiss, a UK sociologist at the University of Huddersfield, writes that women are encouraged to see themselves as vistims of childhood sex abuse on the basis of "feelings" rather than concrete memories. It seems that when women feel that something is wrong or missing from their lives, they tend to seek therapy, and then emerge convinced that they were abused as children.

According to Dr. Woodiwiss, vague symptoms such as dissatisfaction are enough to convince women that people in their family did something horrible to them at a very early age:

> These "alternative" or "recovered" memories can take the form of physical or bodily experiences, feelings such as sadness or anxiety, and a whole range of other events or difficulties experienced in adulthood. They are often displayed in self-help literature as checklists of symptoms that the reader is encouraged to identify in their own lives, and include the following taken from The Courage to Heal:
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> Do you have trouble feeling motivated?
> Can you accomplish things you set out to achieve?
> Do you feel you have to be perfect?
> Do you often feel taken advantage of?
> Do you find your relationships just don't work out?
> Can you say no?
> Do you often have sex because you want to, or only because your partner wants it?
> Are you satisfied with your family relationships?
> Have you ever been rejected by your family?

The above-mentioned book, *The Courage to Heal*, is one of many self-help publications aimed at convincing women that their adult problems are linked to suppressed childhood events. A growing number of psychologists and sociologists such as Woodiwiss are speaking out to criticize such publications.

These ideas can be extremely disruptive to families, and when taken to extremes can result in severe abuses of power, such as the "Wenatchee Sex Ring" witch hunt, in which 43 mainly impoverished and mentally challenged people were arrested on nearly 30,000 charges of sex abuse (yes, 30,000).

Of course, child abuse is a terrible thing, but that's all the more reason to base any accusations on concrete evidence. The potential for hysteria and moral panics accompanying these accusations is very real, as the above and other examples illustrate.

Encouraging women to see themselves as victims of sexual abuse when there is no physical evidence on the basis of "feelings" is irresponsibility of the highest order. Perhaps there is no way to stop people from pursuing profit from pandering to some of the most destructive impulses in the female psyche, but those who do should be strictly barred from any positions of authority.

A Skank's True Love

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Today in GQ, Rielle Hunter tells her side of the sordid story of her affair with John Edwards. She expresses her undying, profound devotion to the lying scumbag, proving that there is still such a thing as true love in America — as long as it involves a sleazy, cheating alpha and a scheming tramp.

Ms. Hunter poses with her daughter, and then suggests that Edwards swept her off her feet. So much, in fact, that she couldn't resist sleeping with him the same night they met. The article goes on for ten pages, so it's a painful read. GQ, supposedly a men's magazine, and the female interviewer (Lisa DePaulo) give her kid glove treatment. More than anything else, it's a justification for infidelity from a woman's point of view. Rielle *loved* him, and it was so *profound*, so it's all OK. She describes cheating as "pulling off the band aid," and goes on and on about how honest John Edwards is…

Because the article is little more than a long, hormonal gush, it's hard to say it's worth reading, however it does give some glimpses into the female world of self-delusion, prevarication and logical contradiction. I'll give a few examples below:

> **Why do you think he loves you?**
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> Um… How do I answer that? [long pause] I mean, I could give so many answers. I could give a spiritual answer, that I reflect back to him large parts of himself that were unconscious. Like, he's a huge, huge humanitarian. He is very kindhearted and sweet. He's very honest and truthful. And all of that was hidden.

Edwards the honest humanitarian, and…

> **And wasn't that when he was asked if he loved you and he responded by saying there was only one woman he ever loved, Elizabeth?**
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> I believe so. Yeah. I mean, it was very painful. Because I had this thing in my head like a lot of women, where you want your man to stand up on a cliff and scream, "I LOVE HER." You know, the knight in shining armor. And that wasn't what was going on.
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> **Did he call you after the interview?**
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> Yes. And I said, "Ouch, that hurt." And he said, "I'm sorry." And "It doesn't mean anything." And it didn't. I know he loves me. I have never had any doubt at all about that. We love each other very much. And that hasn't changed, and I believe that will be till death do us part. The love doesn't go away. It's unconditional. It's unconditional on my part, but our connection is profound. There's a lot of passion there.

Edwards the lying sack of sh-t.

Below, Rielle describes a seismic gina tingle. It is a "magnetic force":

> I sat on the other side of the room. I wouldn't go near him. And he kept saying [she mimics his southern drawl], "What are you doin' over there? Come over here. I can't even see you. Come closer. I won't bite you." I was just—there was sooo much attraction and sooo much… I want to say love, but it wasn't love at that point. You know, it was just this, this magnetic force field like I had never experienced. It terrified me. Absolutely terrified me.

> And, um, I eventually walked over to his side of the room. [laughs] He was pretty relentless. And that's all I'm gonna say on that! Now fade to black!

Rielle completely disavowing any responsibility for the destruction of Edward's marriage:

> **How were you able to reconcile learning these things about her, from him, at the same time knowing that she's ill?**
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> Well, his relationship with her and the problems in it really had nothing to do with me. You remove me from the equation and they still exist. They existed before I was there. They're still existing. His dynamic with me is completely different.

Here is possibly the biggest whopper Rielle tells in the entire interview:

> **What was your reaction when you found out you were pregnant?**
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> I was shocked. I was 43 years old, you know, and pregnant? And I had never been pregnant in my life. Didn't think I could get pregnant.

I know a lie when I see one, and Rielle Hunter must have been praying to Gaia that her rapidly expiring womb would bear such golden fruit. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if it came to light that she was popping fertility pills at the time.

Edwards, on the other hand, was not so thrilled:

Legislating Propriety

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One might think that people writing for influential publications have enough common sense to understand that legislation is no cure all, but perhaps this is too much to ask. In the Huffington Post, writerette Holly Kearl demands that "harassment" of women be regulated just as it is in the workplace. Examples of harassment include: "acts like leering, whistling, honking, sexual comments, sexist comments…"

As offensive as boorish behavior may be to some people, I can imagine that there could be some confusion in interpretation. What exactly constitutes a "leer," for example? Is all honking at women harassment, or could it be that the clueless bimbo with the mobile phone glued to her ear is drifting into somebody's lane? And what constitutes sexism? I can imagine some poor beta fool getting hauled in front of a judge for opening the door for some angry feminist on PMS.

Once, when I was about 18, I was walking to a girlfriend's house in an inner-city neighborhood late at night, and a woman happened to be walking in front of me, taking the exact same route I was. I kept walking, about a half block or so behind her, thinking little of it. When I had almost arrived at my destination, I noticed she had picked up her pace a bit and was looking over her shoulder from time to time. I didn't really care, and continued on my way. By the time I was at the apartment, she was virtually running into her own place, which was directly across the street from my girlfriend's. I stood in front of my destination, finishing a smoke before ringing the doorbell. Just as I was ready to go in, some guy opened a window several stories up in the apartment building the frightened woman had entered and started yelling at me about "stalking." In somewhat rough language, I explained that I had every right to walk from one place to another, and told him to mind his own business. He shut the window and left me alone.

If there were some "harassment" law, I imagine I could have been arrested and brought to court just because some woman was frightened that a man happened to be walking behind her at night. It wouldn't matter *why* the man was walking behind her, because in the feminist world all it should take to have men arrested is a "feeling."

I, and probably most American men, think it's in poor taste to hoot or whistle at women. However, I've noticed that plenty of women rather like the attention. In fact, I'm pretty sure I've seen television ads where a woman buys some new shoes or something and all the construction workers leer at her, much to her satisfaction. The funny thing is that the women who like this would probably be all in favor of a law against street harassment themselves, because this would give them the power to make the men stop in case it didn't feel right. For example, she might not call the police if some strapping, young Navy officer propositioned her from across the street, but if a pasty, thin nerd remarked that she had a "nice dress" she'd call in the boys in blue to give him a concrete sandwich and dislocated shoulder as they wrestle him into cuffs.

I have a friend who, when we were teens, used to engage in what might be called harassment under Ms. Kearl's definition. It embarrassed the hell out of me, because as we were driving around, he'd proposition every good-looking girl he saw. He was a good-looking guy, so they just loved it. Unlike me, he had absolutely no shame, and would simply blurt out whatever he thought upon seeing women. Sometimes, he'd see a woman with an unfortunate hairdo, and he would make hilarious

comments about her hair and laugh uproariously. Unsurprisingly, like most young rascals, he had been raised by a libertine single mother. Would insulting women be illegal under an anti-harassment law? I'm sure it would, and my scamp of a friend would have ended up behind bars many a time for simply saying what was on everyone else's mind.

Although it is conceivable that these laws might be passed, how would they be enforced? Accusations of harassment would probably swamp 911 lines, and we'd have to at least double police forces to enforce them all. Do women realize how *expensive* cops are? In a big city, it probably costs about a quarter million per patrol officer per year, taking salary, equipment, administration, insurance, training, facilities, pensions and legal costs into account. That's a lot of money. Of course, that isn't even taking into account the costs of prosecution, incarceration, legal defense, etc.

Finally, there is the issue of civil liberties. Is an expression of desire, if it does not include physical assault, protected speech? Probably, but since when did a feminist care about the Constitution?

Hopefully, people are starting to realize that if feminists have their way, not only will we be legislated into a police state, we'll be sucked absolutely dry to accomodate the feelings of women who demand that every aspect of their lives be defended with force of arms and law. We are already starting to reevaluate out profligate consumer culture; isn't it about time we question the voracious hunger for entitlement our women have developed?

Staying married but moving out

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One of our most beloved peddlers of female pap, Oprah Winfrey, recently published an article in her magazine (linked by CNN, of course) about women who are deciding to move out of the marital home while remaining married to their husbands.

In the article, Jean Morgan, a woman in her early 50s, wrote that she simply decided that once her sole child reached 21, she was no longer in the mood to make marital compromises:

> Must compromise, if it's no longer necessary or practical to preserve the family unit, be part of the equation in a marriage? Not sure, not sure, not sure, not sure.

So, she simply decided to move out and get her own apartment. Morgan claims she has no interest in having sex with other men, but simply wants her own "space" (yep, we've heard that one before, at least some of us have).

The article goes on to detail other women who live apart from their husbands by choice, so that they can be "independent". Frankly they seem to me to be tired of marriage but want to retain the legal and financial benefits of being married. The author muses:

> And marriage—even my sometimes difficult marriage—has in many ways been good for me. My husband's interests in art and in India have widened my own. Our joint incomes allowed me the gift of a flexible work schedule while raising our son. Most important, he and I have encouraged (or at least tolerated) each other's emotional growth and enjoy an appreciation of that. But now…

It doesn't take very long until we get to the real agenda of the article however:

> It turns out that among the masters of supple, long-term, enduring attachments are gay men and women. "The successful gay relationships I've seen are better than successful heterosexual relationships," says Judith Stacey, PhD, professor of sociology at New York University and senior scholar at the Council on Contemporary Families. That's partly because gay couples—without the social scripts, rules, and conventions that bind heterosexuals—can negotiate more honestly and openly about what works for them in a relationship. According to Stacey, a lower percentage of homosexuals have long-term relationships than heterosexuals because there's little institutional support, but those who do navigate them more creatively. Their relationships are, in a way, custom-made. "Our scripts for marriage are limited and trap people when they don't have the courage or the creativity or the resources to be able to imagine and implement an alternative," said Stacey.

And there you have it. The trouble with straight couples is that they do relationships wrong. In reality, straight couples should learn from gay couples, because gay couples are better at relationships than straight couples are. We can expect more of this nonsense from the female and gay psychology and therapy communities as gay marriage becomes increasingly accepted in the US: more insistence that straight relationships become like gay ones so that women can be more free-wheeling and so preciously "independent". The kind of independence that comes from leaving a boring suburban home with a husband in his late 50s for an exciting urban apartment where younger, more vibrant

people live — all the while still being married and benefiting financially and legally and so on from the marriage and, well, getting around to seeing your husband when you feel like it. It's clear whose "flexibility" this arrangement favors, even on its face. The woman gets her "freedom and independence" while retaining the benefits of marriage and husband … while he gets to put up with it and shut up, otherwise she'll just rape him in divorce court financially for having been the hard worker that allowed his loving wife the "flexibility" to work from home.

Of course, not a word in the article from the husbands themselves in these arrangements, other than a perfunctory shrug:

> "And your husband?" she said. He's not happy about it, but we're talking about it, and he's accepting it, I told her. She shook her head. Then she said, "I've seen it all. I'll write you a move-out letter detailing your agreement."

Readers of The Spearhead will, of course, recognize well the situation presented here for the husband. Of course he doesn't like it — what man would? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that having your wife move out of the house is a *bit* of a problem, even if she claims not to want a divorce or to seek out other men. Both of those things may, in the end, be true, yet what is essentially happening is that the wife is participating in the financial benefits of the marriage while living alone. It's quite telling how the author is appreciative of the fact that her husband's work and income allowed her the "flexibility" to work from home — something which she is now rewarding by moving out of the house against his wishes so that she can rediscover herself and be independent and all rest of that female empowerment bullshit happily peddled by the likes of Oprah Winfrey and Elizabeth Gilbert.

Not that the readers of this site need to be re-warned, but let this article nevertheless stand as yet another warning to all men who are considering marriage in today's cultural and legal environment. Even in marriages that are long-lasting, and even where a wife does not for whatever reason want to divorce, you may still find yourself being effectively "left" holding the bag once your usefulness has come and gone. Despite the grating nature of the sheer narcissism of the article, nevertheless it serves as a useful reminder to men of just what kinds of things can happen, even in seemingly "working well enough" marriages, and what you can expect from today's women.

Truth and Humor from Saturday Night Live

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Chances are you're familiar with Saturday Night Live's Tom Brady sexual harassment skit. If not, you can watch it at this link. While Saturday Night Live is trying to be funny, they end up presenting a very accurate portrayal of how "sexual harassment" really ends up working. This is particularly true with the "three rules" they came up with to avoid sexual harassment lawsuits, "Be handsome. Be attractive. Don't be unattractive."

With this weekend's episode Saturday Night Live has done it again. This skit is a spoof of a commercial for one of those home security companies. Watch it below:

While this skit is a hilarious spoof, it shows how unreasonably paranoid women have become of men. You have a guy who was at the woman's party break into her house 20 seconds after leaving the party in addition to her grandfather, her rabbi, a couple of boys, etc. Why does this skit have a basis in reality? It's because feminism produces propaganda that men everywhere are out to get women, and the skit hits on this by talking about how if you're a woman "most men want to kill you".

One thing that makes this funny is how it doesn't make sense. Why would a guy already in a woman's house leave just to break in 20 seconds later? That even more true with the woman's grandfather. How would a couple of nine year old boys break down her door so quickly? We know such things but, the paranoia of men that many women have is not rational. A woman's grandfather or a nine year old boy isn't a threat to a woman. Feminists produced and continue to produce anti-male propaganda that men are out to murder, rape, and/or assault women, but as we know it doesn't reflect reality. It makes no sense that a guy already inside a woman's house would leave and then break in 20 seconds later. However, there are plenty of women who believe such things.

What's very ironic about this skit (and still very true) is how despite this woman's paranoia about men, she is still dependent on men for her protection. The office of "Broadview Security" is staffed by men. This also is very poignant. While feminists have produced all this anti-male propaganda to make women paranoid about men, their protection is still dependent on men. This includes male police officers and male legislators who produce anti-male laws for feminists. In the woman's paranoia had any logic whatsoever, she should be just as afraid about the men from Broadview Security breaking down her door.

In conclusion, Saturday Night Live has created a skit (probably unintentionally) that shows the levels of female paranoia against men that many women have today. Just like with the Tom Brady sexual harassment skit, it tells truths about the subject that only humor can deliver over feminist dominated media.

UK Gyms face Prosecution if they Warn Women about Heavy Weights

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Harriet Harman, Britain's top equality commissar, is pushing an "Equality Bill" that would criminalize stereotyping based on gender, even when accurate. This will certainly put gyms in a bind, because insurance costs are sure to go up if they are barred from warning women about the dangers of freeweights, which can do significant damage if improperly handled. Although not explicitly stated, other implications of the bill might include criminalization of urinals, because they discriminate on the basis of gender.

Harman is apparently widely-hated in the UK, but has a great deal of power. She once bragged that there would not be "enough airports for all the men who would want to flee the country" if she became PM. As an American, I am curious as to how this woman, who is even worse than Hillary Clinton, has amassed so much power.

After reading about what's going on in Britain, I can now understand why this poor British expat lost his marbles and went on a rampage in Japan:

Female Prison Guards More Likely to Fraternize with Inmates than Male

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People's behavior when in a position of power can be very revealing, and there are few more stark examples of difference in power than the relationship between jailer and prisoner. According to the Justice Department, female prison guards are more likely than male prison guards to have sexual relationships with inmates. There are several reasons for this, the most important being the fact that male prisoners are, on average, more attractive to the opposite sex than female prisoners, and, of course, that men comprise the overwhelming majority of prisoners in our country, but none of them excuses such a breach of responsibility.

Unsurprisingly, female prison guards usually describe their incarcerated lovers as the aggressor, and often claim they had relationships out of fear. I'm sure "fear" may be something they genuinely felt, but there is a strong correlation between fear and sexual arousal in women, as suggested by Rielle Hunter in her interview about her lover John Edwards. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if many of the women who work in prisons choose to do so for the thrill, just as women are drawn to horror movies.

In Montana, inmate Michael Murphy, a con artist, managed to initiate relationships with five different women, including his therapist. I suspect, but do not know, that he and his lovers were only caught because one of them became jealous of the others. It seems that con artists are the penultimate alphas, as their sociopathic tendencies are irresistible to women. This raises the question of whether women should be allowed any interaction with male prisoners at all.

These issues aside, the most disturbing aspect of these cases is that, according to Martin Horn, former head of NYC's corrections department, there is a double standard at work when female guards abuse their positions of power and initiate relationships with male prisoners. In these cases, although the women may lose their jobs, they are rarely prosecuted, and are usually treated as victims of male prisoners. When male prison guards have sex with female prisoners, on the other hand, the consequences are more severe, and the female prisoners are treated as victims.

Horn deplores the inconsistency:

> "As long as we have a double standard we are going to see these kind of behaviors," Horn said. "It is a very slippery slope we go down if we say we are not going to hold female officers to the same standard."

When white knighting extends even to people who fraternize with criminals, it is clear that our society cannot handle so-called gender equality, which is a fraud of a concept that serves only to reinforce irresponsible female behavior at the expense of men.

Femivorism

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In The New York Times Magazine, Peggy Orenstein explores the trend in California for educated women to take fully to domesticity, going even so far as to raise their own chickens. Ms. Orenstein seems a bit perturbed by the development, as though she is afraid that she couldn't hope to keep up with the neighbors in the chicken farming department, what with her freelance writing job. California is a state of fads and trendiness, so her anxiety is likely quite real; if one can't keep pace with the latest in California, it entails a loss of status that must be unbearable for the Orensteins of the world.

As for raising chickens, it is not the most difficult job in the world. I once had the opportunity to raise a chicken after my cat brought home a chick from a wild flock in the neighborhood (yes, we do have wild chickens in Seattle, although even most Seattlites don't know about them). I couldn't discern the bird's sex, so I named it "Pat," after the androgynous character on Saturday Night Live. Fortunately for me and my neighbors, Pat turned out to be a genuine female chicken, and I built her a little coop to nest in. She was a wonderful, funny little bantam, who amused me to no end as she ran back and forth clucking in the backyard. As a very territorial animal, any other birds who tried to fly in to eat her food were promptly chased off with extreme prejudice. She was also affectionate, and constantly pecked at the window in an attempt to gain entry to the home. Of course, given her lack of toilet training, this was not going to happen.

Eventually, poor little Pat was murdered by one of our local masked bandits — a vicious raccoon who only survived because it is illegal to discharge firearms in the city. Next time I get a chicken, I will definitely be more careful about locking up the coop.

All that about chickens aside, what is most curious about Orenstein's article is that it brings up the feminine conflict between work and domesticity that has been raging since women entered the workforce in large numbers. Many women want to have it all, but even they know this is impossible, so they expend huge amounts of effort rationalizing their choices, whatever they may be, and making an argument one way or the other about which choice is superior. Usually, the pro-career women win the argument because, after all, who else has all that free time to write for national publications? That isn't something one can do with small children tearing up the house, chickens to tend to, or a garden to grow.

So it is perhaps unavoidable that Orenstein, the *important writer*, eventually passes negative judgement on the idea of hearth and home, concluding by calling it a "gilded cage":

> I understand the passion for a life that is made, not bought. And who doesn't get the appeal of working the land? It's as integral to this country's character as, in its own way, Wal-Mart. My femivore friends may never do more than dabble in backyard farming — keeping a couple of chickens, some rabbits, maybe a beehive or two — but they're still transforming the definition of homemaker to one that's more about soil than dirt, fresh air than air freshener. Their vehicle for children's enrichment goes well beyond a ride to the next math tutoring session.
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> I am tempted to call that "precious," but that word has variegations of meaning. Then again, that may be appropriate. Hayes found that without a larger purpose — activism, teaching, creating a business or otherwise moving outside the home — women's enthusiasm for the

> domestic arts eventually flagged, especially if their husbands weren't equally involved. "If you don't go into this as a genuinely egalitarian relationship," she warned, "you're creating a dangerous situation. There can be loss of self-esteem, loss of soul and an inability to return to the world and get your bearings. You can start to wonder, What's this all for?" It was an unnervingly familiar litany: if a woman is not careful, it seems, chicken wire can coop her up as surely as any gilded cage.

Orenstein's rationalization may work for her, but I suspect that the phenomenon of many women choosing domesticity over career will not end any time soon. It is, after all, as timeless as the broodiness of the hen, who gathers her chicks under her wings as the sun sets.

Jihad Jane and Jihad Jamie

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Usually, when we think terrorists, we think of men. However, there are women terrorists too. And they aren't just coming from the Middle East. Colleen LaRose, a middle aged divorced woman from Pennsylvania who went by the name "Jihad Jane" and "Fatima LaRose" online, was arrested for conspiring with other terrorists to assassinate Swedish artist, Lars Vilks. (Lars Vilks is the artist who created the cartoon of Muhammad as a dog.) LaRose traveled to Europe last year to train with and assist other terrorists in their plot to kill Vilks. She was arrested when she arrived back in the US.

LaRose's arrest was due to the work of the Jawa Report and Youtube Smackdown who have been tracking supporters of terrorism on Youtube and twitter and having their videos on Youtube flagged for removal. She spent a lot of time on Youtube where these groups discovered her calls for violent jihad on Youtube and her use of twitter to raise funds for terrorists. You can read more about how LaRose was tracked on Youtube from the Jawa Report. In that link, the Jawa Report has described LaRose as a "middle aged sociopath woman desperate for love, lonely and isolated". The Jawa Report has more about LaRose here.

It turns out LaRose wasn't the only American woman involved in this terrorist plot to murder Vilks. Jamie Paulin-Ramirez, a 31 year old medical assistant, originally from Colorado, was arrested recently with several others involved in this plot. She was later freed, but still may face charges. Ramirez's story is somewhat similar to LaRose's. Last year Ramirez started spending a lot of time in Muslim chat rooms where she met LaRose and other extremists. In September, she left the US for Ireland to marry an Algerian man taking her son with her.

This is a still developing story. Originally, when I was going to write this post for The Spearhead there was only one American woman identified in this terrorist plot. We'll see what happens.

Tennessee Taking the Lead in Family Law Reform

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A couple years ago, Tennessee State Representative G. A. Hardaway proposed a bill that would require mandatory paternity testing at birth for all children born int Tennessee. Hardaway's argument was that every child has a right to know who its father is, which seems reasonable enough, especially given the high rate of contested paternity, out of wedlock birth and cuckoldry in the United States. However, the bill faces stiff opposition from women, who believe it is their right to determine who the child's father is, rather than genetic reality.

Now, a new bill requiring evenly split custody in the case of divorce has come up in Tennessee as well. Of course, women's groups are bitterly opposed, claiming that it will grant "abusers" (i.e., anyone who stands in the way of women getting exactly what they want all the time) too much power in divorce. Men overwhelmingly support the bill, as do a number of grandmothers, who have been stripped of access to their grandchildren by selfish, vengeful ex-daughter-in-laws.

Evenly split custody is mandated in much of Europe, including the ultra-feminist nation of Sweden, so obviously it does not portend the return of patriarchy or anything like that. However, it could go a long way toward healing fractured bonds between fathers and children, and eliminating punitive child support obligations that would probably be best replaced by actual parenting, which, although very tough, is far more rewarding than having the state seize money and give it to one's ex to spend however she pleases.

It is interesting to see Tennessee tackling this issue, which other states are largely avoiding. In my opinion, Tennessee's cultural heritage as a border state where several different cultures converge gives it some perspective and freedom that others may not have. Tennessee is neither strictly Protestant and conservative like deep South states nor hyper-feminist and liberal like many Northern states. Additionally, Tennessee has a large black population – mostly Democratic, of course – which has been hit very hard by dysfunctional family law. If there is any group in America that has been disproportionately alienated from its children and hurt by liberal divorce laws, it is black men, who are all too often summarily evicted from their children's lives. We all know how that's worked out…

When we think in terms of politics, it is important to see through partisanship and understand the complex nuances of American culture. For example, while I, personally, may despise the Democratic, feminist Senator Patty Murray of Washington State, I find myself strongly agreeing with G. A. Hardaway, a black Democrat from Tennessee. Likewise, Mike Bell, the white Republican Tennessee Rep. sounds like a good guy to me. I don't care about "Republican" or "Democrat" — I care about whether or not they support my most basic rights as a man and father. If men begin to develop some consciousness about important issues like paternity testing and custody, we *can* make an appreciable difference in the lives of millions of men. It is *The Spearhead*'s mission to help plant the seed of that consciousness in men around the world.

The Wistfulness of Elizabeth Wurtzel

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I've long considered Elizabeth Wurtzel a kind of image girl for the generation of women I grew up with. Wurtzel was in the same college graduation year as I was, and although her school was ~3,000 miles away from mine, she is not dissimilar to many of the women I knew at my school: smart, pushy, in-your-face with their sexuality, bitchy (and proud of it), intemperate, and shockingly entitled.

The world knows Wurtzel for her mostly confessional autobiographical books: Prozac Nation, detailing her early struggles with depression and anti-depressants; More, Now, Again, detailing her later addiction to Ritalin which almost killed her; and Bitch: In Praise of Difficult Women (and its follow-on, The Bitch Rules).

Well, Wurtzel – who could easily turn heads in her twenties when she wasn't strung out on some or other drug – is now aging into her middle forties and she's not at all happy about it. In a confessional piece in Elle Magazine (confessional seems to have always been Wurtzel's writing niche – she seems to be at her best when giving readers a voyeuristic glance into just how royally screwed up a person she is) published last year, she waxes poetically about her regrets about her life in her twenties, and her anger about how her looks are inevitably fading now that she is in her forties.

It appears, as we men often note when discussing such things, that Wurtzel, like many women, actually had a relationship with a viable marriage partner in her twenties – a young man she refers to as "Gregg":

> When I was still in my twenties, for several years I had this wonderful boyfriend; I'll call him Gregg—he's the one we're all waiting for: tall, blue-eyed, with this thick black hair, all smart and sensitive, an inveterate graduate student who used to rub my feet at the end of the day with a lovely pink peppermint lotion from the Body Shop. It was young and romantic. You'd have thought we were happy. I think really we were happy. He was good for me: People met him and liked me better because I was going out with him; his sweetness redounded to me like a sunny day on a dark sidewalk. I could have and probably should have spent the rest of my life with him, might have avoided scenes like the time some guy I was seeing later on chased me down Topanga Canyon with a hot frying pan, screaming at me something about learning to make my own goddamn omelets. In other words, had I just stuck with the good boyfriend, I could have prevented a good deal of extraneous craziness.

But, of course, most of the readers of the The Spearhead magazine already know what happens next without even having to read her text, given many of our own experiences with women in their twenties these days:

> But something went wrong—terribly wrong.
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> The idea of forever with any single person, even someone great whom I loved so much like Gregg, really did seem like what death actually is: a permanent stop. Love did not open up the world like a generous door, as it should to anyone getting married; instead it was the steel clamp of the iron maiden, shutting me behind its front metal hinge to asphyxiate slowly, and then suddenly. Every day would be the same, forever: The body, the conversation, it would never change—isn't that the rhythm of prison?

> …
> **I was temporarily credentialed with this delicate, yummy thing—youth, beauty, whatever—and my window of opportunity for making the most of it was so small, so brief.** I wanted to smash through that glass pane and enjoy it, make it last, feel released. **And so, I cheated on him. With everyone I could.** Bass players, editors, actors, waiters who wished they were actors, photographers. And everywhere I could, like that Sarah Silverman and Matt Damon video: on the floor, by the door, up against the minibar. I couldn't sit still or stand still or lie still. And I didn't want to lose Gregg either.
> …
> Months later, when Gregg found out for sure what I was doing, when he went through files on my Mac and found letters never sent to this lover or that one, he didn't want to make me feel better anymore. He threw a two-thirds-empty bottle of Stolichnaya at my head when I finally found him at a friend's house. He told me, *I was your only chance at happiness—now it's over for you.*

As it turns out, our man Gregg was no wuss. But apart from that, and despite the fact that what Wurtzel did goes well beyond the average behavior of women of her generation (Wurtzel has always had something of a flair for not just behaving badly, but behaving *spectacularly, extravagantly badly*), the basic theme is common to many women of her generation: *why should I stay with the guy I love now in my early to mid 20s who is good for me when this is the prime time of my attraction and I can enjoy that by spreading myself around numerous interesting, yummy men?* And so that's what she did, throwing away what was probably her best shot at lifetime happiness in the process. Wurtzel's reflections on this reality are, however, disappointingly, if somewhat characteristically for her writing, confused and contradictory. On the one hand, she seems to realize the power of her lost opportunity, but on the other she seems desperate to fight what her mind tells her is unshakable reality:

> Age is a terrible avenger. The lessons of life give you so much to work with, but by the time you've got all this great wisdom, you don't get to be young anymore. And in this world, that's just about the worst thing that can happen—especially to a woman. Whoever said youth is wasted on the young actually got it wrong; it's more that maturity is wasted on the old. I was both emotionally unkempt and mentally unhinged—deeply depressed, drugged, sensitive, and nasty all at once—during the years I was supposed to be spousing up.
> …
> Now that I am a woman whom some man might actually like to be with, might actually not want to punch in the face—or, at least, now that I don't like guys who want to do that to me—**I am sadly 41. I am past my perfect years.**

Even there, we can see the anger at how life works juxtaposed with an almost resigned acceptance of reality. And that reality hits hard, when she realizes the depths of it in fullness:

> So here's the funny thing: There seem to be more men coming around these days, and they keep getting younger as I get older—I'm an interesting, mature woman to a man in his twenties, **while to a guy my age, I'm just jaded**—but I think they are falling in love with a person I used to be, with a girl in a picture, with an idea or an image, not with who or what I am now. Because with every passing second, I feel I am less physically desirable, even though I'm finally, in fact, a desirable person. *It makes no sense, it's not fair, and it sucks.*

Characteristic of Wurtzel and her writings, however, after making this rather good and solid insight, she then proceeds to more or less completely blow it:

> But eventually, at some somber and sobering calendar date, most of us lose our looks and likewise one of our charms—and I will lose mine. **At which time, for me at least, there won't be much point to life anymore at all.**
> …
> I don't want to look back at what was, tell stories of once upon a long time ago, of what I used to do, of the men I once knew way back when, of 1,001 rapturous nights that were and are no more—I don't want my life to be the trashy and tragic remains of a really great party, lipstick traces on a burned-out cigarette at the bottom of a near-empty champagne goblet. **Sex and sexuality, at least for me, are not some segment of life; they are the force majeure, the flood and storm and act of God that overtakes the rest. Without that part of me, I'd rather be dead.** And I know all I can do right now is hold on tight to the little bit of life that's left, cling to the edge of the skyscraper I'm slipping off of, feel my fingers slowly giving way, knowing I'm going to free-fall to a sorrowful demise.
> Maybe I would not have to hold on with such tough white knuckles if I'd done things right when I was still young.
> Oh, to be 25 again and get it right. People who say they have no regrets, that they don't look back in anger, are either lying or boring, not sure which is worse. Because if you've lived a full life and don't feel bad about some of what you did, pieces are missing. Still, there are some mistakes that one is eventually too old—either literally or spiritually—to correct. I can't go back.

Ugh.

It bears remembering that Wurtzel is a woman who has suffered from serious bouts of clinical depression and chemical addiction. Perhaps that frames and explains her extreme case of "not getting it".

Not getting what? Not getting this rather obvious fact: for a woman (or a man, for that matter, but particularly for a woman, given the time frames involved) to base her life and identity and value and enjoyment and so on around her sex appeal and hot sex with numerous men and so on is to live a self-defeating life. Wurtzel rightly realizes, perhaps finally, that beauty and sex appeal have a shelf life that, for women, is somewhat shorter than it is for men. Yet she draws the completely wrong lesson from this. The lesson is not that life is unfair (although it can seem so, to everyone at some stage, for different reasons), or that life has no more point after sex appeal fades! It rather obviously means that sex appeal is but one part of a fully lived life, and surely not the central part, given that it is a rather fleeting thing. The obviousness of this truth remains apparently elusive even for the more introspective than average Wurtzel — something which makes me think it is a truth being rather deliberately avoided.

By my estimation, Wurtzel appears to have become *addicted to her own sexiness*. Perhaps her predisposition to addiction led to this. Perhaps her intrinsically narcissistic approach to life for most of it, as far as one can tell from her various writings, was another factor. But for a woman of 41 years of age (she'll be 43 this year) to believe that life has no point if she isn't sexy any more is quite sad – almost shockingly so. There is no sense of Wurtzel's troubles having given her a useful perspective, or having woken her up to the truly transcendent and important things in life, or to learn to place her sex appeal in its proper perspective. None of that. Instead we get wailing and gnashing of teeth at

how the focus on youthful beauty “sucks” (even as she exploited that focus to the hilt in her younger years), about how life has no point if your sex appeal is diminishing and so on.

I can’t help but wonder how many women of my generation, of my age, share Wurtzel’s perspectives, even if her own life trajectory has been more spectacularly exaggerated, as is her style. I wonder whether Wurtzel is really giving us a look into the inner psyche of “generation lost”, of the “hollow women” of my college class, women in their forties who now look exhausted after having spent the last twenty years chasing their collective six in so many creatively self-defeating ways. And I wonder if Wurtzel is giving all of us, ultimately, a mental roadmap as to why so many women in her age group stray, or long to become cougars, or become seemingly dependent on psychotropic meds.

Ultimately, as with most of Wurtzel’s work, this piece is very saddening, even if it is revealing of a broader mindset – or, rather a lack thereof, – among so many women of my generation.

What a ridiculous waste of a life, Elizabeth.

Historian Tony Judt on The 60s, Sex and the New Puritanism

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In the New York York Review of Books blog, Judt reflects on how culture has changed over the years, from the radical sexuality of the 60s to the "sexual correctness" of today. He recounts several examples of academic censure, and contrasts his own life with that of younger generations.

I always enjoy getting some perspective from an older man who has seen so much more than I have. Perhaps, as more of these older academics retire and are liberated from the campus culture of rigid control, we will see more open and thoughtful criticism of gender politics as they have played out over the last several decades.

It's a short enjoyable read, with a surprise ending that takes a poke at the enforcers of sexual correctness.

Prominent Orthodox Rabbi Backs Down on Ordaining Women

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Facing expulsion from the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Avi Weiss, leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in the Bronx, made a statement last week promising not to confer the title of 'Rabba' [feminine form of Rabbi] on graduates of Yeshivat Maharat, a Jewish religious school for women.

Weiss's statement is a reversal from his January promise to call his student Sara Hurwitz "Rabba," which provoked severe criticism from Orthodox groups around America. Only Orthodox Judaism still forbids women from serving as rabbis, but the only group of Jews that is fertile and committed to maintaining the Jewish faith happens to be Orthodox as well.

However, there is a contemporary movement to bend Jewish tradition and introduce feminism into Orthodox Judaism, most notably represented by JOFA, the "Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance," which just released a nebulous statement pertaining to the hubbub over Weiss.

Despite popular pressure and cultural phenomena such as "Yentl," Orthodox Judaism has quite successfully resisted contemporary fads. Perhaps having a very limited missionary agenda has been helpful in this regard.

The 10 Harmful Things Single Mothers Do to Ruin Their Sons

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I recently came across a Black Christian Pastor by the name of Gills Tripplett, and he has written an article entitled 10 Harmful Things Single Mothers Do To Ruin Their Sons Lives.

It is an excellent piece regarding what I consider to be the single greatest cause in perpetuating the so-called "cycle of poverty." As pointed out by Kay Hymowitz in her seminal article, The Black Family: 40 Years of Lies, the Black American family was devastated en mass years before the same pathologies were spread to other racial groups in every country in considered "first" world. As fellow Spearhead contributors and bloggers like Obsidian and Whiskey have pointed out on numerous occasions, the subsidization of single mother households through tax redistribution schemes to fund entitlement programs is something that corrupts all communities and societies, regardless of race. The black family in America was simply the canary in the coal mine. Well, much of society has ignored that canary's reaction to the experiment of the "GREAT SOCIETY," and we now see the same thing infecting all corners of our most-assuredly declining Western Civilization.

Look in any white trailer park, or any other community across the country that is largely poverty stricken and is predominantly composed of single mother households on welfare, you will see the same pathologies of a matriarchal-modeled community. The same thing is apparent even here in Hawaii – the same kind of projects and ghettos can be seen amongst areas of the State that are essentially homogenous Samoan, Hawaiian, and Filipino enclaves. Wherever we see single mother households as the majority of "family" units, you will find the "Cycle of Poverty" is evident.

However, like most Christian-based articles concerning the travesty and tragedy of single mother households and it's overall effect on society as a whole, there is certain elements in his piece that are certainly oblivious to the insights those of us who have studied Game and social hierarchy's role in mating and dating…so here's a "Fisking" of his article. While I agree wholeheartedly with the big picture, I believe there are few minor errors that needs to be corrected…

(Note that Pastor Tripplett provides plenty of links to back up his sources…visit the original article if you're interested in following up on anything he cites.)

> ***Raising Boys Wrong…***
> *In the state of Georgia, as in most urban areas, two thirds of the Black children born, are born to unwed mothers. Most of those boys will grow up to be unproductive men in our society. For irrefutable proof one only needs to examine:*
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> ** The high school drop out rate amongst boys from single-family homes.*
> ** The incarceration statistics for boys raised by single moms.*
> ** The mass number of single mothers who have trained their boys to devalue and disrespect the entire female gender*
>
> *Am I blaming society's ills on single mothers? No! Am I attacking or demonizing single mothers? A thousand times no!*

Of course Tripplett needs to begin with a general disclaimer. This is a tacit admission that he at least understands the eternal solipsism of the female mind. I'm sure he wrote that first to preempt receiving numerous emails of protestations from single mothers who claim to be the exception to the rule. This was futile. He no doubt will get those anyways.

I am dealing with a critical issue that has devastated multiple generations. One that has not been properly dealt with for too long. I have watched this particular group of single mothers reek havoc and sow seeds of discord in the lives of countless children.

Amen, Pastor.

I had one incident in which a woman, (I'll call Racine) was dating a man, she got pregnant by him and they moved in together.

Like many women who give themselves to dishonorable men, Racine assumed that she could change him and that he would eventually marry her. She was so convinced of her abilities to alter his conduct, that she got pregnant, AGAIN! You should know that Racine was in the church while this disgraceful chain of events took place. After their second child, her live-in boyfriend just up and left. He coldly and calculatedly abandoned her and both of their kids.

Here's the first bit of "So-Con" rationalization. See how he basically positions his example as simply a woman done wrong…her intentions were noble, she was trying to "save" her boyfriend, but this "cold and calculating" scum bag abandoned them.

Pastor, what we have here is a classic case of a CHURCH GOING WOMAN chasing a known "bad boy" and basically thinking with her 'gina tingles instead of her head. Come now, give her an equal share of the responsibility here: she CHOSE an irresponsible guy to impregnate her, not once, but twice. She is not a victim here. She is an active participant in perpetuating the cycle of poverty by creating yet another single mother household.

Her means of getting revenge against her ex was to physically abuse both their children. She would do things such as force them to sit outside in the freezing cold for hours at a time. She would choke her older son, (I'll call Joseph) while swearing at him and cursing his father. Because of her physically and verbally abusive behavior, Joseph learned to hate females.

Because of how his mother abused him and his little brother, Joseph detests the female gender with an unforgiving passion.

Ah yes. Thanks to the society wide acceptance and subsidization of the single mother household, another Misogynist is born!

Like his mother had been drilling in his ears for years, he followed in the footsteps of his father. He got a female pregnant while in high school, but instead of abandoning her and baby like his dad, he married her. Not because he loved her, but to prove his mother wrong. Joseph had taken on the same vengeful and abusive spirit as his mom. In less than two weeks after saying, "I do!" he physically assaulted his new bride. He has been abusing her ever since. Even at my behest, his wife refused to file charges. She felt as though she could change him.

Pastor, pastor, pastor…"SHE FELT" is nothing more than the rationalization hamster wheel furiously churning in her brain. It's how she justifies to herself why she stays involved with an abusive guy… because he makes her 'gina tingle.

Their little girl will be 5-years-old in 2004 and Joseph has never held a conversation with her because of distrust and hatred of all females. The only things he has said to his daughter is, "Shut up! Didn't I tell you… No! Sit down and, go get me a…"

Joseph kicked her across the room one night when she attempted to stop him from physically assaulting her mother. Did you comprehend what you just read? You just read how generational curses are started. Even worse, Joseph's daughter is a likely candidate to believe that all men

are dogs and become an angry Black female.

Depends. If Joseph and her mother stay together all throughout her childhood, she may instead grow up to actively seek out an abusive thug that makes her 'gina tingle like her mom, and repeat the pattern of putting up with physical and mental abuse as long as she is excited by his thuggish behavior.

> *What you are reading are not aberrations. These incidents happen everyday. I could share with you so many other cases and incidents such as the large number of single mothers who for various reasons refuse to divulge to their kids who their true biological father are. These women don't realize how their callous insensitivity has damaged their children.*

Ah, but Pastor, you're forgetting the number one response to pointing out any single instance of a woman behaving badly: **Not All Women Are Like That!**

> *Some of you will read this article and say, "What about the things the men are doing and why didn't you mention how daughters are affected when they don't have a dad?" I'll deal with the dishonorable men, deadbeat dads and daughters in another session. I cannot cover all of life's issues in one article. Right now, our focus is the ten harmful things certain single mothers do to ruin their son's lives.*

Save it, Pastor. There's no need to go over how dastardly and dishonorable deadbeat dad's are. We already live in a culture and society for which our mainstream media and entire cable TV channels are dedicated to never letting us forget how *Men* are the problem, and single mothers are heroic martyrs and paragons of self-sacrifice.

Nevertheless, on with the list:

> ***1. Do You Poison Your Son's Mind Against His Biological Father?***
> *Some women knowingly and intentionally perform this evil scheme. Others do it unintentionally. While boys are young, this vengeful act seems harmless, but as they grow older, they develop bitterness against their fathers.*

Note: Women can do this to their children, even if their Father didn't abandon them and still remains married and an able and competent provider in the home. This is what happens when you have a mother who doesn't respect her husband – most likely because he's an emasculated "herb" or "beta nice guy."

> ***2. Do You Instill In Your Son: "The All Men Are Dogs," Mentality?***
> *You may hate the father of your child. You may hate all men. You may feel justified in your malice because of how men have treated you. However, all men are not dogs! Good men do exist! A portion of the men who become dogs were trained to be that way by their disgruntled mothers. These boys listen to their moms speak hypercritically, denounce and condemn all men until they develop a disparaging complex about being a male.*
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> *Once those seeds are planted in their impressionable minds and hearts, these boys lose hope about being an honorable man. Their mother's words become a prophetic utterance. Albeit a negative one. Single moms, you must find ways to encourage your son and put a stop to words and actions that dismantle his vision of being a decent man. All men are not dogs!*

Amen!

Unfortunately the next point comes right out of the So-Con playbook:

> ***3. Do You Play The Dating Game?***

> *As a single mother, you cannot afford to play the worldly dating game of love, sex and relationships. When you become a revolving door for hordes of males, you indoctrinate your son to systematically devalue and disrespect the female gender. By watching an assortment of males freely enter into and abruptly exit out of your life, your son learns firsthand how to become a playa player, pimp, baller and shot caller.*

On the other hand, you're simply giving your son a first hand view of what it means to be a slut.

> *As he witnesses your failed relationships, tears of regret from your manifold sexual liaisons and learns how you were dumped, played, dismissed and disgraced at the hands of detestable males, his conscience becomes desensitized to the well being of all women. As you play the dating game, you persuade your son that males were called to be pimps.*

There's probably a lot of truth to this.

> *As a single mother, if a man refuses to respect you as a woman and honor the fact that you have a child, he is not worthy of your companionship.*

Whoa there Pastor! The fact that she already made the mistake of getting impregnated by an irresponsible thug already severely limits HER WORTHINESS of the companionship of a worthy man!

> *You need to know that a man should not date you if he is not prepared emotionally, psychological, physically and financially to take on the responsibility of raising your child.*

This is true…but you need to add that a woman who actually does find a "good" man "worthy" of her companionship, she should also seek to avoid deceiving him into thinking being a single mother is easy, and that she should imply or deliberately deceive a man with the idea that she will put him first in any future relationship…than not do so once the sucker (oops, I meant "Man") was actually foolish enough to commit to you.

> *It is an absolute waste of your time for you to date or court a man who:*
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> - *Doesn't want children*
> - *Doesn't like children*
> - *Is averse to raising another man's child*
> - *Is not interested in getting married*
> - *Has it made clear that his objective is to dishonor you sexually*

Sigh.

More So-Con pedestalization here. I agree with the rest of this list, but let's be frank about this last one: Women have the choice, the control, and the responsibility of dishonoring their own sexuality! A man who makes it quite clear that he is not interested in a long term, committed relationship is NOT dishonoring her! He's being honest! If she has sex with him anyways, in the hopes of "changing his mind," SHE IS DISHONORING HERSELF AND HER SON.

> *As a single mother of a boy, you are largely responsible for how your son will treat the next generation of women. Take that charge serious. Don't set your son up for sure relationship, marital and manhood meltdown. Set before him an example of honor, respect and virtue.*

As important as it is for a single mother to avoid engaging in the cock carousel of thugs and bad boys in plain view of her son, she should also be aware of choosing a man who is NOT a pedestalizing,

feminized mangina that she can manipulate and run roughshod all over either. That kind of role model will have it's own set of issues and pathologies that will affect him when he is older…and in some cases, this can cause just as much psychological damage as having a string of abusive bad boys for his primary male role models.

4. Do You Engage In The Sleepover Trap?

Time and time again, I meet single mothers who allow men to spend the night, move-in or do long-term layovers. When boys see their moms engaging in such shameful activity, they become indoctrinated to see women as sex objects, booty calls and casual sex partners.

Don't worry…even if you don't do this, he'll get plenty of that indoctrination from watching TV and going to school with all the other little boys whose mothers do it.

5. Have You Made Your Son The Man of The House?

As cute as it may seem, your son IS NOT the man of the house. He is your child! Most single mothers will never understand the psychological damage they cause by anointing their sons to be the man of the house. By falsely convincing their boys that they are men, these single moms pigeonhole their adolescents into a pressure-based environment God never intended for them to be in.

Many of these undeveloped boys feel such emotional duress, that they resort to doing the unthinkable to meet their mom's fanatical demands of manhood. These teenage boys freely talk about selling drugs, robbing people, car jacking and committing other crimes to take care of their household.

Amen.

6. Are You Feminizing Your Son?

To feminize means to cause a male to assume feminine characteristics. The way single mothers feminize their sons is by doing things such as:

> - *Having him with them while they go shopping for women's clothing*
> - *Taking him to the beauty salons while they get their hair and nails done*
> - *Having him in the bathroom and bedroom while they primp and pamper*
> - *Buying him feminine toys such as girl's bikes, dolls, etc.*
> - *Providing him with feminine clothes, makeup or accessories*
> - *Involving him in feminine activities*
> - *Calling him cute, primping and pampering him*
> - *Piercing his ears and giving him earrings*
> - *Belittling or minimizing male-female gender differences*
> - *Bringing feminine or homosexual males into his life or presence*

Single mothers who allow or inspire their sons to engage in activities that cause him to be feminized are partly responsible for the mass number of passive and effeminate males in our society.

Don't forget to add that young boys raised by a single mother also pattern their emotional responses to their mothers. This is why many young men from single mother households become violent and abusive criminals. They never learn to control and channel their aggression properly by a good masculine role model. Instead, the only role model they have is the emotional roller coaster of their

mother's hormonal mood swings. When his body changes, you will have a young man full of testosterone and aggression, but no self control of his emotions.

> ***7. Are You Training Him To Be a Man?***
> *Get this irrefutable truth engrained into your mind and heart as expediently as possible. A woman cannot train a boy to be a man any more than a man can train a girl to become a virtuous woman. A man has his limits when it comes to raising and training girls.*

While I'm sure there are plenty of problems men have when it comes to raising girls, I don't think "virtuous" is one of them. A strong, protective Father most certainly can train a girl to be virtuous. I think the Pastor would have been better served to state any more than a man can train a girl to become a *feminine* woman.

> *He can read a thousand books and attend countless lectures, but he will never be able to fully understand or explain to a girl what PMS is, a woman's hormones or what to expect when she gets pregnant. Most men won't even attempt to broach subjects such as a woman's broad range of emotions and feelings, her weight or looks, tampons or why women break out and cry at certain events and situations. It takes a woman to talk to a girl about those critical facets of her life.*

Agreed. THIS is what Men cannot adequately do in raising girls…but none of that has to do with *virtue.*

> *In the same token, as a woman, there is only so much that you can instill in or teach a boy. Accept that fact and do not try to cross your boundaries. There are certain things that boys need psychologically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally, that you as a woman will never be able to impart to them. You will never understand or be able to help your son understand:*

> - *Masculinity*
> - *Testosterones*
> - *The male ego*
> - *A man's penis*
> - *Why men are territorial*
> - *Why men love a good battle*
> - *A man's need to conquer*
> - *A boy's rites of passage*

> *Like most females, you will spend an eternity scratching your head trying to understand why men gravitate towards brute competition. Since you will never comprehend these masculine things, you will never be able to properly communicate them to any male. Including your son!*
>
> *SO STOP TRYING!*
>
> *Leave the manhood training to the men!*

Hallelujah!

> ***8. Are You Emasculating Your Son?***
> *Some single mothers ruin their sons by emasculating them. To emasculate means: 1. To castrate. 2. To deprive of strength or vigor and to weaken. These single moms accomplish this catastrophic emasculation process by:*

> - *Impeding the boy's natural gravitation towards things that boys love to do, (i.e. rough sports and aggressive play)*
> - *By constantly scolding, condemning, yelling and screaming at him. This commonly used tactic erodes a boy's self-confidence*
> - *By being a domineering or overbearing mother. These single moms not only bruise their son's male ego, but they mutilate his male identity and condition him to be a cowardly passive male*
> - *Constantly seeing his mother crying or throwing temper tantrums. When a boy sees these seemingly harmless emotional outbursts, he becomes conditioned to respond to the issues and pressures of life in the same manner as his mom.*

Excellent advice. Once again, Amen, Pastor.

I also cannot find any fault with his last two points as well…

…well, *almost* anything:

> ***9. Have You Made Your Son Into a Momma's Boy?***
> *I constantly meet single mothers who delight in the fact that they are raising momma's boys. Let me put things into proper perspective by first defining what a momma's boy is. He has been raised and taken care of by his mother. She has dressed him, cooked his meals, did his laundry, put a roof over his head, babied and spoiled him since birth and still does so… although he is a grown man.*
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> *She has come to his rescue, fought his battles, spoken up for him, lied for him, blamed others for his sins and protected him from harm and still does so… although he is a grown man. She has bought his shoes and socks, paid his bills, bought his groceries and got him out of jail and other jams and still does so… although he is a grown man.*
>
> *In their strange and contorted mother-son relationship, neither of one them is willing cut their now grotesque umbilical cord. By the way their mothers have raised them, these males have been indoctrinated to believe that women exist for the sole purpose of serving and taking care of men. They have no problem with moving in with a female and sitting at home, watching television while their wives, girlfriends and baby's mothers work two and three jobs to pay the bills.*
>
> *Their understanding is, "What's the problem? That's what my mom did and that's what women are supposed to do!" When it comes to marriage and relationships, I advise all women to avoid momma's boys. One way or another, these males are going to cause you heartache. Especially if you attempt to snip their umbilical cord. Single mothers who truly care about their son's future will not raise their sons to be momma's boys!*
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> ***10. Do You Avoid Finding Strong Male Role Models For Your Son?***
> *By having no strong male role models in their lives, boys are prone to gravitate towards:*
>
> - *Having a distorted sense of self-worth*
> - *Feeling irrelevant in our society*
> - *Rebelling against authority*
> - *Being passive males*
> - *Having a deep sense of vulnerability*
> - *Wondering about their legacy*

> - *Not respecting the female gender*

This is our Brave New World molded and fashioned by a feminist movement and a sexually libertine culture promoting Matriarchal values and unleashed female sexuality. Teaching a boy to "respect the female gender" is another way of teaching him to pedestalize women, as a gender. Teach him to respect only those men and women that have earned it! No woman deserves respect simply because she has female plumbing.

> - *Not understanding, respecting or embracing manhood*
> - *Not understanding, respecting or embracing marriage*

Heh. If he understands marriage…more specifically Marriage 2.0, he certainly should NOT embrace marriage…

1. *Not understanding, respecting or embracing fatherhood*

   As they reach adulthood, these harmful traits make men become societal undesirables. As a single mom, you must make seeking out strong godly male role models for your son a top priority. Start with your child's father. The only reasons you should keep your son away from his biological father is because his dad:

   > - *Is an alcoholic, drug user or drug dealer*
   > - *Is wanted by the police or other authorities*
   > - *Has harmful mental or other psychological issues*
   > - *Is a thug or is involved in other criminal activity*
   > - *Is an abuser, molester or perpetrator of domestic violence*
   > - *Has threatened physical harm or violence*
   > - *Poses a safety threat to you or child in some other fashion*

   Barring none of the above, you should not prevent your child's from interacting with his dad. After the child's biological father, look at the men in your family, church, after school programs and organizations that are passionate about raising boys. Be clear on this irrefutable fact: your son needs honorable men in his life if he is going to properly transition from boyhood to manhood.

   If he has no godly strong male role models, your son will go from boyhood to adulthood, while skipping manhood. Don't deceive yourself into believing that you can raise your son without men, you cannot.

Overall, I really don't have too much quibble with this article. It would probably be better for society if more boys in single mother homes were raised to be pedestalizing doormats for women when they get older than violent, anti-social and emotionally out control adults…but still, the better answer would be to prevent the promulgation of the ubiquity of single mother households in the first place.

As long as we have a welfare and family court system defining any "family" as a mother and children, and subsidizing and/or forcefully removing men from their families and their roles as Patriarchs, the "cycle of poverty" will continue to escalate and hasten the decline of our declining civilization.

St. Pat's a Bust

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I don't know if it's just my boring neighborhood or the lousy economy, but it seems as though what used to be fun celebrations are simply not so fun any longer. There is something a bit depressing in the air lately, and the exuberance that normally bursts forth from time to time at the appointed days is coming out with barely a fizzle.

However, as I said, it may simply be where I live. I don't know how things are in the rest of the country, but last night was a pretty big disappointment to me. The only local bar that celebrated St. Pat's was filled with people who made me feel like a kid, and I'm in my mid-30s! All they were doing was sitting down to eat Irish food and drinking microbrews. There wasn't even a band at the local cabaret/theater, which was boarded up and looks to be going out of business.

Just out of curiosity, do readers find that America just isn't as *fun* as it used to be? If so, is it just that people are broke, or is there something else going on?

Manhattan Girls go Thelma and Louise for Feminism

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Emma Bernstein and Nona Willis Aronowitz, a couple of Sex and the City types from Manhattan, came up with the idea to go on a road trip and write a book about it in the midst of a liquor-fueled brunch. Aronowitz, who had never ventured outside of Manhattan much before, said the trip was "about discovery and opening your eyes to other people's realities. It was a perfect coming-of-age thing to do."

Aside from the fact that America is awash in feminist literature, these girls come off as clueless, privileged little princesses. Stopping mainly in cities, they asked women what they thought about feminism. Interestingly, while in San Francisco, they found that while women knew plenty about feminism, they couldn't explain how it might be relevant to their personal lives.

This is rather amusing, because San Francisco is chock full of high-powered career women. Lawyers, doctors, professionals of all sorts… For women, it's a utopia full of culture, nice parks, restaurants and great shopping opportunities. Perhaps this is why they don't have much time to think about feminism in SF. In fact, knowing San Franciscans, they were probably thinking "how long do I have to keep talking to this annoying New Yorker? I really want to go to that new Italian boutique on the Embarcadero!"

However, even in places where women might feel the need to be "empowered," our feminist dynamic duo didn't get such a great reception. The poor women they spoke with thought of feminism as "elitist." Gee, wonder why? Couldn't have anything to do with a couple of nosy Manhattan girls driving around and bothering women who've got more important things to worry about than "coming of age," could it?

Although I'm not going to buy the book, I am curious as to how much outright hostility they ran into. Most people are a lot more reasonable than your typical entitled, urban princess, so probably not much, unfortunately. However, I'd be willing to bet that they were more successful in raising eyebrows than in raising feminist consciousness.

Worst Nightmare for Divorced Fathers

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Divorced fathers whose children spend a good deal of time away from them and out of their protective influence often worry a great deal about their children. Babymomma's boyfriends and behavior can be a huge source of anxiety, but under our feminist family law regime there isn't a thing these fathers can do to alleviate their anxiety. In fact, simply stopping by to check on a child can result in arrest.

When stories about the tragedies that disproportionately strike the children of single mothers appear in the news, they can be a real source of pain and worry for divorced fathers.

Here in Seattle Joel Zellmer, a Kent man, is facing trial for the murder of a 3-year-old girl. He allegedly killed her for a $200,000 life insurance policy he took out on her with her mother. In 2003, the girl drowned in a pool in her new stepfather's back yard. When the child drowned, the death was initially thought to be accidental, but prior incidents involving the children of single mothers Zellmer proposed to came to light, and Zellmer was arrested in 2007. His first wife's son had his legs broken in 1990, supposedly in a hit and run by an uninsured driver. Zellmer received a $25,000 insurance settlement from the "accident." Later, the baby of a single mother he was dating somehow ended up in his hot tub, and was injured. In 2002, he started dating several single mothers at once, and then got engaged to one, who left him after some suspicious incidents and his suggestion that she and her daughter get life insurance policies.

Another single mother, to whom he proposed within two weeks of meeting her, also left him after life insurance suggestions. She also claims she found numerous photos of single mothers with children in his house.

Of course, there's a chance that Zellmer didn't murder or hurt anyone, but a $200,000 life insurance policy on a three-year-old looks pretty suspicious. So does his obsessive interest in single mothers, and the numerous injuries children sustained in his care.

The facts state that if a woman with small children is having a relationship with a man who is not the child's father, the man is 60 times more likely to kill the children than a resident biological father. Of course, plenty of men who date and marry single mothers are perfectly decent, but sadly a lot of them are not. Some of them are downright homicidal.

In this day and age, an interest in single mothers is also a bit odd. Personally, I'd recommend avoiding them, because in the majority of cases they *chose* to become single mothers. Only a fraction of them faced the kind of abuse or neglect that justified putting their children in that situation. In most cases, they either got tired of their husbands and dumped them or intentionally got pregnant by a man who had no intention or desire to become a father. A man with good sense should approach any relationship with a single mother with extreme caution. However, they are also an easy mark. In many cases, they are desperate, so some guys might choose to take advantage of that.

It is every caring divorced father's nightmare that some guy who doesn't give a damn about his kids might soon become the "man of the house." In these situations, the children suffer disproportionately from the choices that were ultimately made by their mother, and these choices are facilitated – even encouraged – by the law of the land.

Men like Zellmer, if he really did murder the girl, are only taking advantage of easy prey.

Another Single Mother, Another Dead Kid

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Little Azriel Carver's corpse just washed up on a beach in southern Puget Sound. The boy and his mother, who is still nowhere to be found, had been missing for a few days. Authorities have been searching for them since their car was found partially submerged in shallow water in a pond.

After reading about the discovery of the car, I was hoping that his mother had made a break for it, as many single mothers do, fleeing the pressures of her life to live in anonymity with her child. That's far from an ideal situation, but at least the little boy would have had a fighting chance. It would have been far better than drowning in the cold water of the sound, only to be thrown up by the hard saltwater cold and blue on a mudflat or rocky shore.

I've seen them pull people out of the water a couple times before. It's always a tragedy, but so much more for a child. A friend of mine used to be a lifeguard, and had to haul in a couple dead kids. I can't think of anything more painful than that.

Since the discovery of the boy's body, some new information has come to light. It turns out that his mother, Shantina Smiley, had been seen by several people prior to her disappearance, and seemed disoriented. There was a half-empty bottle of wine in her car, and a man working at a convenience store saw her trip and fall after leaving the store.

Additionally, she has been investigated three times by CPS, which in itself doesn't constitute guilt, but in one investigation a finding of abuse was made after Azriel sustained a serious injury at the hands of one his mother's boyfriends, who was arrested for breaking the kid's arm. In 2007, Smiley was found to be negligent after she had passed out drunk while with her son. The boy was returned after she completed a stint inn rehab.

Unsurprisingly, Azriel was not returned to the custody of his father, who hadn't seen his son in years and lived on the other side of the country. If an abused or neglected child has a parent who has never been found to be abusive or negligent, why not send the child to live with that parent? Oh wait, it was his *father*, so we can't have that…

Big Sister Killing More Jobs

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While surfing Google Finance I stumbled upon another instance of Big Sister stifling the economy with her victimhood-saturated menstrual pads. This time Big Sister takes the form of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

> Four Jack in the Box restaurants formerly owned and operated by Abe Alizadeh will likely close because a federal agency wants to impose regulations on new owners based on sexual harassment charges from four years ago.
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> The four restaurants will likely close around April 15, leaving about 200 out of work.

Just what our economy needs. Thanks, Big Sister!

> The bidder who had won the stores in a bankruptcy auction declined to buy the stores after discovering in a court hearing that the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission wants stipulations to carry on to the new owner.
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> Four years ago, a manager of one of the Chico-area restaurants was fired after allegations surfaced of sexual harassment. The manager was fired, the regional manager was fired and Alizadeh even fired his director of operations supervising that group of restaurants. That all happened four years ago. The EEOC filed a lawsuit over the incidents in October of last year, when the stores were already in bankruptcy.

Nice timing, Big Sister.

> The stores are all profitable. None of the managers from four years ago is still involved in the restaurants. The ownership is different now and it would be completely different after the asset sale, Gallup said. The bidders had no interest in picking up liability from the previous management through the bankruptcy court.
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> The EEOC didn't define what its stipulations might be.
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> "The stipulations scared the crap out of my buyers," Gallup said. "These are good operators with clean histories. Not one of them said they would open themselves to unknown levels of scrutiny. … One of them said: 'I will not take a dog with fleas into my house.' "

Big Sister knows **someone** has to pay when a woman claims to have been the victim of a crime. She has to make an example of **someone** so we remember to tread softly lest we inadvertently step on one Big Sister's toes. She has a lot of toes of varying sizes and shapes, over 150 million in the United States alone. And every one of these toes is a potential victim in need of additional protections and entitlements at the expense of men and families, which Big Sister gleefully provides.

> The EEOC's position is that it wants [to] make sure good management policies are in place to protect the workers where there had been a history of poorly managed environments.

What a noble cause, Big Sister, but instead of protecting these workers you've destroyed their jobs in an already harsh economy. I suppose we don't have to worry, though; they can just collect unemployment fueled by taxes paid by men.

Full article at MSN MoneyCentral.

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French Philosophette Confronts Tyrant Babies

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Elisabeth Badinter, author of *Le Conflit, La Femme et La Mère (The Conflict, The Woman and The Mother)*, argues that to truly be liberated, women should reject all the healthy mothering advice about breastfeeding and organic food, plug the screaming kid with a bottle full of formula, kick back on the couch with a bottle of wine and a smoke and fire up the TV. According to Badinter, this would not only further empower women, but lead to an increase in fertility as well.

As a French "philosopher," Badinter probably isn't aware that millions of women in America have already taken wholeheartedly to her recommended lifestyle, and have been doing so for years. The so-called "ghetto queen" reclining on a sofa with a pack of Newports and a bottle of Cisco, basking in the glow of her widescreen TV featuring a larger than life Oprah Winfrey, surrounded by a passel of chaotic progeny, and host to various men from surrounding residences, is far from a rare phenomenon in the American inner-city. Her rural counterpart in a middle-American trailer park is legion as well.

Although these women may feel liberated, what they are actually doing is shifting their obligations onto the rest of us. As an example, I used to enjoy visiting the local library, but some years ago I noticed it was always full of screaming kids. I asked the librarian what was going on, and she told me that the mothers leave their kids at the library and then go do as they please for a few hours, coming back to pick them up later. The librarians had become de facto daycare providers. I actually asked a guy who was rather high up in the Seattle library administration what they intended to do about this problem, and he said they were working on it.

Eventually, they came up with a compromise. Now, there are still kids in the library, but they are mainly playing free video games on the computers, so they aren't underfoot quite so much. Additionally, for those of us who like quiet libraries, there are a couple small "study rooms" where one can close the door to shut out the babbling. I saw a librarian tell a teenage girl to stop playing her ipod at a high volume once, and the girl refused and threatened to give the librarian a beating. The librarian was a small woman, so she couldn't do anything about it. The compromise was obviously a failure. I don't go to libraries much any longer.

The point is that Badinter's notion of empowerment is simply about ditching one's responsibilities and letting others deal with the fallout. This is nothing new, as feminism is fundamentally about 1) increasing privileges, and 2) avoiding responsibilities. These are the twin pillars of the feminist movement, and have been from the very beginning. Every single feminist cause is directly related to one or the other, or both.

However, if Badinter's position indicates anything, it is that there is little more that can be foisted on individual men than already is, and that to remain dynamic and relevant feminists will now have to turn their guns directly on children and society.

NOW Denounces Health Care Bill

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The National Organization for Women is infuriated with Barack Obama for passing a Health Care bill that does not provide subsidized abortion or extend benefits to illegal aliens. Citing the fact that abortion is one of the most common medical procedures women undergo in the United States, NOW President Terry O'Neill blames "Catholic bishops and extremist abortion rights opponents" for preventing government-backed abortion coverage.

Reading O'Neill, one might assume that most Americans like the idea of chipping in to help women eliminate unwanted babies. However, that is far from the case, and it is more likely that most Americans have moral issues with abortion, and would rather not be involved in paying for it. The hysteria and mischaracterization that NOW engages in is part of a long tradition of left-feminist activism, and brings the antics of Bob Avakian's Revolutionary Communist Party (read their amusing publication) to mind.

As objectionable as the concerns of NOW may be, the health care bill does raise issues that divorced/single fathers may want to consider. For example, will men be required by law to pay premiums for their ex-wives and children, whether they have the money or not? Given legislation passed in the 1980s and 90s, it seems almost inevitable that this will be the case, and the bill will impose yet another obligation on struggling fathers who are having a tough time making ends meet in this economic recession.

Reproductive Justice For Men

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> Infancy's the tender fountain,
> Power may with beauty flow,
> Mother's first to guide the streamlets,
> From them souls unresting grow—
> Grow on for the good or evil,
> Sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
> For the hand that rocks the cradle
> Is the hand that rules the world.

This is the second stanza of a poem penned by William Ross Wallace in 1865. I note with interest that Wallace was raised by a single mother, which may help put some context to the worshipful tone of the poem as a whole. Personally, I infer a prescient warning of sorts from this poem, a warning that may or may not have been intentional on the part of Wallace…that men who permit themselves to be locked out of fatherhood will find themselves ruled by those whose education was of, by, and for women with nary a masculine tutor in sight. Keep this 150 year old warning in mind as you read this post about the femmarxist "reproductive justice" movement.

The recent kerfuffle over the "Black Babies are an Endangered Species" billboard in Hotlanta spotlighted for me the race-tinged activism of the fine femmarxists over at SisterSong. I found myself wondering why the author of the news article would give lend a global platform to the mouthpiece of such an obscure–to me, anyway–group.

A few seconds of googling offered up an explanation. Hotlanta also appears to be the headquarters for the SisterSong special interest group. Exploring their site, another explanation made its way to the fore…the "Black Baby" billboard controversy was merely a convenient target of opportunity in a deliberate media-outreach campaign by a loosely organized network of feminist groups to push an agenda they call "reproductive justice" (RJ).

What is RJ, you say? Here is a brief excerpt from the SisterSong site:

> …the complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, social, environmental and economic well-being of women and girls, based on the full achievement and protection of women's human rights. It offers a new perspective on reproductive issue advocacy, pointing out that as Indigenous women and women of color it is important to fight equally for (1) the right to have a child; (2) the right not to have a child; and (3) the right to parent the children we have, as well as to control our birthing options, such as midwifery. We also fight for the necessary enabling conditions to realize these rights. This is in contrast to the singular focus on abortion by the pro-choice movement.
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> One of the key problems addressed by Reproductive Justice is the isolation of abortion from other social justice issues that concern communities of color. Abortion isolated from other social justice/human rights issues neglects issues of economic justice, the environment, immigrants' rights, disability rights, discrimination based on race and sexual orientation, and a host of other community-centered concerns directly affecting an individual woman's

> decision making process. By shifting the definition of the problem to one of reproductive oppression (the control and exploitation of women, girls, and individuals through our bodies, sexuality, labor, and reproduction) rather than a narrow focus on protecting the legal right to abortion, we are developing a more inclusive vision of how to move forward in building a new movement.

It is easy to see how RJ, as holistically described like this, is a gun pointed at each and every man on the planet. By asserting control of when and when they will not have a child and the right to parent those children as they see fit (implied is that male interference will not be tolerated), RJ is nothing less than a bold move to assert control of the entire enchilada, to finish the job of locking men and boys out of society entirely–don't let the 'women of color' stalking horse fool you, my non-white bretheren, they're coming for you too–and institute a full-up matriarchy.

One thing that our adversaries has done very well has been to organize and institute a sort of lawfare on men that the male sex…being concerned with the well being of the tribe as a whole and not usually given to narrow parochialism for the benefit of men alone…has been slow to respond to. So, in a case of imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, I propose that we men adopt and tailor feminist RJ activism to our particular needs and concerns, and then use the focal points identified by that activism as vectors to direct our energies and fight for our own reproductive justice.

First, then, we need to define what reproductive justice is when applied to men. I offer the following initial–albeit not terribly creative–chop:

> Reproductive Justice is the complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, economic, and social well-being of men and boys. It will be achieved when men and boys have the economic, social and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction for themselves, their families, and their communities in all areas of their lives, and when men have the right to have a child when they wish, the right to not have a child when they wish, and the right to parent in the manner as they wish.

From there, we bridge to how we should focus our efforts. Again, the success of our adversaries is instructive: As first suggested by the Asian Community for Reproductive Justice in their "A New Vision" manifesto, I suggest our RJ fight be centered around three "frameworks" that organize and focus activist's efforts:

> There are three main frameworks for fighting reproductive oppression: [1] Reproductive Health, [2] Reproductive Rights, and [3] Reproductive Justice.
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> The Reproductive Health framework emphasizes the very necessary reproductive health services that women need.
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> The Reproductive Rights framework is based on universal legal protections for women, and sees these protections as rights. Issues that were historically seen as private issues in the lives of women and girls have been made public and mainstream.
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> And the Reproductive Justice framework stipulates that reproductive oppression is a result of the intersections of multiple oppressions and is inherently connected to the struggle for social justice and human rights.

I suggest we adapt these frames for reducing and eventually eliminating reproductive oppression below (please feel free to suggest others in your comments):

For the reproductive health frame, we men should focus on prostate and erectile health and on the supporting issues that adversely affect and even unnaturally truncate our reproductive lives. These issues include, but are not limited to, heart disease, decreased fertility due to phytoestrogens in our diet and female sex hormone effluvia in the water and food supply, suicide, victimization from homicide, incarceration for non-violent "crimes", discrimination in sentencing, particularly for non-Asian minority men, decreased male participation (and increased marginalization) in education, and health research and funding inequalities.

For the reproductive rights frame, we men should make "our body, our choice" our rallying cry. We should aim to achieve universal legal protections of these God-given rights for men and to ensconce those protections as State-enforced rights. The focus of this agitation should be the ownership of our labors and our genetic material, and resistance to any efforts to deprive us of the fruits of our labors without our affirmative and voluntary choice to do so. What is presently seen as "responsibilities" for men must be connected in law to their affirmative choices.

And the Reproductive Justice framework should stipulate that reproductive oppression is a result of the intersections of multiple oppressions and is inherently connected to the struggle for men's social justice and male human rights.

The following table summarizes the task set before us. In constructing it, I again heavily leveraged a similar product produced by the feminists:

Framework	Reproductive Health	Reproductive Rights	Reproductive Justice
Model	Service delivery to address men's reproductive and suporting health needs	Legal and policy advocacy to protect an individual man's right to reproductive and supporting health services	Organizing individuals and communities to foster change and challenge situations in which men suffer from power inequalities
Central Theme(s)	Our society needs to address men's health disparities through increased access to the full range of reproductive and supporting health services, tailored to the specific needs of various male communities	Linking positive choice with responsibility in making reproductive decisions	The control and exploitation of men as a sex, the labors of their bodies, and the focus on incarceration versus therapeutic correctives has historically been the means of controlling entire communities -particularly low-income men and their families
Strategies	Improving and expanding services, research, information, and access, particularly prevention of STDs	Social, legal, and policy advocacy; Emphasis on controlling genetic material and avoiding unintended pregnancies	Organizing, leadership development, cross-sector alliance building, and movement building
Key Players	Providers: professional medical community, health care providers, researchers, health educators	Advocates: legal experts, lawyers, policymakers, elected officials	Organizers: community members, allies
Limiting Factors	Focus on the individual, resources intensive, differing levels of access	Societal emphasis on male responsibility; the State's regulation of "behavior" and options in certain populations; assumes access to education, and access and influence in the policy process; requires a belief in the efficacy of the political system	Asks organizations and individuals to take personal, financial, social, and legal risks to challenge power relations, values, assumptions, present hierarchies; Long-term movement building is resource-intensive, requires endurance and patience on the part of movement members

Please note that I do not think that men adopting the same "victim" mental model as the feminists do will be productive, despite the fact that the above table tends toward donning the victim mantle in a few areas, mostly in "oppression" and power differentials. But noting that one is oppressed by Big Sister is not the same as being a victim; a victim mentality is one of helplessness. We are not helpless, we are in control of our own destinies and over our own thoughts and actions. I think that being yet another victim grievance group will have adverse effects to any male RJ movement in that it will turn off many right-minded men, precisely the set of go-getter independent men that we need to execute the social change that we desire. We don't need and don't want victims, we want do-ers,

men who aren't seeking for someone else to help them be better.

This brings me to my next point, a point ably made by Jack Donovan not long ago (and I paraphrase): that fighting oppression and securing these rights will be a fight. Merely sidling up to the table and doing an Oliver–more gruel please, sir–will not succeed for us as it did for the feminists. Matt Dubay's experience with C4M in the legal system is evidence of that. If the post-enlightenment history of Western Civ, particularly the 20th Century, is any indicator, one only has as many rights as one has the political power to enforce them. "Political power flows from the barrel of a gun" Chairman Mao observed, and he is exactly correct. Specific to our case, we must have the will to do political, social, and legal violence to secure those rights against those who are equally determined to do political, social, legal, and even physical violence to us men to keep us in our place.

That is all for now. More ideas will be forthcoming about attacking reproductive oppression, and I am looking forward to reading some of yours. Some are already in work: expatting, marriage striking, ensuring sperm surety, but more will be required.

I'll close this post with the following Heinlein quote:

> "Violence, naked force, has settled more issues in history than has any other factor, and the contrary opinion is wishful thinking at its worst. Nations and peoples who forget this basic truth have always paid for it with their lives and freedoms."

What we want–freedom, equality, restoration of patriarchy, whatever–won't be given to us. We have to take it. And then endeavor to keep it.

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Facing Scorn, Germaine Greer Struggles for Relevance

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In an attempt to salvage her flagging reputation, Germaine Greer is declaring victory in the feminist revolution. As proof, she offers the high divorce rate, which she attributes to "heroic" women. Furthermore, like Gloria Steinem, she asserts that we are still in the initial stages of the feminist revolution.

Although Greer claims she has written better books than *The Female Eunuch*, she reveals herself to be a one-trick pony, and is still banging the same drum she was forty years ago. Choosing to ignore the raunchy sexuality that has exploded into the Anglosphere's streets and culture following feminist successes, she focuses on the old feminism of dissatisfied 1960s housewives, who are a feature of a bygone age.

Today, what possible relevance could the world of postwar Anglo culture have to young women, whose primary concern is attracting the attention of the flashiest thug in the local nightclub? Greer inevitably brings up the image of the poor, abused wife that still animates the imagination of the older generation, but this woman is a mythical creature. The kind of men who cheat on and beat their wives 40 years ago don't generally get married any longer; they are the guys who who spawn bastards and and engage in "pump and dump" one night stands with the many women who lust after them.

Men who marry today are, in general, decent, trusting caring guys — in short, the kind of men that many women find *unattractive*. Women don't leave men for abuse or infidelity so much as they leave men for being saps. Women leave men they don't respect. Rather than a means to escape abuse, divorce has become a weapon used against emotionally fragile men whose wives are no longer interested in them.

Greer misses the point. She's a blind old woman who is simply trying to justify the atrocities she and her cohort perpetrated on society. To the end, women like Germaine Greer and Gloria Steinem will defend their legacy, even as society's disgust with what they have wrought grows to outrage.

Prostitute Writer Supports Double Standard in Sexual Harassment

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Journaliste and hooker Tracy Quan takes issue with men who report sexual harassment, telling them to "take it like a man." She compares sexual harassment complaints to "tattling," and impugns the masculinity of middle class men who complain about being groped by other men. She doesn't mention women, but the issue is obviously on her mind, and as a sex worker, she probably fears that female sexuality may also become taboo in the workplace, ruining women's strongest advantage in a corporate setting.

As a straight man, I can't see anything masculine about allowing men to fondle me at work. Quan, on the other hand, thinks it ought to be part of the job, even in the Navy! Here, she suggests that any guy who joins the Navy ought to expect sexual harassment:

> Speaking of battlefields, Massa's Naval career antics have been dredged up to prove a pattern of abuse. Do we really have to view the sailors who never filed complaints as "victims"? They're not women. This happened in a volunteer Navy. Guys: if you can't deal with the occasional overbearing bisexual prankster, please don't join up.

For middle class guys who want to keep what's left of their manhood intact at work, there are essentially two options for dealing with sexual harassment:

1. File a formal complaint
2. Beat the crap out of the offender

Number 2, while perhaps the most satisfying, will get you fired and probably arrested as well, and while number 1 may not always work, at least it gives you a shot at avoiding a deeply humiliating office environment.

Quan goes so far as to say that men who complain about being fondled at work are abusing the concept of victimhood. Yes, the staffers Massa dry-humped are now abusers…

Finally, Quan suggests that women can have no respect for a man who doesn't take it in the rear at work. This makes absolutely no sense. I don't think she understands men at all. Perhaps this is because, as a prostitute, she only has experience relating to them sexually:

> One of the more appealing American archetypes—despite modern feminism—is the man who will physically protect us. It's impossible for me to imagine this of a man who files an official complaint when his masculinity is challenged by an embarrassing jerk. As financial parity becomes a reality in our culture, as women sometimes even out-earn men, it's more crucial than ever for masculinity to retain its integrity. We need to feel something primal and irrational—it's called admiration—in order to respect the men around us. Too many women find themselves shacked up, legally partnered or otherwise connected with men they don't admire.

What a confused, disordered woman Quan is. Men do not react to sexual humiliation by superiors by becoming more masculine: they react with broken spirits or aggression toward the weaker among

them. Were the abuses of Abu Ghraib intended to build character and make prisoners more manly? No, they were intended to sadistically break men.

Feminism is indeed the world's biggest shit test. It is a constant challenge to masculinity, and a call for men to prove themselves to women like Quan.

I tell you guys: she isn't worth it. Even if you're the kind of guy who's into hookers, you can find a cheaper, better-looking and more pleasant one than Quan.

The Myth of the Victim Wife

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Perhaps the most potent weapon in the feminist arsenal has long been the widely-held belief that women are helpless victims in the face of male aggression, and that they would never wreck their families without being victims of some vile form of abuse on the part of their husbands. Although the younger generations have realized that this is a fantasy, older Americans – men in particular – often cling to the image of the wife as eternal victim, and husband as aggressor. Unfortunately, a lot of these older folks are still in very influential positions as judges, politicians, CEOs, etc. On the bright side, they won't be for too much longer.

If I had to give a rough estimate of the age that marks the cutoff, I'd have to say it's somewhere in the 50s. People who were born before 1960 are far more likely to hold to chivalrous, pedestalizing ideals concerning women; perhaps even more so than the GI generation that raised them. I think Zed's post on toxic fathers explains a lot of what was going on. I've observed the phenomenon he referred to in my own family, where I had a far more benevolent relationship with my grandfathers than their own sons did. For a lot of men who grew up in postwar America, there was a rivalry between father and son that manifested itself in a hatred and fear of men in general.

And then, of course, there was the unnatural phenomenon of the 50s and 60s housewife, who stayed at home in the 'burbs with a whole lot of time on her hands. Her mother was more likely to have been a worker than she was, and before the benefits of mass production brought every woman a fridge, washing machine, vacuum cleaner and electric range, women were performing the equivalent of light industrial labor in the home every day. Without the distraction of having to work for her own and her family's survival, the 50s suburban housewife was therefore left without a sense of purpose, except in being a proper housewife. She was, in a real sense, disempowered, and therefore a more sympathetic figure.

To the young men growing up resentful of their tough, authoritarian fathers, who were themselves children of the Great Depression and WWII, it was easier to bond with the nurturing and tragic mother. Zed suggests that there was an element of emotional incest underlying family dynamics:

> …boys and young men who sense that their fathers are destructive and not using their male power in a constructive and responsible manner will seek to psychically and emotionally castrate them and take away their power.
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> Such men are sitting ducks for women, because in the absence of approval and blessing of their fathers, they sought it from the only place they could get it – their mothers. And thus does an unholy alliance of emotional incest often form between boys and mothers, with the boys displacing the fathers as the emotional mate of the mother. For many of them, being a "good man" involves both making "mama" happy, and being as unlike their fathers as they can manage to be.

The emotional bond between mother and son and the resentment men felt toward their fathers translated into action against men in general. Men who grew up in the midst of the postwar paradigm

saw feminism as justice, and a means to destroy the hated father figure, but from my perspective and those of my generation, it appears that – in a cruel twist of irony – they only succeeded in destroying their sons.

I don't think these men will change much with age. Their cherished image of the mother-victim will follow them to the grave, just as the old Soviet veterans paid their respects to Lenin and Stalin up until the fall of Communism. Guys like Zed and Paul were pioneers, and there were few of their kind. For a couple of decades, there were a few men trying to warn the rest of us about what was going on, but until recently, they were speaking into the wind.

Change is certainly coming, but the sacred icon of the feminist revolution – the victim wife – will only fade away with the generation that cherishes it.

Estrogen Overload

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I used to work in intelligence, compiling endless reports on radical groups and jihadis from open source, newspapers, government documents, and other sources. After a while it felt pretty repetitive. It's easy to get tired of reading about the endless village massacres in Kashmir, documenting sectarian murders in the Sunni Triangle, identifying associations between between Al Qaeda and Somali smuggling gangs and dealing with many other mundane evils of our time. It got to be somewhat demoralizing after a while.

Lately, it seems that the relentless emphasis on feminism in our culture in general is having a similar effect on me, and perhaps men in general. Turn on the TV, open the newspaper, take a class at a university or go to a bar, and you've got a good chance of immediately being confronted with some declaration of grrrl power. It could be in the form of a talk show, an article on the "glass ceiling," a class on feminist theory, or some cougar divorcée out on the prowl. It is surrounding and overwhelming. Most of us can't even escape it at work, as the ever-present threat of a harassment suit or the tyranny of female HR managers lurks overhead.

Sometimes, we need an escape from all this, but finding one is quite difficult. A trip to a non-feminist country would always be nice, but that could be out of reach for a lot of guys, and many of us have little time or opportunity for vacationing during the recession. In the old days, men had male associations and clubs they could visit to escape and enjoy themselves in a relaxing environment, but these have largely been outlawed or shamed into gender integration. In the meanwhile, female-only health clubs, spas and professional associations have blossomed throughout the land. Perhaps the hardest hit is the working man, who now has nothing but some free space in the garage.

When we at *The Spearhead* and others write about how men have been rendered eunuchs of sorts, it's important to point out that this didn't happen in a vacuum. Simply being male has become something akin to a civil infraction, and acting like one a crime. When the masculine has been stripped from the public sphere, the workplace, educational institutions and civil society in general and reduced to a few raw outlets such as professional sports and gaming, it's inevitable that the men one sees out and about in public will be emasculated.

It isn't certain that there is much of a solution to this problem in the near term, but perhaps a couple ideas are in order. For starters, the reintroduction of the men's health/athletic club might be helpful. There's an old boxing gym in my neighborhood – the Hillman City Gym – that trained Greg "Mutt" Haugen, who took the WBO Light Welterweight Title from Hector Camacho back in the early 90s. Relics such as these are good models, because they are far from appealing to the typical female, but unfortunately a lot of them have been compromised by training female fighters, which inevitably attracts the attention of the hardcore feminist butch lesbian types. Once they get involved, then the crack in the dike inevitably bursts and the masculinity is lost forever.

However, one thing these old gyms and clubs have going for them is that they are cheap. Men don't necessarily need luxurious surroundings to enjoy themselves, so a set of freeweights, a few punching bags and a ring are often good enough. One could apply the same principle to another type of club as well — it doesn't have to be about physical combat or working out. As long as there isn't any official or criminal business going on, making a club all male still isn't illegal.

So I'd suggest that guys get together with a few others and start making space where men can be men again. If we are forced to leave our manhood in the garage every time we leave the home, we might as well go to work building spaces in our neighborhoods and towns where we can reclaim a bit of masculinity for both our health and peace of mind. A few public "caves" could go a long way toward restoring both.

Gamers: Manginas Extraordinaire

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The transition of video games from a niche hobby to a mainstream pastime that occurred in the past decade has wallpapered over many of the more sordid realities of the gaming community. It's not a stretch to say that most hardcore gamers are nerds, and while not all manginas are nerds, almost all nerds are manginas. Remember the brouhaha over Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech's science fiction article back in October? The hordes of sniveling dweeboids who screamed bloody murder over his piece on blogs, forums, and *The Spearhead's* own comment section were doing what they do best – kissing the tails of the less-fair sex in vain hope of a little tail being tossed their way. Your average gamer is a servile sack of snot who will roll over and beg for a woman who so much as brushes him in the hallway.

In that context, this new service which charges men to play online games with women is not surprising in the least:

> What if you could pay a bit of cash to play Modern Warfare with an attractive girl? Or maybe relax with a casual game of checkers while you video chat with said female? A new social service launching tomorrow, March 23, called GameCrush (**www.GameCrush.com**) is hoping there are gamers out there willing to pay for the opportunity to play with girls.

> On GameCrush, guys are Players and girls are PlayDates. Players pay to play and PlayDates get paid to play. Guys can browse PlayDate profiles (there are currently around 1,200), view photos, and even chat with girls for free.

> For $8.25 you get 500 credits, which is enough for one game (400 credits) and a 100 credit tip at the end. An Xbox Live game will last 10 minutes, while a casual Flash game will get you six minutes of face time with your PlayDate.

"PlayDates" is quite appropriate, since the dorks who sign up for *GameCrush* are basically paying women like prostitutes, but without the sex. It's like phone sex but just as pricey and only half as retarded.

> GameCrush says it modeled its pricing structure after the cost of buying a girl a drink at a bar. In a bar, you're basically buying the opportunity to chat a girl up. GameCrush is hoping players will look at their service the same way.

Yeah, and how often does buying a drink for a girl work when it comes to getting some? This is an even dumber idea, because while the chick you bought a jello shot for is right in front of you (thus making sex possible, if improbable), given the global nature of the Internet and online gaming, there's a very good chance that the chick you just paid to kick your ass in *Halo 3* isn't even in your time zone. Add in the fact that online dating sites are already *Weißwurst* parties, and you've got a recipe for continued blue balls.

> During an early demo of the service I played a couple casual games with PlayDate Ambibambi23. She was a nice girl (and totally kicked my ass in both pool and Battleship, btw) but her boyfriend was hanging out behind her and she made mention of him a couple

> times. Her game mood is set to “flirty,” but there was zero flirting going on.

To normal men, the above scenario might sound lame. But to nerdy beta uber-gamers, who are likely the same group who get their rocks off to cuckoldry porn, this sort of thing is probably quite arousing.

I could go on and on, but to summarize, *GameCrush* is a ludicrous scam designed to bilk fools out of their hard-earned dollars in order to give them the opportunity to waste time with girls who will never so much as touch their joysticks. In other words, it will be a massive hit among gamers.

Thanks to Advocatus Diaboli (visit his blog) for the Facebook tip.

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The Exaggerated Danger of Speaking Your Mind

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I know it's a tough, highly politicized world out there. While in college courses listening to feminists spout garbage about how oppressed women are all over the world, and while reading their offensively bad material, I thought I'd better keep my mouth shut and try to play along. I really wish I hadn't done so. Feminists always graded me poorly — I was the "white male oppressor" and, even worse, an obvious smartass. I couldn't hide who I was from them no matter how I tried. If there's anything that might have helped me, it might have been some sassy game, which would have allowed them to overlook my clearly contrary views. Hell, I've known red-diaper social workers to drop their pants for skinheads, provided the shorn, tattooed serial criminals were adorable enough in their badness.

I know a guy who did time for felony weapon-dealing and then won a Marxist, Latina social worker to his side in a custody dispute. The kicker? This guy had a swastika tattooed on his back in prison and was a known gangster. He won custody, too! And then he proceeded to knock up another girl and father four more babies in addition to the two he already had. Despite heavy drinking and cheating, he's still got a devoted wife — and a successful business.

I've also known guys who were decent, honest, hardworking and careful men who got hauled into DV diversion programs despite never having laid a hand on anyone – man or woman – in their entire lives. Men who innocently compliment coworkers get dragged before HR on sexual harassment complaints. The men who follow the rules consistently get nailed. They are hated for being obedient, polite and compliant.

More and more, I've come to realize that Whiskey is right: women hate beta males. They hate them with a vengeful passion. They want their jobs, their money and their credentials. And after taking these things, they want to punish them severely. The war of the sexes is, above all, a war women wage against the pillars of civilization: those men who swallowed their pride and did their duty to build the magnificent cities and systems that sustain us today.

So what I'd like to suggest is that the men who timidly do their duty in fear of the axe hanging over their head ask themselves what they are truly gaining from their obedience. I'd like to see more guys simply tear off the gag and be a bit more open. It might actually do these men some good to be a bit more daring. One thing I've noticed is that people's affections toward others aren't usually based on political views, but rather more visceral feelings. If you hate feminism and keep it bottled up, the feminist coworker will know, and she'll hate you just the same as if you were a "male chauvinist pig" demanding sandwiches. In fact, she'd probably like you far more if you demanded a sandwich with a twinkle in your eye than she would if you merely stared at the ground, saying "yes ma'am" every time she made a demand.

Now that experience has taught me these truths, I'd like to go back to some of these classes, and tell the feminist professors exactly what I think of them. I'd be happy to tell them in front of the entire class that I think their assignments are garbage. They can love me or hate me, but I honestly don't think it would make much difference in terms of grades. I imagine it would be the same in a work environment, but I can't say for sure on that score. Perhaps some guys who work at highly PC establishments can give us their opinion as well.

I'd like, once again, to bring Niccolo Machiavelli's quote concerning fortune to attention:

> I conclude therefore that, fortune being changeful and mankind steadfast in their ways, so long as the two are in agreement men are successful, but unsuccessful when they fall out. For my part I consider that it is better to be adventurous than cautious, because fortune is a woman, and if you wish to keep her under it is necessary to beat and ill-use her; and it is seen that she allows herself to be mastered by the adventurous rather than by those who go to work more coldly. She is, therefore, always, woman-like, a lover of young men, because they are less cautious, more violent, and with more audacity command her.
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> –Niccolo Machiavelli in *The Prince*

When Rationalization Rears its Ugly Head

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Both men and women do terrible things to each other. They betray, abandon, neglect and abuse. Honestly, I don't think either sex beats the other when it comes to treating spouses like garbage. However, when men do something horrible, they are usually contrite. Often, they take the blame. In fact, in many cases men will take the blame even when they weren't at fault.

However, with women it is an entirely different story. I have only once in my life heard anything approaching regret from a woman for hurting her husband. This woman, who had destroyed a marriage to a decent man by having affairs, only said, many years after the fact: "don't get married too young; I regret the mistakes I made because I was too immature." I liked her much better for it, but still this wasn't a real mea culpa.

A reader sent me an article about a woman who left her husband after he came home from Afghanistan with severe wounds, including the loss of two limbs. It should be shocking, but it isn't. Few people have the strength of character to choose a life in service to the higher ideals of family at any cost. In days past, they might not have had as much of a choice, but I'm sure the same thing happened then. It just wasn't spoken of.

Today, however, communication of this shameful, tragic reality about the human condition is no longer relegated to tragic songs and art, but to the tabloids, where women frankly rationalize the unjustifiable.

Sue Norton, wife of bomb disposal technician Peter Norton, explains why she left her husband and restricted his access to his young sons, who I suspect, given the picture in the article, were the only source of true joy in his life:

> On a bright winter's morning in January 2007, I found myself in a busy car park in Cheltenham with my family. I noticed how happy and relaxed everyone else seemed.
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> Occasionally, a small child would stare in our direction before their parent whispered to them to look away or shot us a sympathetic glance.
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> I looked down at my husband, Pete, sitting in his wheelchair in front of me, one arm and a leg missing. On Pete's lap was our eldest son Tom, then four, pushing his two-year-old brother Toby forward in his pram as I took the weight of all three of them. We must have been a bizarre sight. But by then I was almost beyond caring.

Notice the shame she feels at being stuck with this shell of a man. How could she be reduced to an object of pity?

> I still loved my husband, as he probably still loved me, and wanted us to stay together as a family. But I also knew I couldn't take any more of the physical and psychological strain of looking after two small children and an amputee.
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> My priority had to be our two small sons. If I allowed myself to be ground down to the point where I could no longer care for them properly, I would be letting the whole family down.

Here's the usual, common rationale: she's doing it *for the children*. That's a base lie. It's for her. This

is why it is so ugly when women rationalize their choices in such matters: it lays bare the most disgusting truths about humanity. It may be reality, but it is like cutting open the flesh of a beautiful form and revealing the squirming, quivering guts beneath.

Here's more:

> An archeologist and former MoD civil servant, I'd given up my career after becoming pregnant with my first child. On top of looking after the children, I began to feel as if I'd been turned from being Pete's wife into his carer and nurse.

She resents him now for smashing her dreams. We always turn the blame on those we love…

To me, however, this is the worst:

> Pete, now 48, teaches at the UK Defence Academy at Shrivenham, Wiltshire. Tom and Toby's happiness is paramount to us both, so I take the boys to see their father for one day each fortnight.
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> Although Pete's brother helps him with this, it is difficult for me to leave the boys for much longer with their father as he is still confined to a wheelchair and could not run after them in an emergency.

The man is blown to pieces in service to his country, and now, despite struggling back to becoming a productive member of society, becomes a virtual stranger to his own children. Oh, the lot of men. Remember Peter Norton whenever you hear women speak of their "oppression."

In closing, here are a couple songs about how men suffer from war:

Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye

And, on Youtube: "Ruby"

Some New Info Comes to Light in the Peter Norton Case

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Peter Norton, the war veteran and amputee whose ex-wife went fishing for sympathy for ditching her injured husband, may be a more capable father than his former wife suggested. While reading through the comments on the interview with Sue Norton, I noticed that a Sheffield man identifying himself as a friend of Peter Norton's claims that the story Sue gave the Daily Mail is far from accurate. In fact, if the information provided by "a friend" is accurate, Peter is making the trip to see his boys *by himself*!

Here is what the man who claims to be Norton's friend has to say:

> Pete is a good friend of mine and I can confirm that this is a very one sided story and one I believe he is unlikely to read. Pete is a completely open, cheerful and independent man who does NOT require a carer, can drive and will soon be out of his wheel chair and back on his prosthetic leg again.
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> He adores his children and they are his life. He has tried to see his children more regularly that fortnightly but his ex-wife has refused, even when Major Norton has agreed to helpers being present.
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> Major Nortons ex-wife does NOT drive her boys to see their father, he drives himself every fortnight to see them as she is unwilling to travel.
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> - A friend, Sheffield, UK, 25/3/2010 11:04

This raises my disgust for Sue Norton, as well as my regard for Peter, to an entirely new level.

So the man has actually put in the effort to become self-sufficient, and his wife is using his injuries as an excuse not only to leave him, but to withhold his children as well. In fact, I'll bet one of the reasons Sue Norton gave her one-sided story to the press was to ensure that she could absolutely bury any chances Peter had to get a fair custody arrangement. This is the kind of below-the-belt tactic millions of men across the Anglosphere are already familiar with, but all the more outrageous considering the circumstances.

I hope that some men in Britain can take some action to help Peter be more than a 7% dad. If Major Norton can win a fair amount of time with his boys, it would be a victory not only for him and his children, but fathers all over Britain and beyond.

Here's a little background info on Major Norton:

> At 1917 hours on 24th July 2005, a three vehicle patrol from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Regiment of the Georgia National Guard was attacked by a massive command initiated improvised explosive device in the Al Bayaa District near Baghdad. The ensuing explosion resulted in the complete destruction of a patrol vehicle and the deaths of four United States personnel. Parts of the vehicle, equipment and human remains were spread over a very large area. Due to the significance of the attack, a team from the Combined Explosives Exploitation Cell, commanded by Norton, was tasked immediately to the scene. On arrival, Norton was faced with a scene of carnage and the inevitable confusion which is present in the aftermath of such an incident. He quickly took charge and ensured the safety

> of all coalition forces present. A short while later he was briefed that a possible command wire had been spotted in the vicinity of the explosion site.
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> With a complete understanding of the potential hazard to himself and knowing that the insurgents had used secondary devices before in this particularly dangerous part of Iraq, Norton instructed his team and the United States forces also present in the area to remain with their vehicles whilst he alone went forward to confirm whether a command wire improvised explosive device was present. A short while later, an explosion occurred and Norton sustained a traumatic amputation of his left leg and suffered serious blast and fragmentation injuries to his right leg, arms and lower abdomen. When his team came forward to administer first aid, he was conscious, lucid and most concerned regarding their safety. He had deduced correctly that he had stepped on a victim operated improvised explosive device and there was a high probability that further devices were present. Before allowing them to render first aid, he instructed his team on which areas were safe and where they could move. Despite having sustained grievous injuries he remained in command and coolly directed the follow-up actions. It is typical of the man that he ignored his injuries and regarded the safety of his men as paramount as they administered life saving first aid to him. It is of note that a further device was discovered less than ten metres away and rendered safe the following day. Norton's prescience and clear orders in the most difficult of circumstances undoubtedly prevented further serious injury or loss of life.
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> -In the London Gazette, 2006-03-24

And, to hear it from Sue Norton, this man – *recipient of the George Cross and the FBI Star* – is unfit to be a father to his boys… Unbelievable.

According to all accounts, Major Norton is a dignified man who, unlike his ex-wife, respects the privacy of family, so if anyone is willing to help him, more action than words is probably in order. Perhaps fathers4justice UK can help out. I don't know much about resources in the UK, but there must be something out there.

For my part, I'm going to declare Major Peter Norton "Hero Father of the Month."

The Divas Doth Protest Too Much

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If you're in the NYC metro area, you might have heard about the big brouhaha over a recently painted mural over on Times Square. More than 90 feet long, the mural depicts African American and Latina Women in various poses.

The mural itself was painted by a Latina artist from Puerto Rico and lives in the Bed-Sty section of Brooklyn. She's come under fire from some Black and Hispanic communities up in NYC for making a mural that demeans Women and the rest of it.

Then I get word of an outfit of professional Black & Latina Women called "Phenomenal Women Inc." basically waging a media campaign against the powers that be who bankroller the mural in the first place. Now, I've seen pics of the mural itself, and while I can see their point, I'm sorry but somehow I really don't see this as something to raise much of a ruckus about-but I DO have something to say about these "Baps". I'll let er rip after you get a chance to see the mural for yourself:

mural pic 1

mural pic 2

mural pic 3

mural pic 4

mural pic 5

mural pic 6

mural pic 7

mural pic 8

OK.

You may recall my recent posting up of an all-White step team who won a nationwide step competition? I didn't say much about the issue at the time, mainly because I really wanted to hear what you all had to say about it instead. This time though, I gots to vent my spleen…

You know, the thing that really burned me up about the White step team incident, wasn't that they won, but that the haters were mad 'cause they got beat at their own game-worse, they're so pretentious that it all would be a big joke if the stakes weren't so high. The Black Greeks claim to be about "the community" but after a century of being in existence the only time in recent memory they can make the headlines is when an all-White squad shows them up at a contest the Black Greeks organized to begin with. Sure, their supposed noble aims are outlined in their charters, and that's exactly what I'm zeroing in on here — exactly what do they have to show for all their claims of "community involvement"? From where I sit, not a lot, unless one wants to count corporate sponsored step shows, the latest of which was won by a White team, I might add.

Meanwhile, all the familiar and longstanding problems besetting Black America continue, unabated: HIV/AIDS, among other STDs, are still astronomically high. So are highschool dropout rates, Black Male unemployment rates, homicide rates, incarceration rates, illiteracy rates, homelessness rates, infant mortality rates (btw, Bronx has one of the highest infant mortality rates IN THE COUNTRY

— where are the “Phenomenal Women” on that???), etc. In Baltimore, the school that Thurgood Marshall attended is now on the brink of being closed down, just like half of all schools in Kansas City last week. Where’s the “Phenomenal Women”, the socalled “Divine Nine” on that?

Why, they’re really making moves addressing White step teams and racy murals, of course.

Meanwhile Black and Hispanic America dies slowly on the vine, and a big part of that reason is because outfits like the two mentioned above not only major in the minors, but also because they’re all too quick to wanna ape their White betters. There, I said it. I mean, let’s not mince words here-the Black Greeks and “professional” outfits like the one this post is about wanting to be Muckety Mucks in their own right, but can’t get on in White America for real, so they make their own cliques and basically do the exact same thing they see Ms. Ann and Mr. Charlie do. Only in Black – and now it seems – Latinface.

If the “Phenomenal Women” really want to make an impact on Times Square without so much as firing a metaphorical shot, all’s they gots to do is DON’T GO THERE. Do spend money there. In short, do all they can to simply avoid the place. Simple. Problem. Solved.

That’s what I do when I have reason to believe groups or businesses or corporations are dissing me and mine: I simply take my business elsewhere. For good. When Eddie Bauer gave those two Brothas a workout in one of their stores in suburban Maryland a decade ago, I decided Eddie Bauer couldn’t get my money anymore, and this is coming from someone who actually liked Eddie Bauer apparel a lot. But I did it. And I never looked back. I didn’t ring up the Reverends Jackson and Sharpton. Didn’t flail about trying to organize a boycott. I just simply stopped buying Eddie Bauer shit. The end.

And as for the group/association thing, of which their exists a gazillion umpteen of em in Black USA, I belonged to one that had within its ranks Men from all walks of life and ages. We put up the money to run our own candidate for local elected office; we lost, but it felt good to know that I could make a difference in the local politics of where I lived. We adopted a few public schools and volunteered to mentor the young boys. One of them is a national chess team legend. We put out our own local journal magazine, airing issues and putting a spotlight on problems we thought needed to be addressed, and for a good five years it was highly profitable. And we organized our own town watches, which aided the police in reducing crime. For my money, that beats just about anything the Divine Nine or the Phenomenal Women are doing.

Look. I hear these gals on the symbolism thing, and for what its worth, I do think a bit of balance could have been depicted in the artwork – theres nothing wrong with showing a few Sistas and Latinas carrying briefcases, too – but the plain truth of it is we’ve got some seriously big fish to fry in both communities, to be wasting so much time and energy on something that, at the end of the day, really won’t help do much to turn the things I wrote about above around. I

f these Women really want to be Phenomenal, they can start by actually taking some of the Sistas and Latinas in the hood under their wing and do some longterm one on one mentoring, starting with the basics, like relationships, childrearing, deportment and so on, all the way through seeing them through job training or schooling. This is something all of them can do, doesn’t cost a lot if anything at all, and doesn’t require getting a grant, waging a media campaign or organizing a boycott. If things are gonna get any better for Black and Brown folks, its Talented Tenth is gonna have to do a lot better than making mountains out of moehills.

Actually showing their faces in the hood is a good start.

Now adjourn your uppity asses…

The Obsidian

Affirmative Action CIA Agent gets Herself and Others Blown Up

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Writing for GQ, Robert Baer describes an incident in Khost, Afghanistan in which a CIA analyst was promoted beyond her capabilities and then proceeded to botch her job of handling the alleged informant. This incident occurred less than three months ago, yet I had never heard of it, despite it being a very significant blow to the CIA.

Baer describes agent "Kathy"'s (her name is withheld) abrupt rise from desk jockey to running the CIA base in Khost:

> The base chief is a covert employee of the CIA; her identity is protected by law. I'll call her Kathy. She was 45 years old and a divorced mother of three. She'd spent the vast majority of her career at a desk in Northern Virginia, where she studied Al Qaeda for more than a decade. Michael Scheuer, her first boss in Alec Station, the CIA unit that tracked bin Laden, told me she had attended the operative's basic training course at the Farm, the agency's training facility, and that he considered her a good, smart officer. Another officer who knew her told me that despite her training at the Farm, she was always slotted to be a reports officer, someone who edits reports coming in from the field. She was never intended to meet and debrief informants.
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> Kathy knew that there was a time when only seasoned field operatives were put in charge of places like Khost. Not only would an operative need to have distinguished himself at the Farm; he would've run informants in the field for five years or more before earning such a post. He probably would have done at least one previous tour in a war zone, too. And he would have known the local language, in this case Pashto. Kathy skipped all of this. Imagine a Marine going straight from Parris Island to taking command of a combat battalion in the middle of a war.

The 45-year-old divorced single mother was handed a job that was guaranteed to make her career, but sadly she bungled it badly, taking the bait from a dedicated jihadi who detonated a suicide vest in a bid to make it into Jannah, taking out a number of CIA officers with him.

The jihadi, a Jordanian Palestinian named Balawi, managed to fool Kathy by emailing pictures of himself whooping it up with various Al Qaeda leaders. He had first been identified after starting up a radical Islamic blog, which prompted the Jordanian government to haul him in for some serious interrogation, where he agreed to become an Al Qaeda mole. It seems the rough treatment at the hands of Jordanian intelligence only served to further radicalize Balawi, and he made up his mind to blow some people up.

There were a number of errors here, including the failure to search him before he got into the debriefing room (that's pretty shocking, given that they were in Afghanistan), and the exposure of his identity to Afghan civilians.

One might be tempted to blame Kathy for her incompetence, but it was not her decision to be thrown into such a position without the requisite experience. Ultimately, the blame lies with ideologues in high positions, who thought it would be a good idea to put the poor woman in over her head.

If this kind of ideologically-driven blundering has made its way to the top levels of the CIA, one can only imagine what kind of inefficiencies and poor judgment plague the rest of America's power structure, from our corporate boardrooms to the highest levels of military command.

Feminists not all that Impressed by Manginas

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Jacky Friedman, described as a "feminist rock star," reveals a bit about her dating preferences, and supplicating manginas are not her type. Although it doesn't seem that Ms. Friedman has all that much latitude given her physique, she still holds out for men who stand up to her shit tests, despite the fact that they tend to leave her when she lashes out at them.

For the supplicating manginas out there, this is how feminists truly think of you:

> **So do you meet guys who pass the feminist test but then turn out to be disappointments for other reasons?**
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> JF: Oh God. There is a type of feminist guy who is so eager to fall over himself to be deferential to women and to prove his feminist bona fides and flagellate himself in front of you, to the point that it really turns me off. And it makes me sad, because politically, these are the guys that I should be sleeping with! You know what I'm talking about?
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> **YES.**
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> JF: Everyone knows what I'm talking about. And some of them are even really cute! I want to say to them, "If you could be a person, like a whole, complicated person, who I feel like I could crack jokes around, then I would really like you." But they're so serious about their feminism at every moment that I don't feel like a person to them. I feel like I'm on a pedestal, almost. I know that they're not going to disagree with anything I say under any circumstances. And I don't feel like I can make a raunchy joke about sex, because they'll be horrified. . . . I hate to be critical of our allies in any way, because we need them, but there's something about that certain kind of hyperfeminist guy that makes them unappealing to date, to me. I suspect it has something to do with our internal conceptions of masculinity, which is terrible on my part.

This reveals pretty clearly that feminism is a massive shit test. Jacky doesn't *really* want a feminist man, because she sees them as weak little puppy dogs begging for a treat. No, she wants a man who will fight back, but these men have a tendency to dump her and go on to greener pastures:

> **So do you have any other fucking while feminist horror stories?**
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> JF: . . . What happens to me that drives me up a tree is this: The guys who respond to me and are like, 'You're awesome. You're kind of a hellcat." They think it's cool and kind of bad-ass that I'm outspoken and passionate about things. They think that's really hot. They're into it. But then when that outspokenness gets applied back to them, it's suddenly game-over. You know the idea of the Manic Pixie Dream Girl? She's light, and quirky, and she has no inner life of her own, and just there to serve our hero's development and erotic interests. I sort of feel that I get cast in these dudes' narratives as the Hellcat Dream Girl, there to prove how bad-ass they are because they're dating such a bad-ass woman. They think it's cute or sexy. But when I use that smart, outspoken bad-assery to challenge their own perspectives, it's suddenly not sexy at all. It happens when they say something that I disagree with, and I act like a person and not someone that is playing out their particular fantasies.

> It's happened to me a million times . . . they want it as a trophy. "Hey, look at my bad-ass girl." They don't want to deal with me as a person. It follows this pattern where it usually comes from a person who seeks me out. They try to seduce me. They think I would be an accomplishment to conquer or something. They seek me out and try to get me interested in them, and then I am, and then they flee. . . . I feel like the same thing happened with the guy I dated for two years. He liked the idea of being a guy who would be with someone like me, but ultimately it turned out that he wanted someone who wouldn't challenge him as much, a person who was easier and quicker to sweep away. I got evidence of that when, **within three months of breaking up with me, he was dating a 23 year old who lists her political views on Facebook as "moderate."**

Who can blame the guy? Faced with a barrage of feminist shit tests, a 23-year-old politically moderate girl certainly seems like a more reasonable choice than a fat, aggressive feminist.

A Bit of Discipline is in Order

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The comments issue has come up again, drawn to my attention through emails from concerned parties. In fact, I was already getting a little annoyed by a couple things before these reminders, but it's one of those things I've put off.

First off, I'm going to draw attention to the commenting policy, which has remained the same for many months now. There have been a lot of violations of #4 lately. Occasional profanity is OK, but "c-nt" and "bitch" in every other sentence is getting to be too much. Admittedly, profanity is one of the least of my concerns, but it is symptomatic of what's been going on.

I'd like to remind people that those registered and logged in represent a small fraction of all the people visiting the site — usually around 10% at any given time, and in terms of individuals throughout the day far less, probably on the order of 2%. It doesn't look good to have profanity underneath every single post.

Secondly, unprovoked personal attacks are starting to become an issue. I should point out that the prohibition against unprovoked personal attacks includes those carried out against women. Criticism is fine, but let's try to be civil.

And finally, there is the matter of no bullshit. Now exactly what constitutes BS may be a matter of debate, but ultimately it is up to the authors and contributors to decide. Unfortunately, I have caught a few whiffs of it lately.

The group of people to whom *The Spearhead* owes the most responsibility is its readers. Authors, contributors *and* commenters all have this responsibility. Rants about our personal battles are not helpful, nor are wheelbarrows of obscenity and BS. If comments are overly offensive to our readers, I'm going to start removing them. Likewise, if *The Spearhead* comments section becomes a platform for someone's personal vendetta, I'm going to put a stop to that.

The majority of commenters are posting thoughtful stuff, and even those who have pushed the limits a bit are, for the most part, valued commenters, but I'm going to ask those who are really getting carried away to cool it, and take another look at the commenting policy.

I'd also like to remind people that if they really want to get the word out in their own way, they can start up their own blogs. Absolutely nobody is stopping them.

I'll be perfectly honest about why I offered that last piece of advice: If I feel that certain commenters are acting like competitors in regards to *The Spearhead* and its authors, I'm going to treat them as such. Nothing personal, mind you; a little competition keeps a man on his game, but hell if I'm going to give an opponent free run of the field.

Rest for the Weary

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Recently, I wrote about how the struggle against feminist excesses eventually becomes tiring. It starts to kill morale after a certain point, because there are so many far nicer things one can contemplate in life. Of course, there are still legions of men who haven't yet been through the meat grinder of family law, or are just being thrown into it, so there's a steady stream of freshly drafted men out there ready to do battle, but for the veterans, battle-fatigue inevitably sets in at some point.

I'm using war metaphors here because *The Spearhead* itself is, in part, named after a battle tactic, in which an armored column punches a hole through enemy lines in an attempt to split defenders and restrict their maneuverability. In order to succeed, the column has to be backed by considerable, concentrated firepower. It's actually a pretty risky move, and can fail if defenders can successfully engage the corners of the spearhead and choke the column, keeping infantry from flowing through. A couple successful examples include the Israeli invasion of the Sinai in 1973, and the German "race to the sea" in early 1940, which cut off the British Expeditionary Forces and forced a hasty evacuation from Dunkirk. Heinz Guderian probably pioneered its successful use, and later Ariel Sharon exploited the concept to considerable success in the Arab-Israeli wars.

Not everything is in a name, but it is a useful metaphor in this case. As I fire off and post articles, it feels as though I am throwing shells into the breech, one after the other, pausing only to advance and reset the sights. It does seem repetitive and never-ending because of the intensity — and we *need* intensity. But at some point, *The Spearhead* will have served its purpose, and it will be time to move onto other things. Mopping up, politics, figuring out where we go from here, etc. Not yet, but maybe it's time to start thinking about that.

One thing I've noticed is that most of the guys who have been in this fight for a long time develop a fairly deep cynicism about men themselves. Having spent a good deal of time observing and thinking about how we got into this mess in the first place, veterans begin to accept that some things will never change, and that we are simply repeating the same timeless mistakes that have plagued humanity since the inception of civilization, and probably before. When one comes to this realization, it's easy to develop the attitude that it isn't worth it, because every step forward is inevitably followed by a step back.

However, this isn't entirely accurate. We have made some impressive advances in a relatively short period of time. Not only are our memes propagating across the blogosphere and beyond; I've noticed a definite change in men's attitudes over just the last year. In fact, I'd say we're just starting to recover from the long step backward of the 60s-today. Of course, we aren't trying to go back to the past — that's never worked after all. Ideally, we should be able to make things better for both women and men. And, as Zed has pointed out, much progress has been made over the years despite our current frustration. So why do we still push on? Because it's in our nature to move forward, to build, and to strive for higher peaks. This is what men do.

It's exhausting work. At times it seems thankless, just like my grandpa's job mining the Comstock Lode as a teenager must have, but at the end of the day we find that we've inched forward. However, sometimes it becomes overwhelming. Heavy duty day after day wears us down, and eventually morale starts to flag. People grow irritated with each other, and sniping commences. When this

happens, it’s time for some R&R.

So for the veterans out there who have been on the offensive for months or years, if you find yourself feeling apathetic, frustrated, or even pissed off by the often chaotic and sometimes counterproductive atmosphere, you’ve earned a break, and should definitely take one. Go for a ride on your bike, take a walk in the hills, enjoy some time with a woman, or attend a symphony. Whatever inspires you, just go do it and enjoy yourself. The pleasures in life, both great and small, are ignored at a cost, and often it is only in moments of relaxation and enjoyment that we find our best insights. Importantly, we also find the happiness and strength to carry on in those moments, and they give us the vision of a better future.

It’s springtime. Enjoy the scents and the blooming flowers, and watch the people as they emerge from the winter gloom. Take it all in, and let the worries and tension evaporate into the open air to be carried away by the sweet breeze.

Black Widows Strike Again

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At least 38 were killed in twin blasts in the Moscow Metro this morning, reminding Muscovites that the troubles in the Caucasus are far from over. As in many previous attacks, the bombers are suspected to have been women — a common tactic that exploits assumptions that women are less dangerous than men. In fact, the so-called “Black Widows”, Chechen female terrorists, have been responsible for hundreds of deaths over the years, participating in some of the most deadly terrorist assaults in Russia.

The acts of Black Widows are often excused as a result of family trauma and loss (i.e. relatives killed by Russian troops), whereas one rarely sees the same excuses applied to male mujahideen, who usually come from exactly the same communities that created their deadly sisters.

One of the bombs was detonated beneath the FSB headquarters at Lubyanka, formerly the KGB headquarters, which is responsible for monitoring and fighting terrorism in Russia.

Given the very wide latitude given women in the United States, a terrorist operation using female bombers would probably have a significant chance of success. This was likely the idea behind the recruitment of American women for bombing missions by European jihadis.

Boob Brouhaha

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Following a Disney casting call for young, naturally endowed women, feminists have gone on the warpath. The requirements are as follows:

> beautiful female fit models. Must be 5ft7in-5ft8in, size 4 or 6, no bigger or smaller. Age 18-25. Must have a lean dancer body. Must have real breasts. Do not submit if you have implants.

What really sent the women of Feministing into a rage was the warning that applicants will be subject to a test to determine whether or not they have real breasts. The test will involve running and jumping in place so as to observe breast movement, which, when considerable, is an indicator of natural breasts.

Among other objections, Feministing calls this "sexual slavery":

> This is not to mention Disney extends its apparent regard for women to the Pirates attraction at Disney World too. I was there in November and it was disturbing, to say the least. So fake boobs don't make the cut, but sexual slavery is a-okay for your kids' viewing. Nice.

Given that millions of young women would give whatever they had to be Keira Knightley, calling this "sexual slavery" is the grossest of hyperbole. It is equivalent to calling the NFL combine, where young men go through rigorous physical tests that are far more extensive and invasive than running in place "slavery."

Perhaps, however, the feminists feel that they should be able to star in Hollywood blockbusters no matter what the quality of their assets happens to be. Of course, if this were the case, the films would likely turn out as floppy as their female stars.

They Can't Have It Both Ways

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In the past I have talked about non-feminist (i.e. non-leftist) forms of female supremacism. Something that all forms of female supremacism or misandry have is an attempt to have it both ways when it comes to women. Women are "independent" yet are dependent of men either through the state (feminism) or marriage (conservative female supremacism).

I found a conservative female supremacist example of this at the [Non] Thinking Housewife:

> I should say that I find the idea of a "men's movement" not merely quixotic but wrong.
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> What is needed is a movement which places families at the heart of things
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> The feminist attack on masculine authority is not, at bottom, about misandry. It is about misanthropy, expressed through a demonic attack on the family. Its source is not really the desire to see men brought low, though that is necessary if Christian civilization is to be annihilated. It is much, much easier to believe otherwise, but I urge all men of a conservative bent to resist this self-flattering lie! Its source is a hatred of the feminine, borne of Satan's fear of the Blessed Virgin

One of the great pretty lies that conservative female supremacists promote is the idea that feminism is an attack on "families" not men. The hordes of men sitting in jail because of the false rape industry and the hordes of men who lost their job due to the sexual harassment industry and affirmative action and all the boys who had to suffer through female supremacist teachers can explain in detail why this is wrong. You may ask if the conservative female supremacists want to destroy feminism wouldn't they want to play up how men are being hurt by feminism? They don't because that would expose themselves as being minimally different than the feminists. Since they can't do that, they try to have it both ways by saying, "men are getting hurt but not really since they benefit from feminism so the real problem is an attack on 'families'".

What does it mean when conservative female supremacists say that feminists are trying to destroy "familes"? They're trying to claim that the "real victims" are women not men. This is borne out of the fact that what conservative female supremacists are really worried about is the gravy train ending. They're worried that men are wising up and not going to be on the plantation anymore. From that greedy and craven perspective, women are the victims despite the fact that it's men who are losing their jobs, getting thrown in jail, etc.

Another commenter there wrote:

> In my view, the Men's Rights Movement (MRM) is even worse than the feminist movement. I say this because the mainstream feminist culture does believe in protecting and supporting women to some extent while the MRM is opposed to any support and protection of women. Indeed the MRM promotes equality between men and women to a radical degree, more so than typical feminists do. The MRM is very anti-family and anti-marriage, constantly talking about and promoting "the marriage strike" and producing websites like "Dump Your Wife Now." They talk of how marriage is a bad deal for men and how men should avoid marriage at all costs. They are against child support as well; they seem to be against any imposition of responsibility upon men.

> If there is one thing that Men's Rights Activists (MRAs) hate more than anything else it is chivalry. Chivalry is the great enemy of MRAs because chivalry imposes responsibilities and duties upon men towards women
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> I am against feminism because feminism doesn't protect women as well as patriarchy does. MRAs are also opposed to feminism but they are opposed to feminism because it offers too much protection to women in their view.

I have for a long time said that the argument between feminists and most conservative "anti-feminists" is really about how to best extract money and resources from men (i.e. arguing about how to hold the whip over men). Outside of a few minor issues conservative female supremacists like the one I just quoted are in total agreement with feminism. This proves what I have said more than anything else in such stark terms that I never thought I would actually see in writing.

Yes, MRAs (and others) are against the imposition of "responsibilities" on men. That's because it has a simpler name, **slavery**. This conservative female supremacist is claiming that each individual man has "responsibilities" to women, not specific women but all women by the fact of his birth. (This is no different than feminists who have created massive transfers of wealth from men to women via the state.) This is slavery because these men did nothing to create these "responsibilities". They didn't get married to all women. They didn't have children with all women. If a man doesn't get married and doesn't have children then he has no family "responsibilities" in the manner the person above is describing. This person I quoted should be happy about the marriage strike since men who are a part of the marriage strike are being responsible. However, this isn't about responsibility. The person I quoted is worried that more and more men are figuring out the scam and avoiding it by not getting married.

If any of these conservative female supremacists really wanted marriage striking men to get married, then they would address these men's concerns, namely the existence of no-fault divorce and the corrupt "family" court system. This would solve the problem and all of those websites this person would complain about would go away. To you and me that seems like the logical solution. However, since this isn't about solving real problems, but trying to get men back on to the plantation, we instead get nonsense about "responsibility" from the conservative female supremacists. Plus, the logical solution would expose that women including conservative and religious women are a major part of the problem. Right now people like the person I quoted try to have it both ways by saying divorce is a sin but divorce is all the man's fault for failing to show "leadership" or "responsibility" which is just a way to avoid placing the responsibility for divorce where it belongs, on women. This is especially true since women file for most divorces.

The person I quoted also claims that women are in need of "protection". That brings up the question of whether women are really adults or children. If women need "protection" then they're children and should be treated like children. If women are adults then they don't need "protection" and should be held responsible for their actions. I'm not going to argue either side of this question except to say that the person above like all female supremacists tries to have it both ways. Either women are adults or children. Instead what this person is promoting a hybrid that enslaves men. That is trying to have it both ways.

Uma Thurman Mommy Film Tanks in UK

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Commenter Krauser brought the disastrous opening weekend of "Motherhood," Uma Thurman's new film to my attention. The take from the opening weekend was an amusing 88 pounds, or $130. Uma, who is approaching 40, may have lost some of her star power due to age, but the subject matter – single motherhood in Manhattan – probably didn't help much either. The only film that has ever done worse on its opening weekend was about an illiterate, consumptive and toothless Polish street artist.

In addition to Thurman, the film featured Minnie Driver, Anthony Edwards and an appearance by Jodie Foster (can't go wrong there!). Women who reviewed the film hated it, one them writing: "It's a yummy-mummy newspaper column splurged onto celluloid, like baby sick on your best cashmere sweater." Funny, I have similar feelings about the mommy blogs that have proliferated across the internet in recent years.

Rather than cutting her losses and letting this one go, producer Jana Edelbaum has gone on a rampage, blasting Metrodome, the firm responsible for marketing the film in the UK. Edelbaum also expressed unease about having to tell writer and director Katherine Dieckmann how poorly her film had performed. Edelbaum's fury is but impotent rage at this point, as the performance of the film has become a joke across the land.

It is quite possible that Thurman, Dieckmann and Edelbaum's collaboration has resulted in irreparable damage to the careers of all three.

BTW, if anyone wants to see a truly decent film about parenting in Manhattan, Dustin Hoffman's Kramer vs. Kramer is worth the time.

Professional Inbreeding

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[This post was submitted by *Meistergedanken*]

In the science fiction/satire novel Brave New World, humanity has become divided into distinct classes based on genetically engineered levels of ability and intelligence. It's all very tidy – and artificial, and implies that such a society would severely limit our innate freedoms, even though most of us wouldn't notice.

But as it so happens, I have seen the same thing beginning to happen within the last decade. However, it is occurring precisely because people have complete freedom to choose – or at least compete for – their partners (I would say spouses, but with roughly half of births occurring out of wedlock, I want to keep this discussion broad).

Anecdotal evidence is often scorned and summarily overlooked by pundits and other aspiring members of the intelligentsia, but observations gathered from your personal surroundings can hardly be anything but anecdotal, so I tend to accept it. And so, just in my own little circle of acquaintances, I know:

- a doctor who has married another doctor
- a lawyer who has married another lawyer
- a musician that has married another musician
- a minister who has married another minister
- and an engineer who has married another engineer (actually, I know several of those).

Let's face it, these people tend to end up in their own little specialized bubbles. It's incestuous, I tell you – and annoying at parties. Have you ever been the odd man out at a cozy gathering of lawyers or musicians? You can't substantively contribute to the conversation, and it soon becomes obvious that these people have zero interest in you. In short, it blows. But I digress…

There are other, more innocuous pairings, of course, that are forming the bedrock of a reconstituted 21st century middle class: engineers with nurses/teachers is a popular category (one to which I myself fall into), or, current economic crisis notwithstanding, the real estate agent and the mortgage broker (which require less education but perversely can be more lucrative). And while opposites may attract in the short term, (and then repel or annihilate each other), like tends to go with like.

The unexamined mechanism for all this is underpinned by two recent developments in the Western World:

1. Women are completely free to select their mates, without being subject to familial or societal approval (part of the freedom from responsibility so crucial to feminism's core philosophy)
2. Women are just as likely as men to become educated and engaged in well-paying professions

In the past, you married your high school sweetheart or hooked up with someone in college, and if you were still involved with them by the time you graduated, chances were pretty good you would eventually marry them also – it's the whole "shared history" thing at work. This will still occur in limited instances, but with men and women marrying later and later, it is far more likely that coworkers, or at the very least vocational peers, become romantically involved. This means

intellectual compatibility. This means smart people begetting smart children, driven people begetting driven children, creative people begetting creative children, and so forth. Before that, it was a crap shoot. A man may have been a great writer or artist or scientist, but if he married the "girl next door" because of looks or convenience or wealthy parents, his children may have inherited none of his abilities. Conversely, how many stodgy, unimaginative bankers or merchants had genius children that seemed to come out of nowhere? The answer is that the talents were inherited from the mother, who never got to explore those talents because of gender restrictions. I realize the situation is more complex than this, but I stand by the fundamental premise.

Now those restrictions are removed, and women are working, for better or for worse for their families, and the game is different…

Although the resultant dual-income households were supposed to yield a measure of security due to an "earning redundancy", and in fact have had a demonstrable impact on consumer spending and the greater economy in general, the far greater long-term effect in my opinion is that the practice of eugenics, abandoned (prematurely, in my view) back in the 1930's due to ethical qualms and incomplete knowledge of genetics, has been inadvertently revived – and I suspect that this is ultimately for the greater good. Unfortunately, this particular "ultimately" may refer to a time centuries from now, and there will be a lot of discord to work through before then.

Liberals talk about class in America, but constantly get sidetracked by fixating on race, or more infrequently, gender (haven't heard screams about the "feminization of poverty" lately – must have something to do with the fact that more women are attending college than men now, and the bulk of the lost jobs within the last two years have turned the recession into the "mancession"…). And while the paramount importance of education is acknowledged by all, the quality of the "raw material" upon which this instruction must be focused is rarely accorded significant consideration. Being ignored, the possibility of its improvement due to greater refinement and predictability through what is essentially "good breeding" has been slim. But after all, a sculptor requires that his hunk of marble has suitable quality before he can produce his masterwork.

We have highly educated people – married to each other now for the first time in history, who are scaling to, if not the top echelons of society, than to a comfortable place indeed. Actually, as I have read in several MRA articles recently, marriage seems destined to become a hallmark of the affluent class. Meanwhile, an immense underclass – predominantly created out of wedlock – is forming beneath our feet. For on the one hand, we have people who are surfing the internet, carefully researching financial info for their retirement plans, are up on the latest nutritional recommendations for their children's meals, and are savvy enough to search online and compare deals on everything from airline tickets to interest rates, but on the other hand we have even more people that can barely read, let alone use computers, have little knowledge of geography, history, science or economics, and furthermore are not troubled at all by their ignorance. Of course it is inevitable that society becomes more and more stratified! As my mother always said, "water and people always find their own level". As pointed out so effectively in The Origin of Species, the important concept to keep in perspective is that given sufficient time, only a tendency is necessary to bring about dramatic change.

Now it is true that, having come up with these thoughts a couple years ago and independently of the HBD theorists that I have only just been made aware of, they lack the seasoning provided by the knowledge I have imbibed lately from such sources as *The Spearhead*. And although it's refreshing to have a "jargon-free" article once in a while, I realize that the MRA sphere contributes a lot of content that lends needed sophistication to this thought experiment and other related matters. For

starters, women can't always get the mates they choose – or perhaps I should say, they can only get them for one night, particularly if they are "alphas" (there's that jargon)! For another, some women beget offspring with one male and end up having another male, like the "beta-provider" (more jargon), raise it. Such factors muddy the waters, and even set up counteractive forces. The question then becomes: which set of forces will dominate? At stake is the Fate of Man: have we reached the zenith of our evolutionary potential because liberal nanny-states have sabotaged the process of natural selection, or will some segment of it branch off and attain greater heights, leaving its erstwhile brethren in the dustbin of history like so many other ancestral precursors or Neanderthals?

Now, obviously, at one end of the socioeconomic spectrum there are always the few guys gaming the system and skimming the cream off the top for themselves via unscrupulous means, and at the other end there are the unfortunates screwed over through no fault of their own and often by misandrist policies, as I am sure some readers will remind me. But I am writing about the Middle, the center of the curve, just like most of the articles posted here deal with the typical woman (and hence explain why we dismiss the standard counterargument from female apologists that "they're not all like that"). Therefore, it still must be said: there remains a profound ethical consequence of all this. As the generations roll by, it will be increasingly difficult to honestly say that poor people don't deserve their poverty, and that affluent people didn't earn their prosperity. And that's when the true "culture wars" will begin, because to the masses being preached to by the populists and liberals with all their class warfare rhetoric at the ready, socialism and other more draconian forms of "wealth redistribution" will never seem more tempting – even as they become far less justifiable.

The Upshot of the Latest Militia Bust

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Someone once told me that political power is as much concerned with punishing one's opponents as it is with rewarding one's constituents, and possibly more so. Although this is a somewhat disturbing way to look at it, history – both ancient and modern – confirms the truth of that statement. So, it is instructive to take a close look at who governments choose to punish, because that reveals who they see as their opponents.

In the latest sensational bust, a small but well-armed Christian sect was effectively dismantled by the FBI and BATF for "seditious conspiracy," among other charges, all of which concern plots and potential rather than actual crimes. Although, according to a marine I know, the Hutaree appear to be trained in military tactics with the ability to carry out staggered patrols and advance as a squad, and from what I saw they appeared to have some fairly high-end equipment, they are not all that sophisticated. Their website features some recruiting videos set to Christian rock songs that depict patrols, tactics, and, amusingly, the burning of the UN flag:

From some brief reading and research, it appears that they are a Christian survivalist group preparing for battle with the Antichrist and/or some political upheaval in the US. They have allegedly compared themselves to John Brown, the abolitionist who led an insurgency against southern planters and local governments prior to the Civil War. According to other militia groups, the Hutaree were reckless in their radicalism, but have not – as far as anyone knows – committed any violent or financial crimes. I would tentatively identify them as "neo-Puritans."

One might expect these arrests to ramp up under a Democratic administration, but the timing in this case is rather significant, and I doubt it's coincidental. For the last few weeks, the political strain surrounding the health care law has allegedly resulted in a number of senators receiving death threats, and Sarah Palin has been making the rounds, trying to capitalize on the Tea Party movement with belligerent rhetoric. I have long heard leftists claim that the right "fans the flames of radicalism," and for the most part it's been ridiculous fearmongering, but as things stand today, they may actually have a point. However, before they assign sole blame to the right wing, they might want to take a long, hard look at what their policies have wrought as well.

As for what this means to men regardless of party affiliation or ideological stance, I see a system that is increasingly strained and unable to hold the confidence of enough Americans to promote long-term stability. As I've written many times before, a police state can only be maintained at enormous expense, and resources will never be allocated evenly across the board. If, as the renewed focus on "homegrown radicals" indicates, law enforcement resources are increasingly used to target domestic political opponents, there will necessarily be fewer resources devoted to tracking and preventing foreign terrorists from carrying out operations on US soil. This could have far-reaching consequences.

Back in the late 1990s, as the Taliban were consolidating power in Afghanistan and hosting radicals from all over the world, the US was on top of a globalist wave during the Clinton administration, which focused considerable energy on mopping up various domestic radicals while all but ignoring the growing terrorist threat abroad. The tensions surrounding Afghanistan were fairly clear to see, and I personally saw some evidence of this while in Beijing back in 1998, when conflict between Iran

and the Taliban nearly broke out into war. One night, while walking along embassy row, I noticed heavy patrols with police dogs (only time I ever saw K9 units in China) and soldiers around the Iranian embassy, and later found that there had been threats of attacks. Anyone in the know would have realized at that time that trouble was brewing.

Later, a couple years after my return to Seattle, the 911 attacks brought a number of local terrorist networks to light. These had been flourishing virtually in my back yard: a local Muslim activist named James Ujaama had been acting as an international courier for Abu Hamza al-Masri, a one-armed Egyptian mullah with strong ties to Al Qaeda and the Taliban. In 1999, along with al-Masri, Ujaama had set up a training camp in Bly, Oregon, where Al Qaeda operatives stayed for months at a time plotting attacks on US targets. Eventually, Ujaama balked at some suggestions or otherwise proved himself incompetent, and nothing much came of the Bly cell, but disturbing plots included, among other things, the proposed poisoning of Seattle's reservoirs. Immediately after this, security fences topped with barbed wire were quietly installed around all the local reservoirs, which had previously been easily accessible.

Prior to 911, foreign radical groups in America were flourishing almost in broad daylight. Anyone tracking the situation would have known that an attack was coming, probably sooner rather than later. Careless assessments and the attitude that the most dangerous enemy came from within almost guaranteed that outside enemies could operate in a less restricted environment. We all know how that worked out.

At this point, however, the stakes are even higher than they were at the dawn of the new millennium. The economic recession, increasingly polarized political climate and paranoia on both sides of the political divide could lead to further destabilization of American society in the case of a terrorist campaign, no matter where it came from. If the recent past is any indication of what leads to domestic terrorism, the current administration's renewed focus on domestic opponents suggests that we will see acts from either domestic radicals responding to government provocation or foreign terrorists taking advantage of the lower level of scrutiny.

So rather than take sides, I'd suggest that men take a cautious look at the situation as it evolves, and prepare for a tense few years. Personally, I'd recommend avoiding engagement with the primary actors on either side of the debate, acting in our own self-interest and living according to the principle that "the last man standing wins."

Reverse Triangulating the Feminists: Reform I Can Get Behind

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For all the wrangling I've done over the new health care reform legislation, perhaps there is a silver lining in this dark heady cloud. Perhaps the exorbitant taxes that are coming our way and the inevitable government failure that will soon follow are worth the price of admission to watch feminism stab itself in the heart and die a slow gurgling death.

That was my grand vision as I read Taylor Marsh's article at *Huffington Post* titled "There is No Women's Movement". Marsh does a lot of crying about the Stupak compromise and the failure of Nancy Pelosi, the pro-choice Congressional caucus, and feminist organizations like NOW and NARAL to fight for women's "right" to have an abortion – *even if they can't afford it* (her shrillness, not mine).

Perhaps this socialistic reform marked the last great hurrah of the liberal progressive movement – the big tent which houses feminism. Perhaps this progressive victory was like the scene in Gladiator where Russell Crow's character defeats Caesar but crumbles from the hard road (and back-stabbing) that he endured along the way. This is my hope for feminism.

The Democratic party has always been a fractured party that was only able to solidify its various attitudes and ideals under a greater goal of "Hope & Change". The health care bill has served to "reverse triangulate" the feminist bloc thereby alienating them and forcing to shop elsewhere for their political power. I'm fine with this given the long odds of their gaining any traction. Marsh writes what I hope will rally many feminists:

> "Honestly, you expect this ineptitude on women's behalf from Republicans, but it's been a sharp stab of betrayal to see it done by Democrats who hold both houses of Congress and the presidency, while "women's groups" fumble around for an excuse to cover their flatfooted surprise and incompetence…

> Women in America no longer have any political party willing to stand up for our full freedoms. No politicians willing to fight our fights."

So I encourage feminists to take their solid 3% voting bloc with them and either vote for grassroots fopulists (feminist populists) or radically leftist Democratic candidates. This will pave the way for either more moderate Democratic voices or Republican ones – both of which will at least not support whatever tripe you, feminists, support.

Saudi Women Pressing for Reform

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Maureen Dowd has recently shown some interest in Saudi Arabia, writing a few columns about the state of affairs in the desert kingdom. Perhaps Dowd has been secretly reading sheikh romance novels, which have skyrocketed in popularity over the last decade or so. Whatever the reason for her interest, she spent some time there recently, and naturally feminism – one of her favorite subjects – came up.

As an American woman, Dowd is naturally most concerned with the right to show some skin, mingle with men, wear makeup and display hairstyles. She also bemoans the fact that divorce is easy for men, but not women — surely it should be the other way around, just like home… However, to her credit, Dowd includes a quote from a Saudi woman who says: "I find a lot of people minimize the women's cause in Saudi by how we dress, and that is actually offensive."

This quote exposes the vast cultural gulf between Western women and women in other parts of the world, who usually have more pressing concerns that what shade of lipstick to wear. As our readers know, there has never been a more privileged group of people on planet earth than contemporary Western women, so naturally some non-Western women might feel a wee bit of resentment when being told how they are being oppressed.

I found a blog written by one Sabria Jawar, a Saudi woman who is a doctoral student in Britain, and she addresses the concerns of Saudi women in very practical terms. Her objection to the Saudi prohibition on women driving, for example, is framed in terms of the hassle and expense of having to pay others to drive women around. Her argument is that women can drive as well as men (I'd say the jury's out on that one), driving would make their lives easier and allow them to save more money, and that if morality is a concern, women are safer from harassment in their own cars than in a taxicab.

Ms. Jawar makes some good points. In a society where women do have some legitimate grievances, the women themselves tend to be far more agreeable and sympathetic characters. However, the question this raises is how does one address these legitimate grievances without creating a society such as our own, where even women like Maureen Dowd, who have high status, plenty of money and good jobs, are prone to endlessly complain and attack men? Is there a balance between shutting women in their homes and giving them license to wreck society and trample on the lives of those around them? I suspect that this will be one of the most difficult questions to answer, and we may have to put a great deal of effort into working it out.

Young Veterans out of Luck

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Young men returning from war are finding themselves without many prospects in the current job market. The youngest veterans – those under 24 years old – have an unemployment rate of well over 20%. Compounding the problems these young men face, many veterans' wives left them while they were on tour, taking advantage of the generous benefits the armed forces provide to soldiers' ex-wives. Out of work and owing child support, a number are finding themselves on the street or forced to check into homeless shelters.

Older pro-veteran activists have expressed surprise at the number of young, homeless veterans who have children. Sister JoAnne Talarico, of Des Moines Iowa, has been protesting war and helping veterans since the Vietnam War, but even she was shocked by the preponderance of fathers of young children amongst the young, homeless veterans.

Given the ruthlessness with which the state prosecutes divorced and single fathers, the sister shouldn't be surprised, but few people are aware of just how bad it is due to media apathy concerning the subject. Not only are military wives notorious for fooling around on their husbands while they are overseas, they are given clear incentives to divorce, all the while courted by attorneys who hover around bases hoping to get a cut of a divorce settlement. In conjunction with their attorneys, military wives can often put such a financial burden on a young veteran that he has no choice but to sleep on the streets or in his car, even if he is lucky enough to be employed.

Persecution and abandonment of young veterans has had dire consequences before. In some countries, it has been enough to tip the balance in favor of revolution. While this appears unlikely in the United States (for the time being), disgruntled veterans have options for expressing their dissatisfaction in manners beyond the capabilities of most others.

Churches Starting to Become Aware of Feminization Issue

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According to a British charity, Christian Vision for Men, the church has become too feminine, and is driving men away. Carl Breech, a Baptist Minister who is General Director of CVM, points out that most churches are currently about 70% women, and this disparity ought to be addressed through male-targeted language, imagery and programs.

CVM thinks that the old-fashioned language, which emphasizes "love" of Christ, is misinterpreted by young men today, because love has come to be equated with sexual intimacy. Rather than using such flowery, effeminate language, they suggest that sermons emphasize why men should respect and admire Jesus. Discussion of issues that are concerns for men, such as pornography, are also suggested.

Personally, I am skeptical about the chances for revival of a patriarchal institution in a society in which most wealth is in the hands of women. It is often older donors who give the most to churches, and old women outnumber old men significantly. Even preachers want to make a living, and if that means catering to women, that is what they will do.

The structural changes brought about by the sexual revolution may be too much for most of Christianity to handle, as the message churches preach is becoming irrelevant in today's society, and the advice spiritual leaders give is often counterproductive, and sometimes harmful. If, as many churches have already done, the bulk of Christianity simply becomes matriarchal and feminist, the contradiction between scripture and practice will slowly tear it apart, just like the Episcopalian Church in the US, which is a shell of its former self.

Women and the Fine Art of Guilt-Free Guilt

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The words were staring at me, printed in a huge, gaudy screaming pink font on the cover of some woman's rag that was also headlining a story about poor Sandra Bullock's cheating husband.

"50 Guilt Free Desserts and Other Indulgences," it said.

Of course, the smart ass in me almost expressed relief that they had actually found something women can feel guilty about. After all, I have known more than one woman that would all but self flagellate after eating a candy bar, but could stare a judge straight in eye, lie through her teeth about her husband being abusive, and then walk from the court room sporting a movie star smile.

Before the "not all" police show up to remind me that not all women are like that, consider the point stipulated. Still, It's an occurrence that is common enough to have made it into modern musical lore. A snip from Don Henley's "If Dirt Were Dollars," tells it pretty well.

Lookin' like a beauty queen
Loyal as a wife
She raised her little voice and testified

"I'm a good girl. I've been one all my life"
But her virtue was as swollen as her pride

She should have had the Oscar
She must have been miscast
Her fifteen minutes went by so fast

I said, "Now, baby, have you got no shame?"
She just stared at me, uncomprehendingly
Like cows at a passing train.

It is hard to follow that. Well, unless you're Dr. Paul. And that little moment at the grocery check out did take me back a few years and spurred some reflections on my previous life as a counselor. It also reminded me of some discoveries I made about women and guilt in the course of that work.

I was in the trenches of treating alcoholism during the glory days of self help gurus. Robin Norwood was all the rage, as was Susan Forward and a host of other know nothings that made millions promoting and then exploiting women's resentments toward all things male. They were so successful at it that the lines between self help and clinical treatment became as blurry as a wino's night vision. Their crappy books became standard issue on employment (and on admission) at most drug treatment facilities. Many mental health providers began to ride the popularity of these books and began basing their practices on them.

Who needs an education or training when you can buy counseling skills at the half price book store?

Of all the books that did well, the most wildly popular in my time was Melody Beattie's "Codependent No More." It became the bible of treatment industry efforts to counsel the spouses, *OK wives*, of alcoholics and drug addicts. And primary among Beattie's volume full of misguided ideas was the notion that women felt guilty about everything under the stars and lived a life of over responsibility as a result.

They were victims of their own goodness, and of course Beattie's answer for that was for them

to *care about no one but themselves*. Did I say "wildly" popular? I meant feverishly, frenetically, orgiastically popular…*on meth*.

I'll leave you to your own conclusions about why the idea of pathological self interest was so well received.

But there was a real problem with Beattie's thesis. It was an utter fail in the real world. And more importantly, it was an utter fail in the realm of treatment. The latter is attributable to the fact that Beattie, likely because of her sex, didn't understand the nature of women's guilt. She failed to grasp that food guilt is just a function of narcissism and vanity, and that much of the remainder is actually a lack of appropriate guilt.

Let me explain by example.

Mary is a composite of many wives I counseled over the years. She is a nurse or office manager, maybe a teacher. She has two young children with her husband John who is in residential treatment with us because he has been drinking chronically for eight of the ten years they have been married. He has lost several jobs, became violent and has refused treatment till a recent arrest for DUI. His court case is pending.

I have Mary in group with seven other wives, and one husband. Most all of them are in more or less the same boat.

Mary: (sniff, sniff) I just don't know what I did wrong. I tried doing everything to help John get sober, but nothing worked. I pleaded, begged and prayed but he just wouldn't stop. I feel like such a failure.

Another wife: You are taking too much responsibility. You need to learn that you can't control his drinking! (several knowing nods and one "uh huh" pass though the group like a mini wave. The home team just scored!)

Me: That is right, Mary. You can't control his drinking, which I am sure you discovered before too long into his eight year binge, so why don't we talk about what you could control? (Mary nods in affirmation, and for some reason the tears just stop. But the look of anguish is still on her face)

Me: You said that John had become violent and raging in the home on many occasions? (Mary nods again) So….then….where did you take the children?

Mary: (looking nonplussed) I am not sure what you mean.

Me: Your children were in the presence of a violent drunk. What did you do to protect them? Where did you take them?

Mary: Well once I took them and spent the night at my sisters. (Mary's affect has changed considerably at this point. There is something different in her expression. It looks kind of like anger.)

Me: Once? You got your children out of that hellish situation once? Why didn't you do more to protect them?

Mary: (and now Mama is really not happy) What? You're blaming me? He's the drunk! It wasn't my fault!

Me: Well, you seemed to struggle with that idea just a minute ago.

Mary: (silent, fuming, and the home team looks very nervous)

Me: Here's how it works. For you to do the work you need to do here you have to come to terms with the fact that you were the only sober adult in that house, and rather than take care of your children

you left them exposed to a raging drunk. So, Mary, you are just as much of a problem as your husband.

Mary: (all pretense to playing the wounded wife is now gone, and Mary's true nature is on display) This is bullshit! I didn't come here for this. I just want you to sober my husband up so he can come back home. If you won't do that, I will convince him to leave, right fucking now! (her eyes were bulging and little bits of projectile spittle issued from between her tight lips)

Me: So, if you have to work on your problems, then treatment for John is out?

I didn't really care if Mary tried to get her husband out of treatment or not. His motivation to be there was not for her, but to impress on the court that he was getting help for his drinking. And we got paid for his being there, not hers. Sad but true.

The point in all of this was that it demonstrated exactly why Beattie missed the mark by such a wide margin. Mary didn't have any real guilt about anything she had done. Perhaps it was there, buried under the stifling weight of sociopathy, but that is too deep to fish for. And so what remained was just a show for sympathy, and to make sure that everyone knew that *he* was the real problem. The women I encountered during all those years of doing treatment, and more than a few in the "real world," weren't much different. They displayed guilt pretty much in two fundamental ways.

The first one was the most common. They expressed guilt over things that no reasonable person would assume they had any control over, e.g. someone else's alcoholism. In other words, they expressed guilt *only about things for which the could not be held accountable*. But once their actual mistakes were revealed and they were held to account, they became as denying and hostile as a drunk that is not ready to put the bottle down.

The second way they experienced guilt was just an extension of the first one. Guilt was used to manipulate their way into a pass on whatever they had done.

Twenty years of working with drunks and I saw many more of them sober up than I ever saw their enablers ever get really accountable for their actions. It just wasn't in them, and Melody Beattie was full of shit.

It was well known in the treatment field that as high as recidivism was for men, it was even higher for women with substance abuse problems. Many of the gurus that gave us work like Beattie's attributed this to the presence of men in treatment centers (no, I am not kidding) so we set about segregating treatment by sex for the sake of women, who continued to fail at a higher rate than men just as they had before.

That left a lot of people scratching their heads, except for those who understood that the only real ingredient for successful treatment was accountability. And that accountability does not exist where it is not driven by a healthy sense of guilt.

What is your experience with women and accountability?

More from Dr. Paul here, and on Youtube.

The Fatalism of the Manosphere

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I've been struggling with this post for the last few months.

But Roosh's and Roissy's recent post finally broke the camel's back. Maybe Roissy's post was an April's fool joke, but it's composed and drenched of the same Nihilistic feeling that was felt in the HBD'ers a few months ago (don't know how to classify Ferdinand, so bear with me).

There's only one way to describe that feeling:

Frustrated Idealism.

We believe that we are oh-so-smart for discovering the truth of this world, but what are the common reactions? Either resignation to women and many, many of our fellow men or anger against them. I understand the feelings for being wronged by them (and damn straight we were), but hating them just for being? Disgust, maybe, but aren't we the ones that said to women to drop the hate against males for being what they are?

I'm not saying that women and manginas should be forgiven for their acts against us. But before I get the torches and pitchforks, let's review some of the random truths that I've discovered here:

- The female natural instinct is *Hypergamy*, that being the desire to have the genes of the Alpha Male in her descendants so **her** genes keep reproducing.
- The Male natural instinct is *Polygamy*, which is wanting to spread his seed to as many women as possible.
- Those two instincts are opposite to each other, and since "men display, women choose", the former will take precedence.
- The ruling caste will eventually try to screw those who are under their authority because, as Robert. A Heinlen can tell you:

> Political tags – such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth – are never basic criteria. The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire.

- Given or because the former (really a chicken and egg argument) is possible because the human herd, the "Average Citizen", the "American Voter" or whorever you want to call it is **stupid.**

There's something in common with all those facts:

NONE OF THEM IS GOING TO CHANGE. EVER. PERIOD.

We got to this whole mess because the ruling caste of our society, which guys like Globalman and Hawaiian Libertarian had researched and put a name and a face, took advantage, not only of those facts, also of the ignorance that they created of said facts by the general populace in that cozy, naive and relatively short time between World War II and the 60's (15 or so years, give or take).

A responsible society wouldn't allow continual denial of said basic truths to the general populace for the benefit of the elite (the Right) or would tell people to wallow in their instincts, their "emotions" like pigs in their own filth so the cattle is so busy fighting in the trees that they can't see the damn forest, once again, to the benefit of the elite (the Left).

No, a responsible society would insist on every one of their citizens that yes, those instincts exist, but as human beings we cannot let them dominate every single of our actions if we want to have a working Civilization.

Civilization is done in **spite** of nature, after all.

Ok, let's get back a little. My point is that we need to accept that those instincts are in all of us, but also that the capacity of controlling said instincts for actual concern of others is a fairly good way to judge others.

For example, a woman can *feel* the temptation to cheat, but if she actually *caves in* to said instincts she is uncivilized, a simple whore. All of Oprah's speeches won't change that.

There's a caveat of course, said elites, despite of all the brave macho talk of the "Red Pillers" of those who see "The Matrix", still control your expectations. Why is that? Many, many men in here still expect a relationship where everything just "clicks", where they can layoff the LTR Game, where everything just cruises along because of love.

As Stepthen Covey said, Love is not a feeling, is a verb. For a relationship to work, there's a necessity of compromise **on both parts** to make the relationship to work with the person besides you. Not with some Prince Charming/Edward Cullen fantasy, not with a pedestalized, even-her-farts-are-gold illusion, but with **the person besides you.**

For that to happen, both parties need to be held accountable of their actions, not only by each other, but by society at large. But if the cattle aren't too busy with the minutiae of their lives, they are not going to let us rule them! They are going to keep us at bay! To us, the elites, who are "superior"! What the elites did? Simple.

They took all the accoutability of the woman and transfered it to the man.

They put all the charge to men, to keep us down as beasts of burden and let women roam free, so we have to chase them around, keeping us busy in the Game of attraction, so that Men are either drowning in vaj or broken spirited. Both cases unwilling to do something against the elites.

The acts, both selling the "perfect relationship" hoax and the concentration of punishments in males are **extremely evil** acts. Both need to be fought against, both in the personal and group level.

In the personal, we learn Game, we learn to lead a relationship, but also, we learn to actually try to find someone worthy to be leaded. There's a woman who is worthy of a committed relationship (NOT MARRIAGE OF COURSE, her temptation to make your life hell will be too strong). If she isn't worthy, well, you get your dick wet. That's something. Also, even if you don't find that girl that makes the struggle worthwhile, find something else that fulfills your life.

As a group, we can actually spread the word, to try to wake others; knowledge is worthless if we hoard it as a badge of validation for our "superiority".

There’s plenty of effort on both levels, I just want it to be oriented to realistic expectations, to ways to make our lives **happier**.

That’s the whole point, isn’t it?

Training Boys to be Dogs

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Some time ago, an Arizona schoolteacher made the news by forcing the male students in his class to bow and scrape to the females. This guy, who is doing serious damage to these boys by forcing them to act like supplicating beta white knights, thinks the world would be a better place if only men did *even more* for women. Cord Ivanyi (feel free to contact him), the misguided – or sadistic, I don't know which – teacher, has forced his male students to seat girls, open doors for them, take their backpacks, stand when they leave the room, etc. He might as well have them wear dog collars, too. Of course, Ivanyi is not having the girls make sandwiches for the boys, wash their clothes, take notes for them or anything at all to reciprocate.

Inevitably, when these boys get into college, girls are going to laugh at them if they continue to behave in this manner, but what might actually be dangerous is that some will take offense, and in an academic environment that could have serious consequences for the young men.

Feminists may take offense when men do such simple things as open the door for them, and if a guy attempted to take a feminist's pack or item of clothing there's a good chance she'd cry harassment. A young man accused of harassment at a university will probably face some stern disciplinary action from the school, as women and their feelings are sacrosanct on campus.

Getting back to PMAFT's post on conservative vs. feminist women, I think there's a good way to look at their approaches to men. Both in fact demand chivalry, but in different ways. Left feminists want socialist chivalry, in which men in aggregate support women, whereas "conservative" women favor the individual man (i.e. husband) bearing the burden. In the current situation, we have a mix of both, but there is still a fight over resources, as some of the working married man's money goes to support single mother feminist types, but perhaps not as much as feminists would like.

Neither left feminists nor conservative women favor easing men's burdens, but there is a fundamental philosophical difference concerning how best to extract male resources. For men, neither system is favorable, as we will simply be paying more for women through alimony on the one hand and taxes on the other. Note that conservative women are just as likely to divorce as their liberal sisters.

For today's young men chivalry is not a choice: it is a mandate. Therefore, we must look at men such as Cord Ivanyi as supporters of an oppressive system. If Mr. Ivanyi wants to be a servile, Quixotic fool, he should do that on his own time. But given the fact that young men will undoubtedly be forced to support women in one way or the other eventually, forcing them to do so at a young age is simply robbing them of the few remaining years of freedom left to them.

Kramer vs. Kramer

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I watched *Kramer vs. Kramer* after a suggestion by Welmer a few days ago. The wife, played by Meryl Streep when she was decent looking, abandons her husband, played by Dustin Hoffman, and their child. Eighteen months later she returns, infused by feminist counseling, to steal their child away from the father who has worked so hard to maintain employment while raising his son alone. A classic example of woman's lack of guilt to which Paul Elam spoke the other day.

The problem I have with this movie is that – SPOILER ALERT – at the end of the movie, after she has won custody through the biased family courts, she suddenly realizes it would be cruel to her son to take him away from his home and decides she will let the father keep custody. What? THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

The film won five Oscars and boasted stars to attract people to the box office, so people obviously paid attention to it (though I, a young lad, had never heard of it until Welmer mentioned it). Maybe if *Kramer vs. Kramer* had ended honestly, with the mother taking her child away and nailing the father for child support, more people would have realized two truths:

1) The family court system is heavily biased against the father.
2) Women don't have a conscience.

I'm exaggerating on the second point but in a lot of cases it's absolutely true, as women are generally ruled by their own selfish desires.

The media's painting of all women as moral and virtuous is part of the reason men still get the shaft. Even though *Kramer vs. Kramer* went astray in the last few minutes, it is well worth watching to gain an appreciation of the struggles of fatherhood and the ills of family court.

Note to Readers

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I'm going to keep contributing as best I can over the next week or so, but my father just passed away without much warning. It's up to me to handle his affairs and put him to rest, so I'll be preoccupied with that for a while.

Hang in there. All will be back to normal soon. If any readers want to contribute a guest piece, let me know — this would be a good time.

My dad would want to see The Spearhead going strong, so in honor of his memory I'll make sure the site isn't neglected. Perhaps when I get my thoughts and feelings straightened out in a bit, I'll write a little eulogy here. I know he'd like that.

A Miracle in February

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As I just read of Welmers loss, I was of course reminded of the loss of my own father. I respectfully submit this story in honor of Welmer and his father. May the memories keep all good men alive in our hearts and minds.

Every word of the following is true.

It was February, and I drove through Athens into the heart of east Texas with a chilled wind blowing dead leaves and debris across the highway. The sky, dark and moody, mimicked the cold turmoil in my heart.

"Just talk to him," Jim had said. "There's much you have to say and you won't have many more chances."

"You just don't fucking get it, do you?" I blasted back at him. "He has Alzheimer's. It's late in the game. He doesn't even know my mother most of the time, much less me. What possible good is this going to do?"

Jim smiled, placed a hand on my shoulder and gently squeezed.

"Just talk to him."

I cursed him again but made the commitment. I thought he was out of his mind to hand me this as a task. But the man, part friend, part brother, and all mentor was seldom off the mark.

Nonetheless I cursed him some more as I drove on, watching the buildings in the small town give way to bare trees and farmland.

I had no idea at all of what I was going to say. My father, at least when it came to our relationship, had always had Alzheimer's. He was there, and not there; close but closed off, as though guarding his humanity were a fatherly duty. I spent the first eighteen years of my life living with him, but never really knowing who he was. We lived in the same house without living together, ate at the same time at the same table without ever actually sharing a meal. We even watched and laughed at some of the same 1960's television shows, but that laughter was no more shared than our lives.

There was me. There was my Dad. But never *me and my Dad*.

His idea of fatherhood stopped at disciplinarian. A product of the great depression, a military career and two wars, his edges were cut in granite, his hand even but forged in steel. And his tolerance for nonsense, as he called most of the interests of my youth, was nonexistent.

The only real gentleness I ever saw in him was with my mother, whom he loved beyond words. But that tenderness didn't translate to his sons. He had three boys, and all of them had marching orders for manhood.

In my home, his word was the law, as surely as if it had been carved into stone tablets and carried down from the mountainside. He taught me, sometimes brutally, the importance of hard work and discipline. His affections were almost never spoken. They were considered to be implied in the lessons he taught, even when delivered on the back of his hand.

Honor. Work. Obedience. Especially obedience.

And it was the obedience, of course, that I ultimately refused to embrace.

That refusal was a source of chaos in my home. It earned me the lifetime ire of my brothers and the stern disapproval of my mother. It eventually pushed me out the door and into the army recruitment office, the quickest escape I could find. Despite all the circumstances, I can say, largely with thanks to my father, that I left with my head high. If nothing else, anyone raised by that man would have a spine.

But the echoes of all that family combat lingered, and were still with me as I pulled into the driveway and shut off the car.

The last time I was there was for Christmas. It was a time of pleasantries and temporary amnesia of past conflicts. Just as it always had been since I left home. But this wasn't other Christmases. My father had a disease that had carved a sinkhole in his mind and all of us seemed to teeter on the edge of it, at times clinging to our fractured connections to each other for balance; to keep from falling in after him. We went though the holiday rituals somberly, mechanically. The Christmas music seemed cruel; a haunting, melodic reminder that this was the last time we would all be together, and alive.

My father sat in the corner watching a dark TV screen while we opened presents.

I watched my mother open one wrapped in red and green striped paper. She untied the ribbon and took off the card which read

TO: Ann FROM: Jerry, with love.

It was in her handwriting.

She opened the box and pulled out the robe, a long white drape of thick terry cloth. She hadn't bothered to remove the price tag when she wrapped it.

"Oh, look," she said, "He got me a new robe. Isn't it pretty?"

She got up, went to him, and kissed his forehead.

"Thank you, sweetie. I just love it."

He never took his eyes off the TV.

As I got out of the car I cleared my mind of that memory and went to the front door. This was going to be hard enough without thinking about Christmas.

When I got inside, the sight of him paralyzed me. Just since I had last seen him almost all of his hair had fallen out. Even his eyebrows had thinned into slight whisps. There were sores on the top of his head, a simple skin condition that often came with the disease, but the image in my mind was that the horror of his rotting brain had spread through his skull and was eating through his scalp.

He was seated in his easy chair. An apron covered his chest and stomach. And then I noticed that the apron was fitted with strands of thick fabric that ran behind the chair and were tied together.

I looked at my mother. She sighed plaintively, and regarded me with concern.

"It was necessary," she said. "It was either that or send him somewhere. He has taken to turning the burners on the stove and pulling everything out of the fridge unless I am here to stop him. I'll leave it on while I am gone, but you can take if off if you want to. Just don't leave him alone, even to go to the bathroom, unless he is tied in."

Her words battered my brain and my heart. Suddenly, my memories transformed themselves, as if the sight of him in such degradation rewrote thirty years of history in an instant. I was enraged at his loss of strength; that strength I used to fight so hard to resist. I wanted to rip that goddam apron off of him and shred it. I wanted to shake my fist at God and curse him for the shell of a man that was

bound like an animal in front of me.

I wanted my father back. Even if he was a father I never really had.

My mother interrupted my internal fit when she picked up her purse and keys. She had never asked why I wanted time alone with him, she just agreed without comment.

"He doesn't talk much," she said, as she opened the door, "But he can still surprise you. He has these…*moments*. I can't explain them."

And with that she was gone and I found myself thrust into the most profound silence of my life. I stood there for a small eternity wondering what to do. The room felt like a vacuum; time suspended and hanging still in the air, like a noose waiting for a neck. I shook myself out of it and untied him.

I took a seat on the sofa just adjacent to his chair and he got up. He shuffled to a set of bookshelves and ran his fingers along the wooden edges. He sat back down and was up again just as quickly. This time he went to the front door and jiggled the doorknob. He didn't try to open it. He just seemed to like feeling it rattle in his fingers.

'Oh God, Jim, what do you have me doing here?' I asked myself. And somewhere in my struggling thoughts, the answer was whispered.

Just talk to him.

When my father returned to his chair again, that is exactly what I did.

I won't tell anyone everything I said to him. This was between my father and me. But I will say that I left nothing unsaid. I covered every heartache and every disappointment. And I made every apology I could think of. There were many. And I told him the secrets of my heart that I could never have spoken before. I talked and talked. I wept and talked some more.

How long this went on, I don't know. But what I do know is that the whole time I was talking he never got out of that chair, which is to say, in his own way, he never stopped listening.

And then, just when I thought I was done, I found myself reaching for his hand. I took it in mine and held on to it like a little boy, then leaned over and touched it to my cheek. His skin felt thin and fragile, not even a memory of the hand that had so often found my face in screaming anger.

Tears rained down my face and my breathing shuddered and hitched. I swallowed and, finally, managed to say the only real thing of importance that I had come to say.

"I love you, Daddy."

And with those words every wall that had ever been built in me tumbled down. Every chip I carried on my shoulder fell to the ground and every bit of manhood that I had used to prop myself up through life gave way to a heartbroken boy that had been voiceless for a lifetime.

I looked up through my tears and studied his eyes. I couldn't believe what I saw. He was looking back at me, directly in the eyes, and he seemed to search my face for who I was.

He wanted to know who I was!

A small, sentient light flickered his eyes. It looked like a fire to me, burning with the fury of the greatest human spirit. And then, as though from some other lifetime, some other history that I had longed to live, he spoke.

"I love you, too," he said. "I always have."

For the first time since my arrival I heard a clock ticking in the background, as though time had

started again. It thundered in my ears as I sat there, stunned and shaken, trying to wrap my head around the magnitude of the moment, *my moment*. And just as what had happened began to register fully, I saw him slipping back into the void of his shattered mind.

'No! Come back! Come back!' raced through my mind, but my pleading was too late. He got up from the chair, his hand sliding from mine lifelessly, and he went toward the kitchen. This time I got up and lead him back to his chair. I sat with him in silence till my mother got back home. I spent that evening dodging questions from my mother, who for some reason had taken more interest in my visit than she had shown before.

The winter weather chased me back to Houston the next day. The clouds were no less dark; the trees just as bare and lifeless.

But it was not the same drive as the drive up. I left the radio off and listened to the chilly wind howl around my car. I watched the ribbon of asphalt come at me and disappear behind like bad memories. And I carried with me a gift from my Dad, the man who had just given me everything I ever needed.

My hand was steady on the wheel.

Hysteria Breaks Out After Campus Newspaper Mocks Victim Culture

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A reader alerted me to an article written by Alex Knepper, a bright young man with an irreverent attitude toward the prevailing PC norms on campus. Writing for *The Eagle*, American University's campus paper, Knepper tears into the campus culture of victimhood:

> Let's get this straight: any woman who heads to an EI party as an anonymous onlooker, drinks five cups of the jungle juice, and walks back to a boy's room with him is indicating that she wants sex, OK? To cry "date rape" after you sober up the next morning and regret the incident is the equivalent of pulling a gun to someone's head and then later claiming that you didn't ever actually intend to pull the trigger.

Indeed! Seems as though someone may have come across *The Spearhead* at some point.

What I really like about this article – and about Mr. Knepper – is that this proves my point about speaking one's mind. Sure, hundreds of feminists are howling and barking at the moon, but it looks to me as though young Alex just proved that people really like to read his controversial views. This kid just may have a career as a cultural commentator ahead of him.

As a stark contrast, I offer the cowardly reaction of the school's administration, which behaves in the predictable manner by denouncing Knepper's article. Amusingly, in their denunciation, Scott A. Bast (Provost) and Gail Short Hanson (Vice President of Campus Life), claim to have been "stunned and mobilized" by Alex Knepper's editorial:

> Our campus community has been stunned and mobilized by opinions expressed about date rape by an Eagle columnist in this week's paper. The emotion provoked by the column and the seriousness of the subject make this a powerful learning opportunity for our community and a moment for us to affirm our values as an educational institution.
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> [blah blah blah]
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> In this challenging moment, when many are searching for what they can do to address the breach that has occurred in the fabric of our community, we invite you to familiarize yourself with the university's position on sexual misconduct and renew your personal commitment to live up to our community values.
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> [blah blah]
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> Gail Short Hanson, Vice President of Campus Life
> Scott A. Bass, Provost

Looks to me as though young Alex Knepper applied a cattle prod to these two, who promptly began to moo obediently. The fealty to feminists on the part of school administration is amazing. In normal life, as Knepper suggests, nobody takes feminists seriously, but on campus it is holy dogma.

The comments underneath all of the articles I linked are also revealing, in that one finds a high proportion of students spouting feminist ideology. Kids are generally obedient, and feminists are hard at work indoctrinating them with feminism, so this is hardly surprising, but it does suggest that

there’s going to be a lot of work ahead deprogramming these poor kids.

In additional news surrounding Mr. Knepper’s editorial, some radical feminists criminally vandalized the paper, which is a typical tactic by frustrated types who can’t stand the concept of open opinion. These miscreants should be arrested and prosecuted for their petty act of destruction. If video footage exists around any of the vandalized distribution points, *The Eagle* should request copies of the tape and publish stills to identify and prosecute the offenders.

Send your support to Alex Knepper (edpage@theeagleonline.com) if you value integrity and honesty in campus journalism.

Renewed Interest in Classical Themes Suggests a New Focus on Masculinity

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According to Jen Yamato of film.com, we are about to treated to a slew of Hellenic-themed movies over the next few years. This week a remake of *Clash of the Titans* is set to come out, and others in the works include *Dawn of War*, described as "an action take on the Theseus myth helmed by the visually-gifted filmmaker Tarsem Singh (*The Fall*)."

I am looking forward to *Dawn of War* in particular, as the Theseus myth is highly charged with sexual politics and the struggle between the masculine and feminine. Hopefully, Singh doesn't disappoint by playing down the Amazonomachy in which Theseus claimed Hippolyta as his bride.

In addition to the Amazonomachy of the Theseus myth, there is the story of Phaedra, his second wife, who lusted after Theseus and Hippolyta's son Hippolytus. Hippolytus spurned her advances, and Phaedra falsely accused him of rape, causing his own father (Theseus) to curse him. There is a lot of rich material in here, and it would be great to see it play out in the movie theaters, which are the most influential art medium in modern times.

Artists tend to be ahead of the curve, so one might come to the cautious conclusion that this subject matter portends some changes from the feminist orthodoxy which now holds our society in a crushing grip.

Sexual Antagonism May be Evolutionary Reality

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In an experiment on fruit flies, which are often used for evolutionary research, it was found that when evolution proceeded without sexual restraints males became more masculine and females more feminine. Because there are a number of genes that influence sex-specific behavior, and these genes are mainly shared by both males and females, there is a constant tug-of-war that prevents overmasculinization and overfeminization.

Olivia Judson, writing for the NY Times, finds the results fascinating, and is curious about what might happen if women were allowed to evolve without the constraints placed on feminization by masculine genes:

> I find this tantalizing. I'd love to know how much of the human genome is similarly constrained, and I wonder what would happen if human males were prevented from evolving while females were allowed to keep going.

If the fruit flies are any indication, I imagine they would become caricatures of femininity. In fact, I think we have been seeing something akin to this process in our own society, albeit culturally rather than strictly biologically speaking. When the masculine is repressed, we see a society that is increasingly exaggerated in its femininity, and males that are unattractive as mates to the hyperfeminized women who have come to the fore.

Man Runs For Public Office Against His Wife

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In Missouri John Fischer has decided to run for the Missouri State Legislature to represent MO District 107. He is running as a Republican against the current holder of that seat who is his wife, Linda Fischer, a Democrat. They are the only two people running for this seat and the filing deadline has already passed so there will be no other candidates.

Linda Fischer claims her husband, a former employee of Chrysler who was forced into early retirement last May, has committed violence against her. She has already gotten a protection order against her husband claiming that he has "harassed" her and has caused or attempted to cause her physical harm. John Fischer denies the allegations and is willing to take polygraph test to prove his innocence. The protection order has prevented John Fischer from entering his home so he is currently living in a camper.

Mr. Fischer says that he is not running against his wife because of the protection order but because of how the Democrats have handled the economy, health care, and the stimulus. He said:

> I figured if I'm going to be on my own, then I'm going to have to do what suits me. I'm standing up for people who lost their job. I don't think they're being represented fairly in this state because they do not take care of the working man.

This state legislature race is a microcosm of many of the issues that we write about, the mancession, the false abuse industry, etc. John Fischer has not let all of the things his (presumably soon to be ex-) wife and the state have done to him stop him. Despite being forced from his home, he is fighting back in his own way.

Young Men: Avoid American University

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In the wake of the column written by Alex Knepper in *The Eagle*, a campus newspaper published by AU students, AU officials have come out with new policies designed to punish men who are accused by women of various improprieties. The school plans to keep a blacklist of men who have been accused, apparently whether they have been convicted of anything or not. This extrajudicial, arbitrary punishment of men should be a warning sign to any parents that might think about sending their sons to American University.

That schools are keeping records on students that do not pertain to academic issues should be cause for concern. Crimes are the jurisdiction of the courts — not of universities. If schools keep records on students for alleged crimes rather than convictions, the schools themselves may be skating on thin ice legally speaking. Eventually, these records may have to be subpoenaed to ascertain just what American University is up to in regards to student records, and whether or not the school is complicit in libel and breaches of confidentiality. There is a possible FERPA violation here if such records are being shared, which would make this a matter of civil rights. Until their policy and procedures are published, we cannot know for sure, but recent developments warrant close attention.

In the meanwhile, parents of male students and male students themselves should seriously consider withdrawing from American University, and avoiding enrollment in the same. Gail Hanson, at the behest of radical feminists, is creating a climate of intimidation and fear for males. The recent example of the Duke Lacrosse case has already cast a dark cloud over higher education, and it appears that, rather than take steps to halt false accusations and abuse of young men, universities are only stepping up the pressure and making further attacks.

How many more young men's lives will have to be ruined by false accusations, and how many more chased away from education by totalitarian feminist policies at universities before things start to change? Hopefully, not many, but from the looks of things at American University there will undoubtedly be more victims.

Attention Whore Gets Angry At Her Success

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Recently some women marched topless in Portland, Maine to protest for topless women being treated the same as topless men. The march was organized by Ty McDowell who was enraged at the men who were attracted by the march. This was despite the fact that some of the marchers posed for pictures. McDowell is planning more marches where she will be more "aggressive" in "discouraging" men who she thinks are watching the marches too much.

This march was attention whoring because Maine law says that it is only illegal to show genitals in public. In other words, it is legal in Maine for women to be topless (and this is why none of the women were arrested for marching topless). There is no reason except attention whoring to march to treat topless women the same as topless men in Maine because legally that is already the case. Since attention whoring was the purpose of this topless march, it is absurd for Ty McDowell to complain about men watching the march.

What Ty McDowell really wants is to be topless anywhere, but force men to not look at her while she is topless. Like with so many things, Ty McDowell is a woman trying to have it both ways. Either you're in public and anyone can look at you or you're not. That's the truth of the matter, and anything else is attention whoring.

Feminists Resort to Ninja Tactics

April 8, 2010 | by Jay Hammers | Link | Original Link

The National Women's Law Center is again seeking continued privileges for women:

> Tell Congress to Reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
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> Soon Congress will consider a major education reform package. It could not come sooner – the students in our nation's schools are in crisis. And unfortunately, **the problems facing girls at risk in school largely have been masked by overgeneralizations about their performance.** It's up to us to ensure that all of our nation's children have equal opportunities to learn and succeed.

Yes, the NWLC believes that women need more entitlements even as they outperform boys in education. It was a national crisis when girls weren't doing as well in school but it's a trivial generalization when boys aren't.

Nevertheless this is a good sign. Feminists are concerned because the plight of boys and men is gaining more national attention. They are concerned that people will wake up and realize just how good girls and women have it when compared to boys and men.

Let's break down their little petition. They are trying to mask their requests for continued entitlements by inserting seemingly reasonable points in the petition, an act of deliberate subterfuge. Feminists are trying to use stealth, camouflaging their misandry like ninjas in the shadows.

They hope education reform will:

> * Transition to an accountability system that promotes "data-driven" reforms that improve outcomes for all students;

This says absolutely nothing. It's here merely to disorient.

You hear the sound of footsteps in the corner. Distracted, you don't notice the next bullet point.

> * Require collection and reporting of data on pregnant and parenting students and authorize supportive programs for those students;

I thought this was about education? How about educating young girls not to get pregnant in the first place and young guys not to provide the necessary semen?

> * Support high-quality early learning opportunities that help prepare children to enter kindergarten;

You hear a faint whisper and turn your head to look around. Your attention diverted as you stare hard into the darkness, you miss the next three bullet points.

> * Require high school sports data collection;

I thought this was about education? Feminists will use the results of this data collection, which will show that girls are less interested in sports, to further take away boy's opportunities to be involved in sports. Gotta love Title IX.

> * Collect data and support programs to increase girls' participation in and completion of STEM courses;

Feminists just can't stand the fact that men are better at science, math and engineering. Feminists were unable to break men's dominance in fields that require high level reasoning and innovation because men are simply better at these things than women – and corporate America knows it. Sadly for women, results matter in these fields and they don't get as big a handicap as in the Olympics.

> * Ensure a positive school climate and support the health and safety of all students;

By painting all boys as rapists and abusers and all females as victims, I'm guessing.

> * Adopt and strengthen programs to engage communities and address barriers that decrease student engagement;

As the moon comes from behind the clouds, you see the glint of steel as a dark figure draws near.

> * Clarify that supplemental educational services providers are subject to civil rights laws;

Oh, here's Title IX again, as feminists would hate to see "discrimination" on the basis of sex as long as that "discrimination" is against girls. Now that girls are ahead of boys, they couldn't bare to see boys getting educational assistance to overcome the widespread anti-male mindset in education.

As the dark figure approaches, the moonlight reveals its features. It hisses at you, teeth bared, its breath making you recoil. You smell feminist.

Remembering feminists always travel in packs, you whirl around to see dozens more approaching from the rear wielding golf clubs and handguns. You even see a few camouflaged in ball caps with the letters "MRA" scrawled on them in black lipstick.

Good thing they can't golf or shoot worth a damn, you think to yourself as you advance to confront them.

About the author: Jay Hammers is a young lad who throughout his life has been a witness to Western society's embrace of pervasive misandry and female privilege. He recently became aware of the men's rights movement and started a blog as both an outlet for his rage and a way to raise awareness in others: Men's Rights with Jay Hammers.

Men Don’t Listen Well: Myth or Fact?

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A friend sent me an interesting piece from the University of Pennsylvania Language Log in which the author debunks *The Male Brain* a sloppily-written pop-science book that attempts to explain why men allegedly can’t listen. Of course, the book was written by a female scientist, one Louann Brizendine. The debunking is excellent, and shows just how much pure garbage makes its way into books, especially when they are written by so-called “experts.”

The debunking is highly technical, so I can’t really do it justice with a summary, but one of the explanations for why men supposedly have an inability to listen well is that testosterone somehow impairs their brains. We’ve all heard this one before. Conventional opinion does tend to view testosterone as a poison of sorts, which is reflected in the law. For example, synthetic testosterone is strictly regulated, whereas half the fertile female population in the West is popping estrogen/progesterone pills on a daily basis.

Young Women Refusing to Call Themselves Feminists

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When I was a kid back in the 80s, lots of people proudly called themselves feminists. Even many men declared themselves feminists. They were so in-your-face about it that they'd say "I'm a feminist" and then glare in an intimidating manner at the young boys in the class. Yes, lots of teachers were that nasty. I'm sure lots of them still are. Only half of teachers are better than average, after all.

However, today, despite the succession of triumphs feminists can point to as their legacy, such as on-demand abortion, on demand divorce, on demand restraining orders throwing men out of their houses, on demand seizure of ex-husbands' assets, etc., young women are hesitant to call themselves feminists.

Why might this be?

Chloe Angyal, writing for The Guardian, says it is because "In the popular imagination, feminists are still the ugly, angry extremists who killed chivalry and who seek not gender equality, but world domination."

Well, yes, Chloe, but it isn't imagination — it's fact. As women make up the majority of students and now workers, and as male opportunities slip away, people like you continue to demand more for women and less for men. You don't want equality, you want supremacy.

I'm sure most young women want to keep the privileges feminism has won for them, but they sense that people are starting to hate feminism because they are seeing it for what it truly is: a power grab. It is distilled selfishness, backed up only by a sham victim cult that is fast becoming exposed for the fraud that it is.

Women are sensitive to social moods; probably more so than men. They are hyper-aware of how people around them feel, and try to adjust their words and expressions to create an aura of consensus. Women are starting to realize that most men are thoroughly disgusted with feminism, and that their trust for women is at an all-time low. All the signs are out there, and a few of us men are actually opening our mouths and saying what we think without worrying about the consequences.

So now young women don't want to call themselves feminists, because they know exactly what men will think when they hear that word. Chloe Angyal wants them to stand up and proudly exclaim their support for feminism, but she's going to be frustrated in this endeavor.

Here's why:

Women, in general, look out for themselves first, and they've already got about as good a deal as they are ever going to get. I'm not sure they consciously and rationally understand this, but I'm sure they feel it. There's a point of diminishing returns, and they sense that they may have already passed it. At this point, disenfranchising men even further and then rubbing it in their faces is not going to help them get that pack-mule husband they were counting on. Putting their exes on the street isn't going to keep that child support flowing in. Taxing men out of business won't support their social programs and jobs at nonprofits.

Even women have started to understand that they've gone too far, and they understand that the feminists have taken them there.

It’s too bad they didn’t figure this out earlier, because there will be consequences for women in general. Frankly, their value is going to tumble when the misandry bubble pops. If, some 35 years ago, women had seen this coming and stopped the feminists, they would have been able to cut their losses and maintain the kinds of blessed lives their grandmothers have lived. Now, they’ll be lucky to avoid working well into their 70s. Imagine that: 40 years of work after the Wile E. Coyote moment. Ouch.

Could She BE Any More Self-involved?

April 9, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

This post was submitted by Meistergedanken

Recently, commenter Broadsword made what I considered an insightful observation linking women, homosexuality and narcissism:

Broadsword April 7, 2010 at 11:35

"…When it comes down to it women know that a homosexual relationship with a woman facilitates their innate narcissistic tendencies. It's why most of them secretly want to be with a woman. Feminists certainly know this, since homosexuality and narcissism are the foundations of feminists' lifestyle and personality. Which is why it should not be assumed that if men pull out of American University that it will make much difference to women. This is what feminists and women want, no men in the way to stop feminists indoctrinating women, and no men around to date which will enable women to indulge in the their latent homosexual desires."

As it so happens, by strange coincidence a MSM article a few hours later presented a scenario that nicely featured all the elements he mentioned in a nice, tidy, thoroughly revolting package. I had been warily watching this story unfold from afar for several weeks, and was wondering if its conclusion would be reported…

So along with abortions, it would appear that prom attendance is now also a constitutional right:

> By SHELIA BYRD, Associated Press Writer
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> JACKSON, Miss. – Senior prom fell far short of the rite of passage Constance McMillen was hoping for when she began a legal battle to challenge a ban on same-sex dates.
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> The 18-year-old lesbian student said Tuesday she was one of only seven students to show up at a private event chaperoned by school officials last Friday night. She said the rest of her peers went to another private event where she wasn't invited.
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> [...]
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> The ACLU sent a demand letter to Superintendent Teresa McNeece in February, saying the rules against same-sex prom dates and girls wearing tuxedos violated McMillen's constitutional rights. The district responded by withdrawing its sponsorship and canceling the April 2 event.
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> In an apparent compromise, school district officials said parents would organize a private event with school chaperones that McMillen could attend, tuxedo and all.
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> McMillen didn't take her girlfriend because the girl's parents wouldn't let her go to the event. McMillen escorted another female instead. She did, however, wear a black tuxedo with a blue green vest. But when she, her date and a friend showed up at Fulton Country Club, only four other people were there. She left after half an hour…

So let's see what we've got here:

A woman's hurt feelings? Check!

Ironclad state of victimhood due to "civil rights violations"? Check!

Trying to force your peers and other people to condone your deliberately non-conformist choices and bend over backwards to accommodate your every amoral whim? Check!

Abusing the court system to bully a school district or other entity that has neither the money nor patience to properly give you the legal thrashing you so richly deserve? Check!

I imagine the next logical step will be her filing a lawsuit to force all her classmates to sign her yearbook at the end of the year! After all, we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, do we?

There is nothing worse to a narcissist then being forced to confront the fact that reality does not adjust to be in line with her desires, and that other people are not mere props, but sentient beings with beliefs and opinions that often conflict with one's own. Sadly, as Ms. McMillen is only 18, she potentially has several more decades of misery to inflict upon the general populace.

This is the general progression of the path to feminist and homosexual dominance, fulfilled through lies and deceit, and enabled by its agents and sympathizers in the realms of education, the arts, politics and journalism: desensitization to indifference, indifference to tolerance, tolerance to acceptance, acceptance to preference, preference to ideal. We are entering the final stages because we have been on autopilot for too long. In the meantime, we can at least heap some contempt upon the woman who sparked this whole sordid affair. Go on, I know you want to…

Fatherhood: What's The Point?

April 9, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

I know a lot of readers and commenters advocate avoiding children and family. I can understand why they do so, having survived a brutal divorce myself. Sometimes the fear of losing one's children is so painful that one gets the feeling that it would have been best if they'd never been born at all. This pain is all the worse for men who really love their kids, so I suspect that some of the men we see condemning marriage and family in the strongest terms are the men who were hurt the worst by the loss brought on by divorce.

There are also men who saw the writing on the wall early on and avoided family, because they weighed the consequences and made a decision based on their best interests. It was probably a wise decision. There is no guarantee for a man that he will grow up with his children these days, and there is a good chance that he will be financially ruined if he loses them. Divorce carries a double penalty for men these days: first comes loss of loved ones, and then comes loss of property, wealth and financial freedom. It's a severe blow, as attested to by the elevated risk of suicide for men (but not women) following divorce.

Rationally speaking, it would be very difficult to make a case for having children today. There's no farm to work, they can't be employed at a young age in the family business, they probably won't support a man when he's old, and they get in the way of many of life's pleasures, both great and small.

However, for some of us they still mean a great deal. Despite all the trouble and heartache, fatherhood is a cherished role for millions of men. Men regularly follow their ex-wives around the country to be near their children, often incurring great hardship in doing so. I recently read about a man living in a tent – he had lost his license, and then his job, because of child support arrears – in the town his children lived in. He had given everything up to be near his kids, and was being punished by the state for doing so. Despite enormous financial and sometimes criminal penalties, men still struggle to be fathers.

One might ask "Why?" What's the point?

Too often we are treated to saccharine notions of fatherhood. The man throwing a ball to his kid in the park, or the beaming father at his daughter's wedding. This all makes for good TV, I suppose, but it goes so much deeper than that. Our relationships with our parents reach to the very core of our humanity, and are intertwined with our ideas about our origins, purpose in life and legacy after death. Being a child or parent is such a fundamental concept that it infuses all religions and permeates our creation myths. It is the inescapable metaphor for the beginning of all things.

I'm convinced that this fundamentally human world-view is at least partly instinctive. Children understand the relationship between parents and children before any others. It is the standard by which they measure all other relationships throughout life, and the basic concept upon which they build their understanding of society.

But as fundamental as parenthood may be, fatherhood is the more tenuous of two basic parent-child relationships. It is a fragile flower – a gift to humanity – that sets us apart from the beasts of the field. Anthropologists like to speculate about what it is that makes us uniquely human. Could it be language? The use of tools? The ability to plan ahead? All of these things may set us apart to one

degree or another, but fatherhood surely is just as important as any of them. Whether one believes that humans evolved from troglodytes or were created in God's own image, we can all agree that the human father-child bond is unique. In most other species, what sets sires apart from other males tends to be that they avoid killing their progeny. However, these beasts seem to have nothing more than a built-in tolerance for their offspring. In humans, there is mutual recognition of a special bond. That human fathers and children have a close, unique relationship is a very rare, special thing in the realm of life on earth.

So rather than argue about the benefits or drawbacks of fatherhood, I think we should take a step out of the debate and acknowledge that fatherhood is simply an integral part of ourselves as men, whether we have children or not. It is in our nature, and it influences how we relate to the world around us. The domestication of animals, the birth of art and material creativity, and the fostering of civilization are all fruits of the paternal nature of the human male.

In short, fatherhood is what makes us human.

Male Studies Program Already Under Attack

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Amanda Hess of the online Washington City Paper (her blog is called "The Sexist"), has posted a nearly unreadable interview deriding the concept of male studies. It is so over-the-top snarky and dripping with sarcasm that it's barely intelligible, and I wonder whether she was drunk when she conducted the interview. Here are a few quotes:

> SADY: Well, The Man has staked his claim in those. BASICALLY WE NEED TO TAKE THE QUARTERBACK OF DISCOURSE TO THE GOAL NET OF DISCUSSION TO SCORE A HOME RUN HAT TRICK OF ANTI-OPPRESSION THEORY! Is my understanding.
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> AMANDA: I plan on blaming all of my deficiencies in forming metaphors, drawing conclusions, and overall making sense on my Oppression today. For the record.

Here, as far as I can tell, the interviewee suggests that she is actually noticing when men call her out on her feminist BS:

> AMANDA: But, I write about a lot of really minor shit that women are expected to do and about how these very little things are reminders of society's expectations of men and women. And a lot of times men get really pissed when I do that, too! For it is annoying to be forced to think about.
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> SADY: Right. I mean, here's the thing: I'm a lady who gets called out on my privilege. A lot. As I see it, my job description is: Write about lady stuff, try to remember not all ladies have exactly the same life as I do, listen when ladies with different lives are like "uh, you missed something." So the plague of dudes on the Internet who are like, "WHAT DO YOU MEAN LADIES EXPERIENCE THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN I DO, SOMETIMES NOT WELL?!???!" Like: I try to listen to people EVERY SINGLE DAY, dude, and I haven't actually had an aneurysm and died yet, so maybe it's not actually that fucking hard. You know? The Internet is not a thousand little knives stabbing you in the face. The Internet is some people talking. In conclusion, calm down.

Amanda objects that male studies is about actual, biological males:

> AMANDA: Yes. And that traditional man has always been permitted to appear. It's all the other men who haven't. But Male Studies cuts them out of the picture when it devotes itself to "males as males," as if we're only talking about one very clearly defined and biologically determined type of person.

Interviewee admits to being drunk (as I suspected):

> SADY: Like, if we start looking at "masculinity" as this very exclusive concept that has all of these other concepts and privileges packed into it, then we get to my I Went To Liberal Arts College And Have Simplistic Ideas Place where, like… we can create a discourse without you, substantially, Ultimately Privileged People. If we can get over our own bullshit and have each others' backs, we can do a lot. And maybe this conversation needs to take

> place on THOSE terms. Provided you're okay with getting yelled at when you fuck it up. Also, I have had three beers, because it's hot. THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE SOBER!

Well, Paul Elam's been keeping our end up over there in the comments. Feel free to join him.

Studies Show Increased Likelihood for MRAs to Be Pansies

April 10, 2010 | by Jay Hammers | Link | Original Link

Pansy: a timid man or boy considered childish or unassertive.

I've noticed an increased likelihood for some people involved in the men's rights proto-movement to pander to feminists and others who hate men. Here are three recent examples of misguided actions by MRAs (men's rights advocates/activists) in the community.

1.
Men's News Daily refers to masculism as hateful because apparently they don't want to lose their (non-existent) female readership. At the same time, publisher Mike LaSalle has hosted countless articles stirring up hatred for Obama and anyone who isn't a far, far right-winger, but these articles apparently aren't considered "hateful or inciting". Furthermore, editor-in-chief Paul Elam even stated quite recently at The Spearhead,

> Because the day will come, no matter how psychotic you are when infatuated, that she will be sitting there talking and you will want to shove a recliner down her throat to shut her up.

If masculism is hatred (it's not) then so is a statement indicating all women become nagging and tiresome after being with them long enough. You know what, that's exactly how I feel about some MRAs!

MND censors honest commenters they disagree with. That women are biologically different than men and that men are *better* than women at many things is obvious. The people running MND do not appear to value dissenting opinions and are as emotional and hypocritical as any feminist. They could at least be consistent in their thought-policing.

Why do we care? Men's News Daily has a good deal of influence on the men's rights community and as a site that consistently appears on pages 1 and 2 of a Google search for "men's rights", it is likely to be a starting point for someone who is interested in learning more.

2.
The False Rape Society becomes more about women than men. The blog description now reads, "Giving voice to falsely accused men and women," as if women share a comparable burden with men when it comes to false rape accusations. That's like a website that sells tampons claiming to give all-day protection to menstruating *men and women*.

The original website had this description: "News and commentary about wrongful accusations of rape and sexual assault." Furthermore, the FRS consistently refers to "persons falsely accused of rape" rather than "men accused of rape," which is the only accurate way of phrasing it. This is a subtle example of *misandry* from a website in the men's rights realm. It is the same thing the media does when it refers to men and women dying in service even though men account for 98% of deaths in modern wars. When you watch a documentary on World War II they don't talk about the men who died fighting for their countries, they talk about the "soldiers", but whenever you hear about a man who commits a crime they are referred to as *men*. For an excellent YouTube video on the phenomenon, watch Men Don't Exist.

What does the FRS think will be gained by denigrating men while stroking the egos of women by insinuating there is a significant, or rather any problem of false rape accusations of women? They

won't gain the support of women on the false rape issue by appealing to women's victimhood complex regarding something they are never victims of. In order to gain women's support you must show them how false rape accusations can affect the good men in their lives. Be more honest and less politically correct, for our sake!

The FRS insults men, especially men who *are* raped by women, by implying that false accusations of rape against women (and by men) are common or even significant. It just doesn't happen. For a man to be raped is perceived as shameful and unmanly. A man accusing a woman of anything, especially rape of a man, would be shunned as a misogynist because women are beyond reproach. Even if you have the courage to out your rapist, it's extremely unlikely you will find justice in the law. False rape accusations simply do not happen to women because an individual falsely accusing a woman has nothing to gain from it – the law will not help them, the community will shun them, and generally things will only get worse for them.

The FRS is on page 2 of a Google search for "rape accusation", but it does far more good than harm by raising awareness of false rape.

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Reddit: Men's Rights taken over by feminist apologists, misandrists, manginas, and women. This Reddit has become a place where good quality links are immediately down-voted by man-haters and beta males in an attempt to censor anything but the most PC pro-female submissions. They don't always succeed and there are still some good articles submitted. However, many of the posters there are simply feminist attention whores who have nothing to contribute; they attempt to paint every genuine supporter of men's rights as a misogynist, which isn't really an insult. Zed has told us misogynists are made, not born. And as Hestia once put so well:

> "Misogynist" might be an irksome term to have thrown your way, but in today's world the term almost seems to be a compliment, as it means a person doesn't sit back and take all the garbage the world wants to throw their way but looks around and comes to conclusions based on reality, however un-PC these conclusions might be. To be a misogynist nowadays is to value liberty and justice rather than the unearned special privileges and power to be a slaveowner that comes with the territory of being a misandrist. If a person must be one or the other, it seems clear to me which one is the bigger insult.

Schopenbecq of The Anti-Feminist has described the problem with Reddit: Men's Rights before. He has created a men's rights Reddit that doesn't tolerate misandry but it is difficult to sustain as there are few MRAs who recognize that man-haters cannot be bargained with.

Reddit: Men's Rights is on the first page of a Google search for "men's rights".

In conclusion, if we allow those (men and women) who are against us (mostly men) to dictate our strategy, we will fail to achieve significant accomplishments. Sadly, that's exactly what Men's News Daily, the False Rape Society, Reddit: Men's Rights, and too many others in the loosely networked men's rights community are doing. And too often they are in the habit of denouncing people – mostly men – who warn them of their error.

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in others: Men's Rights with Jay Hammers.

Male Studies Media Awards

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"Imagine that one day you see, in all seriousness, an announcement regarding the upstart of a male studies program at a major university that has been developed to address, research and educate people on the effects of misandry that is practiced against men and boys across the western world."

I posted that to Men's News Daily on January 20th of this year. I had the good fortune to know about the conference well in advance and the privilege of being the first person to write about it. I also had the stress of having to keep my mouth shut till it was time, which is stressful because I am not very good at that.

I had anticipated that there would first be a good deal of skepticism about it from MRA's, and I wasn't disappointed. Hell, we still have plenty that are fuming about the minutia of it being called male studies instead of men's studies, even though it has been well explained that men's studies has been around and under feminist control for 30 years.

It was also pretty predictable that once the conference took place, replete with esteemed academicians uttering some long absent truths about feminist ideologues, that eyebrows would be raised and heads would turn.

Some of those heads aren't just turning; they're spinning like Linda Blair's on a shaking bed and puking up green sludge.

It is glorious.

And so, in the early stages of what I am quite sure will result in a Texas Death Match, I want to announce some award winners for media coverage of the Big Event.

The first award, for balanced and reasonable coverage, goes to

Dr. Michael Blumenfield, The Huffington Post

Qualifier: Blumenfield wrote his column before the conference and matter-of-factly questioned why anyone would object to such an academic pursuit.

The "Almost Got it Right" Award

Jenna Goudreau, Forbes

Qualifier: Jenna thought we need to address the issues of men, but took exception to Lionel Tiger's statement at the conference that "A lot of feminist argument is just irritating." She also made the point that there was no need to denigrate other gender studies in the process, *as though they don't do that themselves without help*.

Most Obtuse Coverage

Daniel de Vise, Washington Post

Qualifier: Daniel never heard the word *misandry* till he read the conference description. Pretty good trick for a "journalist" who practices it. His one attempt at crack analysis was to make fun of Lionel Tiger's name.

Completely Clueless Coverage Award

Newsweek writers Jessica Bennett and Jesse Ellison on their Equality Myth Blog

Qualifier: The two Jess's were qualified by, well, their qualifications. They identify themselves on their blog with the trippy triad of Newsweek writers, pop culture enthusiasts and feminists. For opinion on the conference they sought the opinion of the lady cab driver who dropped them off at the event. Next week they are interviewing Pink's thong designer.

The Psychopulitzer Prize

Amanda Hess, The Washington City Paper

Qualifier: Hess always was a neurotic idiot. But in her coverage of this event she has demonstrated that she is one stress factor away from talking to herself while she pushes a shopping cart down the street with wild streaks of lipstick running up the sides of her face.

The conference, and the idea of uppity males, has so gotten under her skin that she has posted no less than *four* pieces on it, each one more poorly written, sloppy and bizarre than the one before it- *in the last 24 hours*. She has also started a twitter campaign to, well, I suppose, roar.

Amandas idea of an interview

Amandas idea of journalism

Amandas idea of humor

Wacky video

And the final award, **The Internet Heisman**, goes to the MRA community. If you go through the comment sections on almost all of these articles, you will find an amazing assortment of rational people intellectually bitch slapping every gender ideologue posting their normal drivel. In fact, even on feminist sites like the Jess's and Hess's, the majority of comments are pro male studies, and the authors are very well informed.

It must also be noted that the conference has received a great deal of support from the likes of Mike LaSalle, Welmer, Angry Harry, Glenn Sacks, John Dias and a host of other bloggers who will not be mentioned because they are too numerous to ensure they all get credit.

And in the media, we got to see something I am not sure we have ever seen before. Some really nervous feminists.

Like I said, it's glorious.

More from Paul Elam at A Voice for Men.

Mad Groper Terrorizes College, Feminist Angry at Students' Flippant Response

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Earlier this week, a merry prankster at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana threw this quiet college town into a panic when he went around on his bicycle smacking women on their asses and speeding away before he could be nabbed, no doubt while twirling his mustache and cackling maniacally. A grand total of two females were traumatized by this chauvinist's cheeky cheek-violating ways, enough to encourage campus police to send a emergency email to students and faculty telling them to be on the lookout for this terror on two wheels. The same emergency system that is usually reserved for serious safety warnings, like when rapists and muggers are on the loose.

The police's overreaction to our buttock-bruising friend inspired someone to set up a Facebook page to highlight the absurdity of the situation. As of this writing (3:30 am Green Mountain Time), the Ball State Ass Slapper has just shy of 11,00o fans. Not only that, you can now score cool Ass Slapper swag, including T-shirts with phrases like "BSU: Slappin' Ass On The Way To Class Since 1918″ and shirts for the ladies that read "I Got Spanked By The BSU Ass Slapper…And I Liked It". There's even a song dedicated to the Ass Slapper's awesomeness:

Of course, there are folks out there who say that this is no laughing matter, and that anyone who finds humor in this whole thing is evil and should be hunted down by a lynch mob. BSU's student paper covered their asses adequately with this milquetoast editorial demanding that this crime be taken seriously, and a Facebook group that opposes "MEMEBRS" of the Ball State Ass Slapper page (IT IS NOT A JOKE!!!) is a mere 328 fans strong at the time this sentence was tapped out. But the real laughs are to be had from an indignant blog post from *ScienceBlogs* scribbler "Isis the Scientist" of *On Becoming a Domestic and Laboratory Goddess…* (haha, don't you get it? Her name is Isis, the Egyptian goddess of motherhood and fertility and her blog is called, eh heh…). You'd think a blog on a site called *ScienceBlogs* would be more about, y'know, SCIENCE, but Isis would rather chew up their bandwidth to show how shocked, appalled, offended she is that people would dare to find this incident funny:

> I've never seen such an overt celebration of assault against women on a college campus. While Ball State President Jo Ann Gora has denounced the group, I'm still disappointed in the student body of Ball State. I'm even more disappointed that it doesn't just seem to be the students that have clearly lost their minds. Apparently a contingent of the faculty are acting like first rate asshats too. And, because a group of students have decided that BSU is making a mountain out of a molehill, they want to raise some money to help "real victims of sexual assault." Thomas Bible of Nashville, a douchey-looking fucker and fan of "Women bringing you sandwiches", suggests "how bout at your little charity event instead of a kissing booth you have an ass slapping booth? $1 a slap. have a buncha girls with nice tight booties who can take a joke rotate in and out." Way to keep it classy, Muncie. Thanks for educating the next generation of mansplainers.

Okay, let's get one thing out of the way – groping random women is not cool. But it's not a crime worthy of an entire campus menstruating over. The Ball State Ass Slapper didn't bend these girls

over in a dark alleyway and ravish them like scoundrels do in those romance novels women like to read. He just…slapped their asses. They weren't physically hurt, they weren't forcibly impregnated, and if they develop mental issues from getting their haunches manhandled, they were probably screwed in the head to begin with. Calling what he did "assault" dilutes the meaning of the word.

Secondly, if a woman ran around spanking guys on their rear-ends, the police would have laughed any complainers off the phone, and Isis and her cohorts would no doubt impugn the manhood of any man who didn't like having his tush grabbed.

Thirdly, as the reality of game tells us, whether a woman regards something as sexual assault is contingent upon how hot she finds the "assaulter." If George Clooney came up and smacked Isis on the butt, she'd probably melt into a gooey puddle of gina juices.

And can anyone tell me why feminists are so deeply in love with the word "asshat"? Aside from Paul Elam (who gets a pass because he's cool), they're the only denizens of the internet I've seen that use it as an insult.

But wait, that's not all! As furious as Isis is at the men who are making light of this story, she's really cross with the girls who are stabbing the sisterhood in the back:

> I'm disappointed in the young women who are supporting the fuckwittery of this group. I wonder if they truly believe that this is all "harmless fun", or if they are participating in this Facebook group because they believe that this behavior will get them accepted by their male counterparts. I'm old enough to know that it doesn't matter how much of a "cool chick" you are, or whether most of your friends are guys. It doesn't matter how much you publicly proclaim your hatred of other women, or whether you label those other women as "bitchy", "sluttly", or "dramatic." You'll never really be one of the boys and it's not sufficient defense to stop some men from objectifying or abusing you.

Or maybe they just realize, like the rest of us normal people, that this whole thing is hilarious, and that getting your butt-cheek fondled for a split-second barely ranks on the hierarchy of sexual assault. God bless those girls for having both the common sense and the sense of humor that an employed scientist lacks.

> What's most disappointing to me is the attitude that "kids will be kids" and that these are simply college-level hi jinx that these young men will grow out of. I see no evidence that boys who act disrespectfully toward women in college ever change their ways. Instead, I fear that these attitudes are simply translated to the workplace when these they graduate and enter the workforce.
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> Yesterday, one of you sent me an article about the current discrimination suits that Novartis is facing. Novartis is being accused of preventing the promotion of women, actively firing women who became pregnant, and overt sexual harassment. Yet, Novartis attorney Richard Schnadig defends one manager who is accused of showing his female subordinates pornography and asking them to sit on his lap by saying, "He wasn't that bad a manager. He was just terrible with women."

Yeah, because laughing at something that is so transparently funny translates into being a socially retarded imbecile. A thousand curses on affirmative action for letting this brainless bimbo anywhere near the hallowed halls of science!

> This all makes it very hard to be excited about students coming from Ball State. At least they've gone through the trouble of forming a public Facebook fan page to put their douchecockery out in the open. Still, perhaps its time they had their education redefined.

That's another thing – why do feminists have an obsession with the word "douche?" Go to any feminist blog and you'll find it used repeatedly and attached to all sorts of descriptors, such as "douchenozzle" and "douchecockery." It's like they're trying to tell us something…

In the meantime, show your solidarity with the smart students of BSU by becoming a fan of the Ball State Ass Slapper on Facebook. I never miss an opportunity to push a feminist's blood pressure a few points higher.

Thanks to Bhetti of *Girl Game* for the Twitter tip.

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Old Chiefs and Young Braves

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I knew Jay's article would upset some people, but I put it through anyway because I thought that, although Jay might have been tactless, he made a few points that are worth hearing. And, frankly, sometimes we ought to let the young men have their say, even if they can be a bit brash and impetuous. Finally, in my opinion it's often best to let the people who feel something the most make the point. Of course, this might not be the advice an attorney would give you in court, but the last thing *The Spearhead* should be trying to do is appeal to some hand-picked jury.

Younger men have always been impulsive and filled with passion. It is a blessing and a curse, but those who've been around a while should be able to see it for what it is, and use it to understand what passions are motivating people at any given time. Older men tend to be more cautious, politically astute and guarded in their speech. These are valuable traits, but they have their drawbacks as well — they tend to lead to avoidance of uncomfortable realities.

Of course, the old chiefs ought to be making the final decisions, but if they are truly wise, they'll let the young braves have their say, and take it all into consideration. In time, the fiery young men get a bit more perspective, and they understand where they took things too far, but they will never get to learn if never given the opportunity to open their mouths and put their opinion out there.

The most controversial posts on The Spearhead so far have all been written by younger contributors. I, personally, have taken more flak for publishing them than any others. However, I'm not going to stop doing so, because I think they often have a point, and I think we ought to listen.

Jay had a point. He didn't make it in the most diplomatic manner, but at least he made it. I, personally, have been rankled by the concessions to feminism a lot of prominent MRAs have made. In order to be diplomatic, I've avoided the subject. I didn't want to offend anybody. Admittedly, I think Jay was shooting at the wrong targets. The FRA and MND are actually not even close to as accommodating of feminism as some other purported pro-male sites. In fact, FRA in particular is pretty close to being on the front lines. But I know what he was getting at.

Another thing to keep in mind is that things are a lot worse for young men now than they were a generation ago. Some of the guys who've been involved in MRA for a long time may be committed activists, and may have our best interests in mind, but I'm not sure they can understand just how stifling the atmosphere is for young men today. The campus radical feminists from the 1970s and 80s are now professors, judges, lawyers, administrators, senators, etc. They are still fighting the same battle against young, male coeds, but now their opponents are hopelessly outclassed.

Given this, can one blame young men for adopting a siege mentality? To a lot of young guys, this looks like something approaching a real, shooting war. The rape hysteria on campus has morphed into totalitarian treatment of young men, which includes the use of armed force. They are reacting the situation as they see it. We ought to pay attention, in order to understand the true extent of the problem.

Of course, young men ought to stop and think every now and then to take stock of who their allies are, but human nature being what it is, young men will always take things a step too far. This is how they learn. Lord knows I regret a great deal of what I said and did in my adolescence and youth, but if I hadn't screwed up as much as I did I'd know a lot less. It's just part of the human condition.

In conclusion, I'd like to suggest that the old chiefs and young braves pick up the peace pipe and take each other's respective burdens into account. We're dealing with a common problem, and although it affects us in different ways, we've got the same goal.

American Mother Claims Adopted Russian Son Abusive, Sends Him Back

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Just when it seemed that the International image of American women couldn't get much worse, single adoptive mother Torry Hansen of Tennessee drove Artyom Savalyev, her seven-year-old adopted son, to the airport with a one-way ticket to Russia, put him on a plane and shipped him back to where he came from.

Ms. Hansen used the standard excuse American women use when opting out of relationships: abuse. All we have at this point is her word that the boy was violent, disturbed and homicidal. To many men such excuses sound suspicious, as well they should, because they usually are. Interestingly, the Russians aren't buying it at all, which suggests that only in the US do people take the word of a woman seriously when she claims abuse even in such unlikely circumstances.

Hansen is quoted saying "I'm sorry to say that… I no longer wish to parent this child." This is a fairly shocking statement, but not all that long ago, if a woman said "I'm sorry to say that I no longer wish to be married to this man" it would have sounded pretty bad, too. Of course, that's changed a great deal, so perhaps it shouldn't shock us to see American women abandoning their children, adopted or not.

Naturally, the rest of the world views this with horror, and the Russians have threatened to cut off all adoptions to the US. American women – who, above all, want options – are not happy about this, despite the fact that they were all too happy to legislate strict controls on American men meeting with foreign women.

In the case of Artyom Savalyev, we see the familiar tactic of the woman making accusations and allegations against a defenseless, voiceless opponent. Ms. Hansen took care to make sure the kid was long gone before anyone could get another side of the story, and surrounded herself with female allies who would corroborate her story (another common tactic). Of course, being only seven years old and still learning English, little Artyom probably couldn't have defended himself all that well in the first place. However, that she sent him back before coming out with the abuse story makes her claims all the more suspicious.

Perhaps this kind of behavior was bound to crop up sooner or later, because just about every man in the US who could be halfway credibly accused of abuse already has been in one form or another, so children are simply the next target. When even this has run its course, one wonders who American women will target next — space aliens?

Miracle At St. Anna – The Other "Saving Private Ryan"

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Although I've always loved movies I admit I don't watch as many as I should. I had heard of the Spike Lee joint "Miracle at St. Anna" when it first came out, but I was too busy being a workhorse at the time to catch it during its run in theaters. Big mistake.

Last night, and just again a few minutes ago, I had the chance to watch what may be Lee's best film in recent years, perhaps ever. And I mean that. His story about war, life, death & faith, to say nothing of race, set against the backdrop of the Italian campaign during WW2, is a must see for anyone who wants a full understanding of those times and the "other side" of the Greatest Generation.

Lee's film, of course, harkens back to Steve Spielberg's epic "Saving Private Ryan", which bosted an all-star cast and was hailed as a cinematic masterpiece for its accurate, grisly depiction of war on the shores of Normandy. And no doubt, it was and is, a great film. Nevertheless, Lee's "St. Anna" goes where Speilberg's magnum opus doesn't-it explores the very real racial politics of the US war effort, the emotions all of this generates in its Black soldiers, and how this plays itself out the military campaign against the Nazis.

"St. Anna" focuses on a Band of Brothas from the US Army's 92nd Division-the Buffalo Soldiers-and their ill-fated attempt to take a town in Tuscany, Italy. Like many African Americans my age, it was a deeply moving experience, as we too had relatives who fought in the "Good War", and what Lee shows on screen are things we can relate to; I know I could, having been told about many of the very same things myself by my Dad and Grand Dad.

For example, there's a scene in a film when, before the fighting starts (a scene every bit as evocative as "Ryan"'s famed Normandy battle sequence), the Germans attempt to dissuade the Buffalo Soldiers from fighting ("Axis Sally"). They make the point that it is foolish to fight for a country that doesn't even recognize you basic human rights-something I know well.

Because my own dad-himself a Marine vet of the Korean War-told me on several occasions, how the Koreans would drop leaflets saying the exact same thing. And as "St. Anna" shows, where Black soldiers had to with enemies within and without, or as my daddy would put it, how he "fought the Koreans in the daytime, and fought the crackers at night".

Another scene in the film is powerfully evocative for me as well. When still training to be deployed, this same Band of Brothas attempts to be served some ice cream at a local store. The shop owner, a stompdown racist, pulls a gun on them, while Nazi prisoners of war are sitting in a both, enjoying sundaes. Nor was this unusual-in addition to things like this, my grandfather, who was a DI in the USMC during WW2, often told me about how "Krauts" could ride in the front of the bus-and how he had to ride in the back-even in uniform.

There's more to the story, but I don't want to spoil it for those who have yet to see it, and believe me, you want to see it-not just because of the "flipside" of the usual WW2 narrative, but also because its a damned good story, too. Many have believed that Lee was snubbed for an Oscar for "Malcolm X" and "Do The Right Thing". I suspect his "Miracle at St. Anna" just might get buried in the Hollywood shuffle, too.

For the usual reasons.

The Obsidian

Wanted: Moderators

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One thing I've got to admit is that I've never particularly liked managing people. I'm the type of guy who dislikes being managed, and I tend to assume that other people feel the same way. However, I might be a bit extreme in that regard: I really can't stand it. This probably leads me to be overly cautious when it comes to moderating, laying down the law, etc.

For the past couple weeks, things have been getting a bit contentious on *The Spearhead*'s message boards, and they've come to a head in the last couple days. Much of that is doubtless my own responsibility, so I'm taking steps to fix it.

I've come to the conclusion that the forum, at this point, is woefully undermoderated, so I'd like to ask for some moderation help. All I ask is that the comment policy be implemented in an unbiased manner and volunteer moderators do their job in as impartial a manner as possible.

Zed has some experience with this, and he is a forum administrator, so in addition to my own judgment, I'm going to rely on his as well to a considerable degree in deciding who is appropriate. Anyone who is interested in helping should feel free to email or PM me or Zed (ideally both of us at once), and let us know which forum you'd like to moderate. There is also the option of creating new subforums for people who might be interested in expanding the conversation, but for now I won't do that unless that subforum has a dedicated mod.

With a little bit more attention paid to the forum, I think it can be a lot more productive and less aggravating for those who are interested in making thoughtful contributions.

Alpha Dreams and Beta Genes: Male Sexual Entitlement

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This article has been cross-posted at Gucci Little Piggy.

Because women have relaxed their sexual standards and because the sexual market has become laissez-faire allowing the invisible hand to "finger out" the marketplace, men have developed an entitled attitude towards sex. Humans regularly display a self-assessment bias where a majority think that they are better than average (80% of people think they are above average intelligence). The male subset of humans is no different in their fallacious conclusions. Since women give up sex easier than they used to and because men think that they are at least as deserving as the men who are actually getting it, they develop a "why not me" attitude when they are relegated to sexual Siberia.

Because it has turned society on its ear, feminism and sexual liberation have created a logical dilemma for men; they would prefer to uphold the ideal of marriage, monogamy, and sexual socialism, yet they want to engage in easy-peasy sex with a woman who meets their attractiveness threshold. When they don't get what they expect even though they abhor the thought of such behavior for the rest of the men in society, they get angry. But these two positions are incompatible.

Sexual Socialism: Haves versus Have-Nots

Humans align on a social hierarchy that basically determines their sexual attractiveness. While the middle portions of this hierarchy can become convoluted the general timbre of this concept is that there are men at the top who control their sexual destiny while there are men at the bottom who control their sexual destiny only insofar as they control which hand they jack off with and which porn sites they subscribe to. In other words, by nature, there are haves and there are have-nots.

This is an important point to harp on as it is at the root of all social disenchantment from affirmative action policies to gender-neutrality to disparate sexual experiences among males. Like most face-offs between haves and have-nots, the position of the have-nots supports socialist mechanisms in order to keep up with the Jones' as they say. We see this argument in economics all the time. In particular, advocates for welfare and entitlement programs complain that the wealth gap is continually growing – the poor are getting poorer. But this is patently untrue; the poor are getting richer if rich is defined as "having more stuff". It's just that the rich are getting even more rich; they are getting even more stuff. But by historical standards, the economically impoverished are wealthy. They have TVs, cars, cell phones, and travel further distances and see more things than even the wealthiest people of past eras. But financial economics much as sexual economics – and empowerment through it – is all about relativity in the have-nots' eyes. The have-nots' ammunition and their power is gleaned from convincing us that life should be fair when we all know that it is not.

Male Entitlement Exists Even Under Female Hypergamy

The current sexual regime is monogamy with a tendency towards female hypergamy. Now, men have to make their sexual choices within this type of regime. The male hierarchy which allocates mate/date pairings has ostensibly adapted to the current sexual regime that has existed for over 30 years now. Most men in the mating/dating market have existed under this type of regime; this implies that our nakedly rational expectations – without cultural influences – would have shifted in order to form a sexual market equilibrium. In other words, mens' sexual tastes and preferences should have shifted to account for their true-to-life options. If they haven't aligned over time, there is some barrier – which

I'm calling entitlement – standing in the way.

Female hypergamy has this effect: it slices off a portion of the bottom end of the male spectrum of the sexual attractiveness hierarchy. Male 1s, 2s, and 3s – the omegas of the bunch – are virtually eunuchs. They are the worker bees or the compost heap of humanity depending on how much you want to sugar-coat their precarious situation. But this is how it has been for most of human history. If we have 100 men and 100 women, 10% (the hierarchy is not a uniform distribution) of men don't factor in to the sexual marketplace. The other 90 men become distributed across the 100 women; the attractiveness scale adjusts to where the distance between the highest ranking male and second-highest male is greater than that for the women. From this point on, after the omega males who have always existed have been dealt with, men and women pair up in accordance with their own ratings i.e. male 7s pair up with female 7s.

Because beta males could find mates – if they wanted to – their entitlement lies in their refusal to settle. When I say that men feel entitled, part of my argument rests on the feeling that men don't accept the women who will accept them. To these men, because of untethered female hypergamy female 6s go after male 7.5s and get them. Since the inverse of this would have to be true – male 7.5s can only get female 6s and below – entitled men feel that they are "falling through the cracks of the new sexual marketplace". But I maintain there are barriers to falling through these cracks – chubby womens' bellies provide one such remedy.

A man's attraction to a woman is based on several things, and this is where his entitlement comes in to play. Female 3s do have sex with men which implies that men are able to have sex with female 3s – some man is able to stomach the idea of having sex with these 3s. Those men are most likely 3s or 4s themselves who don't have many other options, but the point is that men are physically capable of maintaining an erection around these women (it won't be as quality as an erection around a 10, but it will do) if that woman is all they can get. So any man who can't get an erection around these 3s is suffering from a construct which tells him that he is above banging out 3s. Usually this construct is his own memory of his past sexual dalliances. Perhaps the man is used to getting 5s or he sees men who he thinks he resembles having sex with 7s. When he sees a lot of good-looking women spreading their legs for men he thinks he compares favorably to, he's naturally going to think that he has been shafted when those very same women aren't interested in him.

Examples of Entitlement

So what does sexual entitlement actually look like? Entitlement is expressed in different ways. Men show it on the micro-level by having lofty expectations of the women they decide to date, and it is displayed on a more macro level in that men are unwilling to settle for a woman that they should rationally be willing to settle for.

First off, let me say that, in the past, I've felt overly entitled to sex. I have developed an attitude that if a woman doesn't have sex with me soon after I begin wooing her I will stop pursuing her. This entitlement is felt by many men and it stems from our preconceived notion that all women are sexually empowered and that we meet their threshold of "do-ability". This entitlement is manifest in other ways too. Perhaps we feel that a particularly good-looking woman should prefer us based upon our qualities over the types of guys she usually goes for. If those women don't like our particular swagger or our look, we call them "bitches" or we impugn their intelligence. In many instances in the Manosphere I've witnessed men constructing self-defense mechanisms by which they make the argument that a particular (slutty) woman isn't worth their time and energy. But we all know that

these men would capitulate to this woman's advances at the drop of a hat.

There is also a sense of entitlement in the complaints men have about the women available to them. A large enough number of men complain that they don't want to date fatties and ugly women, but the truth is, those women are the only viable options for these men. The title of my post sums it up: Alpha Dreams and Beta Genes. Most men have beta dispositions and lead beta lives, yet they want to score on the same level as alpha males. But as we all know, there is a relatively fixed hierarchy that dictates the distribution of alphas, betas, and omegas through society. Too far gone are the words of wisdom that men in these parts are loathe to utter: "Take what you can get." If you read any Manosphere comment board, you'd get the impression that most of these men are apex alphas who wouldn't settle for anything less than an 8. But it would be a huge coincidence if alpha males came together on these comment boards in such high numbers. Chances are that most of us around here would do well to score a 5; while plenty of us would do well to score anything at all.

This attitude was captured in Charlotte Allen's now famous Weekly Standard article titled "The New Dating Game". She wrote, regarding Mystery, the Game salesman whose profits are maximized by convincing as many men as possible that they can score 8s,9s, and 10s:

"Mystery advises his readers not to bother with any female who rates lower than a 6…on the 1 to 10 scale, while assuring them that if they follow his advice, they can readily score a "supermodel hot" 10."

One wonders what Mystery would do if one of his readers was Quasimodo or the Elephant Man. I don't really need to blather on any more about this point as it has pretty much made itself.

Anecdotal Evidence

I'll use my roommate as an example of male entitlement. He is in his late 30s, has had legal problems that involved jail time for a non-violent felony, and he works with me as a waiter. Physically his looks are on par with your average man in his late Thirties. He had a dry-spell for quite a long time which is no surprise given his circumstances. He had a couple of opportunities to bust his slump – one with a slightly chubby 25-year old chick from work with a decent enough face. Even though she rates more attractive than him, my roommate didn't want to pursue anything because this chick didn't get him amped up enough for him to put in the leg work. She wasn't hot enough for him to put forth any effort to ask her out, go out with her, or even have sex with her. So instead of doing something about his problem – his perpetually unsatiated horniness – he complained about how there weren't any hot chicks around for him to bang. I pointed out to him on a couple of occasions that hot chicks don't grow on trees and they aren't rationed out to every man like loaves of bread during the Depression (although *that* would be an entitlement program I could get behind). His response was always that he couldn't force "it".

George Sodini is another example of male entitlement and the Bolshevekian sexual have-nots who I'm arguing against. Sodini had sex less than 100 times in his life; by the time he commited his murders in his late 40s, he hadn't had sex in almost 20 years although he seems to have had more than one partner in his life. These facts, on their face and compared to men throughout history, indicate that Sodini was sexually fortunate. Many men in our recent history and in prehistoric times went celibate their whole lives. Research on mitochondrial DNA shows that perhaps only 40% of men who ever existed on this Earth reproduced implying that a lot of men went completely celibate in the olden days. Once again, while he wasn't sexually rich by any means, Sodini's error is that he compared his sex life to the sex lives of the men around him and determined that he was sex poor. He

went on a rampage against a group of women because the women he wanted in general wouldn't give it up to him. Sodini saw himself as some ranking – maybe a 4 or a 5 – and saw that he couldn't get the women he believed a 4 or 5 should get. But if he wanted to and if his market analysis wasn't out of whack from the male entitlement running rampant in the wake of feminism Sodini could have settled for a female 3. But Sodini decided to go on a rampage and then kill himself rather than settle for this fate. While Sodini's behavior can never be justified, it would be more understandable if he were part of the omega class who didn't even have the option to settle. But Sodini pined after young, nubile women who were far outside his grasp. He sought to date women many years younger than himself rather than women in their 40s who may have been happy to date the decent-looking and financially secure gunman.

Porn and Hollywood

Of course, porn and Hollywood imagery plays a role in male sexual entitlement. The real women that strut in front of us usually can't hold a candle to the women we see on our computer screens; this makes for less desire to pursue them (not just because our libidos are drained but because they don't meet our threshold of attractiveness). So even when female hypergamy chops off a portion of the male underclass, male porn use does the very same thing to the female underclass. These two opposing vectors balance each other out and – nullifying the distortion of female hypergamy – align the attractiveness ratings of "doable" men and "doable" women.

To say all of this boldly, men need to take stock of the women that seem willing to form relationships with them. By taking a sample of 4 or 5 of these women, a man can figure up his own ranking on the attractiveness scale. If a man is successful with 4s,5s, and 6s, then he is most likely a 5. To pine for 7s and complain when he doesn't get them is entitlement through and through. If a man gets rejected either women are systematically blamed for it or the particular woman has something wrong with her. The problem is, women have become just as entitled by the sexual revolution as men. This dual-headed entitlement, these two Tectonic sexual forces rubbing up against one another, creates a situation where the only people having sex nowadays are those that meet in bars or those that meet in church. To blame his position on the underlying social structure is to ignore the reality of his situation; he is what he is – if he wants sex he has to take what is available to him. If he chooses to forgo sex because the women available to him aren't up to snuff, he is left with very little room to complain about anything. Other than his genes. He can complain about his genes if he wants to.

Duke University Committed to Creating Hostile Environment for Men

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It seems that the latest trend at universities is to set up kangaroo courts to punish students accused of "sexual misconduct." Needless to say, almost all of the accused will be male students. At Duke, these courts will hand out punishments and sanctions to students following a hearing in front of a tribunal composed of two teachers and one undergraduate student. Punishments may include expulsion, suspension, mandatory "counseling," etc. Prior to the hearing, accused students may face something like a restraining order, which could prohibit them from certain areas on campus, ban contact with the "complainant" and boot them out of student dorms. Sounds just like family law, so I guess they want to teach the boys early on what they might face if they get married.

Under the definition of consent provided by Duke, most sexual acts will probably qualify as sexual misconduct.

Here are the two clauses that virtually guarantee this:

> **Sexual misconduct defined**. Sexual misconduct is defined as any physical act of a sexual nature perpetrated without consent or when an individual is unable to freely give consent. Acts of a sexual nature include, but are not limited to, touching or attempted touching of an unwilling person's breasts, buttocks, inner thighs, groin, or genitalia, either directly or indirectly;
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> **Consent defined**. The university's definition of sexual misconduct mandates that each participant obtains and gives consent in each instance of sexual activity. Consent is an affirmative decision to engage in mutually acceptable sexual activity given by clear actions or words. It is an informed decision made freely and actively by all parties. Relying solely upon non-verbal communication can lead to miscommunication. It is important not to make assumptions; if confusion or ambiguity on the issue of consent arises anytime during the sexual interaction, it is essential that each participant stops and clarifies, verbally, willingness to continue.
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> Conduct will be considered "without consent" if no clear consent, verbal or nonverbal, is given.

The ambiguity of the phrase "nonverbal consent" is going to a be a big problem here. Does a woman have to grab the male's organ and place it in an orifice to indicate consent? Who knows.

The above passages were written by the Duke Women's Center, so it's probably intentionally vague so as to give the "complainant" (i.e. woman) as much latitude as possible in deciding whether she was violated or not. Of course, there's also the matter of these attempted indirect touches. If a man attempted to put his hand on a girl's shoulder, which might theoretically be an indirect way of touching the breasts, but missed and got nothing but air, and she hadn't clearly consented to the shoulder-pat, she could turn him in for sexual misconduct. Ridiculous. Virtually anything a young

man at Duke does in close proximity to a girl could get him in hot water under this policy.

Needless to say, some girls will use the tribunals to exact revenge on current or former boyfriends. Some will use them to keep guys they regretted having sex with away from them — possibly by getting them expelled. Some may use them for legitimate grievances, but there's a problem even there: it isn't even clear that these tribunals are legitimate at all.

These disciplinary measures are extrajudicial punishments meted out to adults. They have no standing in a court of law, and cannot be enforced by the police. Where I see a real issue is the matter of the academic restraining orders. I'm not sure how these would be enforced, especially in regards to students in dorms. Even if students can be legally evicted without standard procedures, it would be a very abusive thing to do.

But abusing male students is something that comes naturally to Duke. During the infamous Duke Lacrosse case, dozens of teachers condemned innocent young men. How many of these teachers who jumped the gun in a rush to accuse will sit in on these tribunals? This is a question parents ought to think about long and hard before sending sons to Duke.

For Women, Dumping Husbands Much Easier than Breaking up With Friends

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In more depressing evidence that most women may be incapable of love as men understand the term, a study in England suggests that they have a much harder time dumping friends than lovers, even if the friends were unwanted.

Professor Carol Smart of Manchester University suggested that, for women, leaving friends is an ethical problem that leads to guilt, whereas dumping men apparently raises no such moral objections. From the male perspective, it would appear that women think treating men as inhuman – worse, indeed, than they would a pet dog – is perfectly natural.

The question this raises is whether women in the West have been socially conditioned to behave this way. Increasingly, I am beginning to think that they have. I'm not sure this is natural outside of the Anglosphere, and I'd like to think it isn't, because the alternative – that women are instinctively callous and brutal toward men – is an uncomfortable conclusion. Of course, this may be the case, and we men may have to accept that we have simply been deluding ourselves all along in thinking that women have ever had any genuine feelings of affection for men.

Fortune & Fame Mean Nothing…If You Don't Have Game

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I watched Ben Roethlisberger's press conference last night regarding the Georgia DA's decision to not press rape charges against him. Based on his body language, overall nervousness, and obviously well rehearsed (probably memorized) speech, I have a feeling that he is not exactly completely innocent of SOMETHING here.

This is nothing more than pure speculation and deductive guesswork on my part…but I do believe that what we are seeing with Ben here is a pattern emerging.

As a 2-time Superbowl winning QB, the face of one of the most storied franchises in NFL history, a highly-publicized multi-millionaire, who plays the ultimate "alpha" position at football's highest level, Ben is most certainly by all accounts and appearances, one of the most eligible bachelors in the country.

Yet it now appears that we have a pattern of women who are initially excited at the prospect of meeting, partying and presumably hooking up with him…and come away making claims of rape after an evening alone with him.

I think there are now only two possible explanations for what clearly now looks like a pattern of behavior – either Ben is a sadistic rapist…or he's got no game.

People who understand the concepts of game know that one of the primary keys to a successful seduction is to build comfort. A man who has all the outer appearances of an Alpha will attract women by virtue of their publicly obvious status. Hence the common storyline here regarding Ben in which young women are excited about the opportunity to spend time with him…

…but once he gets them alone, something seems to be going very wrong here.

Thanks to the feminist movements efforts to expand the definition of rape to now include any woman who regrets sex after the fact, she can now backward- rationalize her regret at consenting to sex with a "creep" by claiming she was raped. We will never really know if in fact Ben is a rapist….or a guy who simply got no game and gives women the creeps once he gets them alone and naked.

If Ben is indeed not a rapist, it is imperative that he learn about game, because what should be relatively easy for a guy in his position of fortune and fame – effortlessly banging hot women, and having his choice of the top-tier females for selection should he want marriage and kids – appears to be rather difficult for him to manage without facing investigations by the justice system and all of this bad publicity for himself, his family, his fans and his franchise.

Male British Politicians Play Kitchen Bitch for Female Votes

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To court the female vote, leaders of Britain's major political parties are polishing up their beta credentials. Political commentators are allegedly calling the pending election the "Mumsnet election," in reference to a UK mommy blog, which is one of thousands of feminist blogs catering to mothers.

I have no idea whether this will work, but there's always the chance that it will backfire, as women could come to view them as contemptuous beta males. If history – recent and distant – is any indication, female voters prefer men to be alphas. Political leaders who were particularly popular with women include Idi Amin, Adolf Hitler, Chairman Mao, Josef Stalin, Kim il-Sung, Fidel Castro and Genghis Khan, as well as other less notorious tyrants. I can't imagine any of these men, who were so passionately coveted by their countrywomen, would don an apron and talk about baking cookies. In fact, it would appear from the record that the best route into the hearts of one's female subjects/constituents is to be a totalitarian mass murderer.

Of course, things are a bit different today, and the age of world-dominating alphas has been replaced by the age of cheesy pop star and athlete alphas, so perhaps the old rules no longer apply. Still, given the contempt women have expressed concerning their kitchen bitch husbands, I think the British politicians may be taking the wrong tack. In fact, having an affair or two might do more for their popularity with women, given the female adulation of JFK and Bill Clinton.

Maybe some of the Game proponents out there could write up some of their thoughts on how to court the female vote. I'll bet Roissy could give far better campaign advice for male politicians than some feminist consultant, not to mention a mommy blog…

Titanic Day

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Ours is not to question why, ours is but to do or die.
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Every man's a captain, men know how to drown
Man the lifeboats if there's room, otherwise go down.
Loudon Wainwright III

Thursday, the 15th of April will mark ninety eight years since the majestic ship Titanic sank somewhere south of Newfoundland, Canada. All but 705 of 2,228 passengers and crew were entombed in the icy waters.

It is an epic story of life and death that has captured the attention of generations since, and continues to be a subject of interest for historians and the fascinated masses. Exactly what happened on the decks of the ill fated ship in its final hours remains the subject of a century old debate.

Many differ on whether that night saw a grand display of chivalry, or simply an lethal round of class warfare, though it seems only plausible that both factors were in play. Either way, the rarely, perhaps never spoken reality is that whatever drove the actions aboard that ship in its waning moments, it was not a valiant rush to preserve life. It was, in all certainty, a grim and depraved battle to sort out the entitled from the doomed.

And despite the ideological struggle to control our historical interpretation of events, the unblinking truth is that the night the Titanic went down was a night of great shame.

Determining whether it was the poor banned from lifeboats for being poor, or the men for being men, does not give us a distinction between classism and something else more noble. Chivalry, like classism and feminism, is just another form of fatal bigotry. It gives privilege, even life, to one person by taking it from another, and it does so by force. We just don't notice it because chivalry demands we ignore the death of men.

To understand this is to reveal the evil that lies hidden behind the false honor of the chivalrous code, and strip away the thick and antiquated façade of feigned nobility to expose the architecture of a great falsehood.

To whatever extent chivalry played a role in who lived and who died that night, it sent the mammoth liner to its watery grave in disgrace.

We can't turn back time and relive what happened. We can study the accounts of those who survived, but we have to understand the bias of those chosen not to drown with the others. The best way, the only way to understand it, is by allowing the dead to speak, provided we are able to still the voice of bias in our own minds.

Of the people who met their end in the Atlantic depths that night, the following facts are indisputable.

- The overall death ratio by sex was 9 men to 1 woman.
- By percentage, third class women did far better than first class men.
- The male to female death ration of crew members was 233 to 1.

While there is convincing evidence that men traveling first class received preference over men

traveling in second or third class, by and large the dead wore pants, no matter how fine the cut of cloth.

It is symbolic of a time when such sacrifices were the stuff of manhood, and supposedly worthy of our lasting praise. And though the time for that praise has passed, it is a tradition we still embrace as we watch our young men fall in obscenely disproportionate numbers on battlefields overseas. Those that submit we call hero's, and those that resist we call cowards. Ridicule, for them, can be the least of consequences. There were several reports of men being gunned down by officers on the Titanic as they tried to force their way into life boats.

Those gunshots emanated from the same forces that are alive and well and at play today. They have written laws that provide multiple national offices for women's health, but not a single one for men, even though it is men on the short end of the gender death gap, and men who suffer more often from fatal disease and suicide than women. It is the driving force behind VAWA, where male victims and female perpetrators of violence simply do not exist.

It is the systematic utilization of men as expendable fodder; the standard of man as an appliance. Tom Golden, LCSW, a psychotherapist who has worked closely with men, put it this way. "People often assume that men's roles are about power, but really it's about death and emotional pain."

And rather than honestly address that role as a culture, we seek through social and legal pressure to enslave men to it. We have institutionalized it, glorified it, wrapped it in false dignity and in doing so have painted targets on the backs of men from the day they are born.

Today we simplify the code into two synonymous words. The first is chivalry, and the other is feminism, which is code speak for a social classism far more pernicious than one rooted in economic status. In the west, you can still choose and earn your economic future. When it comes to sex, you can't choose how you were born.

Is it really any wonder why an effective response to modern misandry is still the stuff of dreams?

One can only hope that the wisdom we might gain from this particular bit of history is not that men once made honorable sacrifices and that we have simply lost touch with glorifying them for it, but rather we need to learn something else. The false honor of chivalry is of far less value than a life wasted in its name.

We must come to terms with the fact that no coerced sacrifice is even remotely honorable. It is, quite simply suicide at best, murder at worst.

I do not honor the men who robbed their own wives of a husband and their own children of a father so that the wife or mother of a stranger, or indeed a childless and single woman, could live. And I certainly don't honor the pathetic, brainwashed enforcers who shot men down for simply trying to survive.

I say look back on April 15th as a day of solemn reflection; a day that fathers will share with their sons, and teach them that their lives are of value; that it is not their role in life to die for the sake of others just because those others are women. And I hope our sons are taught that this is really much more about how we choose to live than how we choose to die.

It should be an easy enough day to remember. Tax day. The same day the government officially confiscates the income of hard working men and passes on a good piece of it to entitlement scams for women, at the behest of crooked politicians.

If you want to know who Joe Biden is, picture him on the deck of a sinking ship, gun in hand and

bloody corpses at his feet.

April 15th, the day that men drowned like rats, should be a reminder of what is happening in family courts, where state functionaries are trampling on whole families, but their first footprints are on the backs of fathers.

April 15th should be a reminder to men of the indisputable wisdom residing on the home page of Angry Harry's website:

*"I don't know who you are sir, but I can tell you what you are worth. If your partner was to cut off your penis tonight, the world would laugh. What a piece of sh*t man is."*

April 15th should be a day for a new breed of man unashamed to value his own life and his own worth. A day for recognition of the zeta male, or whatever else you choose to call him. He is the man who says no, and who says *no more*. No more chivalry, no more disposability, no living life as a machine for the benefit of ingrates, leeches and the malignant elites that feed off the sweat and blood of the powerless in the name of caring about women.

I have started a petition, simply for use within the MRM, to support the idea of April 15th being designated as Titanic Day; not in honor of the men who died on that night, but as a pledge to stop that sort of thing from happening in our own lives and the lives of our sons.

The petition won't go to Washington, or any government agency, but is simply there for the use of men to make the commitment to themselves, their sons, and each other.

Titanic Day Petition

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False Rape Accusation From a Boy?

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A Scottish five-footer named Hannah MacIntyre has been exonerated in court of sexual impropriety with a 16-year-old boy who was one of her pupils. MacIntyre, who is 25, was alleged to have gotten the boy drunk and then seduced him. While MacIntyre admitted to giving the boy hard cider (Bulmers, perhaps?), she denied having sex with him. Instead, she said he simulated sex while in her room, making sex noises and poking her with his finger while she simultaneously hyperventilated, and then immediately afterward passed out drunk on the floor.

MacIntyre also claimed that the boy would often taunt her and she had a difficult time controlling him in class.

Although this is a weird story, it could be true. As for the false rape allegation, it might have been wishful thinking on the part of the boy. On the other hand, the two could well have had consensual sex and the teacher simply denied it after the boy bragged to friends. This is a good example of why rape, as it is defined in Anglosphere countries today, is so difficult to prosecute. Whether or not there was sex, the teacher did give the boys cider, and she did allow them into her house at night, both of which were bad ideas.

The most important lesson I would take from this is that 25-year-old petite women probably shouldn't be teaching teenage boys in the first place.

Russia Suspends Adoptions to US

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Following single mother Torry Hansen of Tennessee's rejection and return to Russia of her seven-year-old adopted son, Russian authorities have temporarily banned adoptions to the United States pending talks with US officials.

Russians are reportedly "outraged" that the single mother is not facing any charges for placing the little boy alone on a plane, but apparently they do not understand that American single mothers are possibly the most politically privileged demographic on the planet, and have broad practical immunity from prosecution, even extending to license to commit homicide, so long as they take care to claim "abuse," as Torry Hansen wisely did.

Although American single mothers rarely, if ever, have to make concessions in any purely domestic matters, when international politics come into play they may actually be forced to deal on a somewhat more even playing field. Fortunately for them, as their tireless advocate, they have Feminist Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in their corner, who will doubtless defend their right to adopt Russian children and treat them as they please without the possibility of facing consequences for criminally abusive and negligent parenting.

What Made Us Eunuchs?

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A friend of mine has been working as a contractor for some years now, and he told me he was sick of it, and would like to go on to something else. What really bothers him about it is that he ends up working in people's houses for months on end, and he has to deal with the wives, who inevitably start treating him as they treat their husbands: like a eunuch.

He said he doesn't understand why the guys put up with it. They just hand all authority over to their wives, sitting in front of the TV and drinking beer while the women run the show. My friend found himself feeling a pretty strong contempt for the domesticated men he worked with. He seemed angry at them for just rolling over and taking it, calling them "dicks with wallets."

I was interested, so I asked him to explain a little more. He told me he was really sick of a the lack of honor he observed around him amongst men, who would do such things as call other men "bitch," because they all knew they were beaten men and nobody would do anything about it. He also said there was no real "code" of behavior, and the men's word couldn't be counted on, nor would they trust the word of others. He said he admired Latin men for having more of a code of honor, and expressed contempt for mainstream urban American culture.

I wonder, at times, whether this defeated attitude doesn't play a role in the behavior of women today. Perhaps women trample on men and treat them with contempt *because so many men are contemptible today*. But what made them so?

Contemporary America is definitely not the only place in history where men have become submissive and beaten shells of their former selves. Actually, this is a pretty common phenomenon, and has been so for a long time. It is exactly what happens when men lose a war. As Americans, we don't have any recent experience of this; although the plight of returning Vietnam veterans offers some perspective, none of our countrymen have been utterly defeated since the Civil War.

However, if one looks at countries such as Vichy France and postwar Japan and Germany, one can see that their societies had a lot in common with our own. Their women were sexually liberated to a very high degree and openly consorted with the former enemy, the demobilized soldiers had almost no political rights, many were impoverished and many were incarcerated for extended periods of time. Families broke up left and right, and a sense of hopelessness prevailed.

Eventually, the men of those societies reclaimed their masculinity, but it was a long, hard, thankless road.

So how could this happen to us without losing a war?

In a sense, we turned on ourselves. America, which pioneered the war on men, was the sole undisputed victor after a century of unprecedented conflict. Sometimes I have to remind myself that nearly half of my life was lived under the shadow of nuclear annihilation, and that the outcome of the Cold War was very much in doubt when I was a small child. We were constantly mobilized for nuclear war, and apocalyptic scenarios were on many people's minds. In fact, as a young child I even had nightmares about nuclear war.

We lived in a society that had been engaged in or prepared for war for half a century when the Berlin Wall finally came tumbling down. The crowning example of American military prowess was the first Gulf War, after which our armed forces put on very impressive displays of military might in parades

the following summer.

However, when we emerged as the world's sole superpower, we didn't demobilize psychologically. Culturally, we were still ready to fight something. First in the George HW Bush presidency, and then even more so during the Clinton presidency, American aggression started to turn inward. There was the war on drugs, the war on crime, the war on sexism, the war on racism, the war on poverty, etc. All of these suggested some internal enemy, and the enemy turned out to be young American men. Young black men were locked up in prodigious numbers in the war on drugs and war on crime. Young white men were legally discriminated against in the fight against sexism and racism (whether they were sexist or racist or not — it didn't matter), and divorced men of all sorts were targeted in the war on deadbeat dads. All heterosexual men were suspect in the war on domestic violence, sexual harassment, and so on.

Although the stage had been set before the 1990s, that is when the real smackdown began. The 1994 crime bill and VAWA, combined with the earlier draconian drug laws, turned the US into something of a police state. I can clearly remember the difference before and after the bill. In the late 80s and early 90s, cops weren't all that common. Suddenly, by the mid-90s, they were everywhere, and they were on a mission to lock you up! They also had much more formidable weapons and armor than they had a few years prior.

All of the pent up aggression from the Cold War came down on the heads of America's young men, and they didn't stand a chance. Within about a decade, they were beaten into submission, and today we see the result: submissive, defeated men. When you think about what's been stacked up against them since the 90s, there's really nothing to wonder about. It should be obvious to anyone that when one implements an abusive, punitive system designed to break men down, they will eventually become broken men.

When all that men can do to get by is use deception and avoidance, there will be no honor and no code. This is what has been bothering my friend, and this is why Game is the only tool that works with women today: only by bluffing can a man appear to be masculine in the eyes of a woman, because in reality he is at her mercy and the mercy of the state, and for all intents and purposes the loser of a war waged against him.

Obama to Nominate Radical Feminist for Supreme Court?

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There has been some speculation that Elena Kagan, the allegedly lesbian Solicitor General, is a favorite for Supreme Court nomination. Perhaps this is to be expected, but it remains to be seen what the American public's reaction would be to having a radical feminist up for a position as a Supreme Court justice, which is one of the most powerful positions in the United States.

Kagan's appointment as Solicitor General was enthusiastically endorsed by the Feminist Law Professors blog, which gives a good indication of exactly what her positions are in regards to feminism.

However, according to Salon, her liberal credentials are suspect. Not only does she supposedly support the "the Bush/Cheney vision of Government and the Thomas/Scalia approach to executive power and law," she has maintained a suspicious silence about the constitutional abuses perpetrated in the "War on Terror" that followed 9/11.

Therefore, Kagan may represent the worst of both the liberal and conservative worlds, being a staunch defender of feminist entitlement on the one hand, and willing to allow breaches of the Constitution in the name of security on the other. We should remember that feminism isn't about left or right, but rather about supremacy and power. It has transformed from a movement into a regime, and therefore we should expect its powerful leaders to behave just as power always has: ever hungry for more.

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

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Readers at Laura's Full of Grace blog are sometimes treated to entries in her ongoing series titled "Anti Feminism University", abbreviated "AFU".* One of the things I find truly remarkable about this series is Laura's uncanny ability to dig up examples of how La Resistance to feminism has a long pedigree going back over a century. On one hand, I take some solace in the knowledge that we merry band of brothers are walking in the same footsteps as our brothers did four generations ago. On the other, I note with some disappointment we are walking in the same footsteps as our brothers did four generations ago. Nothing has changed for the better, and in many ways, it has gotten worse.

Anyways, her latest entry maintains her long-running string of excellent historical cave-diving, and is instructive times two. First we have historical confirmation that the female sex's congenital inclination toward overweening solipsism is not a new phenomenon; in fact, it is quite the opposite, making me think that it is an innate characteristic of the female condition. Their own cross to bear, as it were. Here is today's historical example of extreme feminine egocentricity bordering on blatant chauvinism, in excerpts from a letter to the editor of the Gray Lady in 1904. Somewhat ironically, the name of the author is "Dorothy Dix". (Aptly named, sez I).

In a turn-of-the-last-century instantiation of "girls rule, boys drool", we have the old saw about how men want stupid women because, well, because men are more stupider than women, who are so obviously better than us knuckle-dragging guys:

> The most cursory glance around any social circle will show that a fluffy-haired little ingenue without two ideas in her head will be in demand for parties and balls and theaters, and have to cut her dances in two to go around among her partners, while the earnest student is left undisturbed by man to the pleasures of a quiet evening at home with our best authors. Nor is this without reason. Primarily it is based on suitability and congeniality. The average American man is not highly educated in books…He wants somebody whose ideas and thoughts and interests gibe with his own; one who prefers farce comedy to grand opera and the daily papers to Maeterlinck philosophy, and whose general information won't be a standing reproach to his ignorance of everything but his own business.

Then we have a declaration that men don't wed smart chicks because our egos allegedly wouldn't be able to handle it:

> …every man desires, and rightly, to be an oracle to his own wife. As long as a woman begins every sentence with "John says so and so" about the matter under discussion it is a guarantee of domestic happiness strong enough to draw money on at the bank…but in a family where the wife is superior and corrects her husband's grammar and pronunciation, a discriminating ear can hear the skeleton rattling its bones in the closet. The man is afraid of his wife, and she looks down on him with the pitying contempt that knowledge always has for ignorance.

And apparently a discussion about male and female achievement, even back then, wouldn't be complete about how women are supposedly smarter than their male peers because they stay in school longer and are more widely read. Forget about the dubious relationship between schooling and actual

knowledge or skills, or the even more tenuous relationship between reading 19th century chick lit with literacy. What is remarkable here is to note how easy it apparently was for early feminists to forget, just as they do today, exactly who it was that quit school early to seek gainful (and often dangerous) employment to put food on the table. How easy it was for early fembots to take for granted the masculine labors that served up privilege to their pampered white female derrieres, enabling them to complete their schooling and have all that excess time to engage in recreational reading in the first place. Wanna-be white knight provider-slaves, take note: your sacrifices will not be appreciated. Instead, you will be scorned while the recipient of your beneficience basks in the warm comfort of your provision. To wit:

> [I]t is utter folly to say that the general young man doesn't marry because of the ignorance of the women. As a plain matter of fact the average girl is better educated than the average boy because she stays in school longer and when she leaves school she has more time to read. It is the women and not the men who suppport the literary clubs and raid the public libraries.

The second teachable moment here is the observation that the present day woes of men and the decline of marriage are not easily dismissable one-off Marxist curmudgeons like Belfort Bax, but your average Joe Sixpack on the street:

> Now why is it that they do not want to marry? The reasons are easy to find. The strong-minded leaders of the female sex have been for years rushing to the Legislatures and the courts and securing laws and common law court decisions that make a husband a slave to his wife, and provide a prison for the poor man who dares to disobey these new-fangled laws. Courtship is hedged with the fear of breach of promise suits, marriage has menacing over it separate support for the wife whenever some quarrel causes her to leave him. Our newspapers are full of these cases, also of divorce cases with enormous weekly alimony payments to the wife and prison for the husband if the cash is not regularly forthcoming. These things scare decent, economical, hard-working men, and the result is that they prefer to keep out of a marriage trap that may bring all these dire things upon their heads.
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> All that the average man of good sense wants is a healthy wife, able and willing to keep house and to make a good mother. The fancy education is not in demand: it is rather feared because the tendency of highly educated women is to become extravagant,and to spend money beyond their husbands' means of supply. In short, the men want marriage a success with the limited cash means at their command, and they want the courts and the Legislatures to keep their hands off their family affairs. This rushing of the women to the lawyers' offices to prosecute every poor wretch of admirer who has failed to marry them, or to prosecute about every third man who has married them, has become a terror. Every new case reported has probably broken off several matches that were in process of being made up. That being the real the state of the case, the women never realize it, and set their heads to wondering why the men leave them alone, and wonder why President Roosevelt talks of race suicide.

A few comments are in order here. First, I note that even a century ago, women were petitioning the ultimate Alpha male…government…to cashier their beta male courtiers and/or husbands. Hypergamy and serial polyandry are not new developments, folks. Neither are "breach of promise" suits…they

simply have transmogrified in modern times into false rape accusations.

Second, men of sound mind look for a woman to make a family with. They did then, and they do now. Otherwise, what reason is there for a man to marry, if not to settle down and have children? This likely means that she should be complementary to him, to bring qualities and capabilities to the fight that he does not himself possess…such as an inclination toward homemaking and, more specifically, an ability to bear children and the time available to raise them. A man is not looking for his clone, and is most certainly not impressed by superficial educational and/or economic achievements, particularly if their degrees are from lib-arts diploma mills and their jay oh bees are make-work service or government sector jobs. Moreover, as indicated by the second article's author, excessive smarts or a rapier wit in a woman, instead of an demonstration of higher value, may instead be an indicator of future trouble and men are right to regard it as such. For a smart and sassy woman is likely to be unable to keep her supposed intellectual superiority in perspective; chances are she'll eventually come to regard him as not worthy of her respect. Such a woman presents a potential suitor with a higher risk of marital disruption. The female author of the first letter thus completely misses the point that the male author of the second nails down tight…it's not her intellect he fears, but the collateral damage her probable lack of humility, of a sense of justice, of morality will wreak upon him.

Third, brothers, you gotta know that most women think themselves better than you. If not intellectually, then morally and spiritually. This also appears to be a constant through the ages. Keep this in mind as you screen women for the position of wife and homemaker and mother.

The bachelor's letter closed with a refrain that we see on men's boards a lot these days, over 100 years later. It is a refrain that seems to suggest that, for all our wishful thinking that feminism will collapse under its own weight, it may very well be that we and our sons will be dealing with our openly misandrist matriarchal culture for quite some time:

> The disease has become so deeply engrafted on our laws that I despair of ever seeing a change, in my lifetime at least. Perhaps the next generation may find a supply of wives who will not be armed with such oppressive laws, and who will not be as costly to support as the present set. Let us hope that it may come to that and they may be happy, but that is not for us.

I myself take solace in data presented by one of Laura's commenters. For if Ms. Dix complains about how men didn't marry in 1904, I wonder what she'd make of this:

> Number of Marriages per 1,000
> Unmarried Women Age 15 and
> Older, by Year, United States:
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> 1922 99 (found on Web)
> 1960 73.5
> 1961 72.2
> 1962 71.2
> 1963 73.4
> 1964 74.6
> 1965 75.0
> 1966 75.6

> 1967 76.4
> 1968 79.1
> 1969 80.0
> 1970 76.5
> 1972 77.9
> 1975 66.9
> 1977 63.6
> 1980 61.4
> 1983 59.9
> 1985 56.2
> 1987 55.7
> 1990 54.5
> 1991 54.2
> 1992 53.3
> 1993 52.3
> 1995 50.8
> 2000 46.5
> 2004 39.9
> 2007 39.2 (Rutgers 2009)
> 2008 37.4 (Rutgers 2009)

The more things change, the more they stay the same indeed. Until next time, keep the faith.

* I can think of another couple of interpretations of "AFU" that fit the bill when talking about fembots. One that comes immediately to mind is "all f*cked up". Which sums it up nicely.

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The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak

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The young dead soldiers do not speak.
Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses:
who has not heard them?
They have a silence that speaks for them at night
and when the clock counts.
They say: We were young. We have died.
Remember us.
They say: We have done what we could
but until it is finished it is not done.
They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished
no one can know what our lives gave.
They say: Our deaths are not ours: they are yours,
they will mean what you make them.
They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for
peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say,
it is you who must say this.
We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.
We were young, they say. We have died; remember us.

~Archibald MacLeish

Driving through Wyoming last month, our family stopped off for the night in a small town with a main street lined with flags on both sides. As I marveled to my husband about the apparent patriotism of this town, my words came to a pause as we noticed the large flag at the end of the street flying at half-mast. Knowing that the POTUS and other political officials were alive and well last we heard, we knew what that flag most likely meant: another young person had been killed in combat. As we often do when we hear of a service member who has been killed, MovingTarget and I searched with Google to find the name and face of the one who has left too soon. This puts a name and face to Casualty #X. They are one of "our boys". Their families "one of us". And while we may not know the dear soul who has been lost, we grieve for them just the same.

Our grief is not reserved solely for troops killed in combat, but also for those who lose their lives when they bring the war home with them. The demons of combat experience do not go away when a soldier deploys home. They can't be left back in Iraq or Afghanistan as the other unpleasantness can be, but rather the memories and upset come home right alongside the tattered ACUs and well-worn desert boots. Since the beginning of the war in Afghanistan through the summer of 2009, the Army has lost 761 troops to combat in that country and 817 due to suicide. In January of this year, 24 soldiers are believed to have killed themselves during that month alone. It's safe to say we have a serious problem on our hands. Many of us would call it an epidemic.

The reasons given for the rising suicide rate are numerous. Everything from multiple deployments and an inadequate amount of dwell time to an overtaxed mental health system and a stigma against accessing such services is being blamed. Whatever the culprit may be, this is an issue that must addressed by military officials and one for which the public needs to be aware, for without this

knowledge we cannot hold our elected officials accountable for providing our returning soldiers and veterans with the care they need. Our soldiers have served nobly and deserve the support they need to heal from whatever demons they may face, reintegrate back into their families and communities, and have a functional mental health support system at the ready when life seems to tough to bear. Battlemind may be a start, but this program does not have all of the answers to the crisis the Army is facing.

The young dead soldiers do not speak. Neither do those in too much pain, be it physical or mental, to speak for themselves. We need to be their voices and serve as advocates on their behalf.

The Real Basis of Women's Power

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Sometimes, as we theorize and agonize over the details of what's happening to men in the West, we lose sight of what's really backing up female entitlement. What actually underlies feminism and its associated evils is unadulterated force, and many, many men have experienced it first-hand, especially in the United States, where force is often seen as the most expedient solution by the state.

Sometimes words can't adequately convey this message, but fortunately we have other means:

Now try to put yourself in that man's shoes, at that time, for a moment. Guns are being shoved in your face, a dog is attacking and biting you, lights blind you and a gang of men with weapons and armor are shouting at you and mocking you as your ex wife looks on approvingly. This happens every single day in America.

This is feminism in action.

Be Extreme and Unreasonable

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I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue!
-Barry Goldwater at the 1964 Republican Convention

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.
-George Bernard Shaw

These two men have a lot to tell us. Too often when talking about various issues that affect us we intentionally or unintentionally hold back or try to be at least somewhat politically correct. This has not stopped any form of misandry from moving forward. Instead we should **be extreme and unreasonable** for the reasons that Goldwater and Shaw point out.

You will not be able to win more women to our side by "toning down the rhetoric", "being more politically correct", etc. Most women aren't going to want to give up the benefits they receive from misandry. This is a fundamental problem, not the level of your rhetoric. We have all seen women come to The Spearhead and other boards and tell us that we should "tone down the rhetoric" since women won't listen. These women claim to support us yet never do anything but criticize us instead doing something productive to solve these issues. This is because they are really concern trolls and listening to concern trolls has not produced any results for us.

You will be accused of being a misogynist, sexist, having a small penis, being secretly gay, etc. regardless of what you say. You will be called names and told you have a small penis. Get used to it. It doesn't matter how "politically correct" you are. Unless you are a slave to misandarists they will try to shut you up by calling you names, claiming you're secretly gay, and making claims about the size of your genitalia. Using this technique to shut people up isn't limited to us. As this person from the Tea Parties points out, it doesn't matter what he says as he will be accused of racism regardless. Regardless of what the misandarists say about us, you need to keep going. Beyond baseless accusations they don't have many weapons that aren't obvious totalitarianism which would prove everything we say about them is correct.

We are fighting for freedom. As Goldwater pointed out extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Many of us have found ways to limit misandry in our own lives. However, many other men aren't so lucky, and if we ignore them eventually the misandarists will come for us. There are men sitting in jail because of false rape charges. There are men who have lost their jobs due to the sexual harassment industry, affirmative action, and other government policies to unemploy them (such as the recent stimulus). There are men who are victims of paternity fraud. There are men who have had their children taken away from them. There are boys suffering under the jackboot of misandarist teachers. There are boys being forced to take ritalin as young as 5 years old because they don't act like girls enough. Our colleges have turned into enclaves of anti-male totalitarianism. As Welmer pointed out, from the perspective of younger men this is starting to approach a real shooting war. For those of us who are older and don't have kids we don't really know just how much totalitarianism younger men are experiencing, and they don't have the same options for escaping it yet.

Extremism pulls the center in the direction we want. By being extreme we can produce a new

center that is more of what we want. This new center will thus look more reasonable than it did before. This tactic has been used many times in history with success. That includes feminists. After all Andrea Dworkin's ideas weren't put into law, but they did allow other feminist ideas to look "reasonable" which allowed for the current misandarist state of the law we now experience.

Being extreme and unreasonable gives a voice to those men who are thinking the same things but afraid to speak up. Many men out there are thinking the same things we are. However, they keep it to themselves because they're afraid they are the only ones who have noticed what they know. The success of misandry is dependent on many men believing that they are alone in their observations of the world. We need to show them that there are many others who have the same ideas they do.

So go out and **be extreme and unreasonable**. That's how we will make progress against misandry.

Prenup Discussion

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Doug1 and Novaseeker, both seasoned attorneys, are discussing the ins and outs of prenuptial agreements, which can be a valuable, although limited, tool for damage control in the case of marital dissolution. Those who are considering marriage at any point would do well to follow the discussion and learn a bit about how they can protect themselves from the ravages of the anti-male family law regime.

For those who are already married, it may be worth paying attention to as well so as to gain a better understanding of how family law works in the US. Of course, it varies considerably from state to state, but there is a common theme throughout the land.

I'm thinking about creating a separate forum for this discussion, but for now this post is probably a good place to continue the discussion. The posts can be moved to any new forum whenever it's ready.

For now, here's some of the content from the original thread (written by Doug1):

Here is a summary of the main provisions other than technical ones and inheritance etc. ones I'd want in a prenup to even consider marrying a woman and living under American law, and then only if we both wanted children right away. Before that, I'd definitely want to be living together at most. As well a man is in a lot better psychological position to lay out a prenup proposal orally at first to a woman who loves him and is trying hard to convince her to marry him, if he's living with her and it's a change from that status she's arguing for. This is in a sense an outline or backgrounder on what you might say to her, after having discussed such things as: what all the time happens now to men who make any money under divorce 2.0 in America today, and also such things as the differences between female vs. male complete fidelity in marriage.

The birds eye overview is that my prenup would mimic in divorce what happens when living together and then breaking up. Child support remains unaffected and is the same as in a marriage w/out a prenup (and is a very large part of the ex husband's after tax income). So if a wife divorces her husband she takes what she's earned but not what he has, other than ongoing CS. However if a husband divorces his wife for no compelling good reason i.e. other than due to her fault in prenup specified ways, she will get half up to a very high cap that will only effect the wealthy. No alimony post divorce for either party under any circumstances period. The wife should work and develop and keep her skills up and monetarily contribute (and / or make the marriage work with a purpose). It would actually be drafted in terms of high and low earners to make it gender neutral, but it's simpler to talk about how it would overwhelming work between the genders, given female hypergamy on income too, when marrying.

Part of the reason for the prenup is to discourage wives, who file for 70% of divorces in 50% of marriages, from doing so, and instead help incent them to work harder to make the marriage work and ride out tough periods and give their husband best efforts duty sex when she's not feeling it to start with and so on. (And yeah he should relationship game her too, but he needs no extrinsic incentive for that if he believes it might work.) This is particularly important in marriages with kids. (I actually think women cause more than 70% of divorces, due to infidelities they won't stop and which lead them to sexually and emotionally abandon their husbands even if they aren't yet divorcing

him. Whereas it's rarely genuinely comparable on the man's side. Men caught in infidelity are usually desperate to keep the marriage together, will stop, and want very much to go on or resume sexing and giving affection to their wives if she'll let him. Which often SHE won't . In these cases the wife wasn't usually abandoned by her husband due to his infidelity cutting all of his interest in her; rather she's using his infidelity as an excuse to move on w/a lot of his money in her pocket and/or she believes feminist propaganda that she "has to for her dignity . But for couples that are willing to allow a limited degree of male just sex stepping out after the marriage has gone on some time, there would be veto powers for her to help safeguard against his falling in love w/another woman in ways that threaten her. Most men though esp. more beta men may not want to fight this battle in the prenup. That's fine.

In some more detail, but without getting into the nitty gritty:

1) The prenup has the starting position of mimicing a living together breakup, upon any divorce. The basic concept of this prenup is that because none of the obligations traditionally undertaken by a wife in marriage are enforceable against her during the marriage or upon divorce, then for the most part his obligations of support for her as opposed to solely his children after divorce at least, shouldn't be enforced or required by holding only his money hostage either. The traditional wifely obligations in marriage that are no longer enforced whatsoever include that she will stay with her husband through thick and thin, for richer and for poorer for the rest of his life. No fault divorce killed that. As well they include that she will give her husband reasonably frequent, measured in times per week if he wants that, best efforts sex for so long as they both shall live, when and for so long as she's physically (not bs mentally) capable of that. She was traditionally required to provide other wifely services to him such as companionship and being his partner and helpmate, and housekeeping services to the extent that she doesn't work as many hours out of the home earning money or bring in as much as he does. None of these are any longer obligations he can in any way enforce during the marriage nor in any way expect if she at any times wants to leave the marriage, nor ones much required by our culture or her friends if she isn't feeling like it for some extended period during the marriage, much less enforced by the state.

Accordingly, in order for marriage to not be a completely one way commitment of a man and his money if he's the higher earner as is overwhelmingly still the case (because women are income hypergamous and strongly want that whatever they claim, in the great majority of marital cases), the starting point of this prenup is that it mimic in the case of divorce what would happen in a cohabiting breakup. Each partner walks away with what they brought, inherited, or earned during the marriage, with no claim on their former partner's money. The starting point is that neither has obligations to the other only to children, through life or at any time after the marriage has ended. Certainly we know that the wife about never has them post marriage to her ex husband, unless she's a hugely higher earner, but 97% of alimony in America is paid by men.

2) No alimony for either party. If a woman doesn't enforceably guarantee a man sex or other wifely services for so long as they both shall live when she marries him (and indeed it's now the felony of marital rape if he tries to take what was traditionally his right in marriage when she's withholding that), or certainly any sex or other wifely services one minute after she files for divorce regardless of her reasons, then neither should a man owe his wife lifetime support for so long as they both shall live when she becomes his ex-wife, nor should he owe his ex wife any spousal support the moment she files for divorce and stops providing sex and other wifely services or any prospect of them in future.

She should be independent and self supporting before he marries her, as the overwhelming majority of American women are today, with their almost 50% greater graduation rate from college and their presence at all levels of the workforce. Sure she probably married up but that was her choice, the fruits of which she enjoyed by sharing his lifestyle while providing him wifely services. A wife should retain her ability to be self supporting during her marriage, by working through at least almost all of it. Her decision to stay home and care for infants, while her husband bears the burden of supporting her and the baby entirely on his own (and thus is in a sense paying her by sharing the home, food, her and the baby's clothes and equipment, utilities, entertainment, any vacations and so on), are always hers to make.

No American husband can either require that she do stay home, nor require that she shall have to continue working right after birth with child care, nor can he physically threaten or abuse her to do as he likes. Domestic violence laws. Nor does American culture urge that she obey him in these things. It strongly says it's really entirely up to her, after consulting him. After a year or so of infancy at any rate, and increasingly as the infant becomes a child and even more so when he/she starts preschool, being a stay at home mother is a very easy and low stress and low dedicated hours "job" compared what her husband does for a living in the great majority of cases, what with washing machines, vacuums, refrigerators, dishwashers, convenience and labor saving devices galore compared to a century ago, large one stop for many things stores and nearby convenience stores, cars and so on.

However work does tend to occupy, if not always fully, a lot of the time available for it, and so the luxury of inefficiency often makes caring for infants and household work seem more work for a stay at home mom than it is. Yet most mothers of minor children work. Daytime soaps and programming and for that matter most mass market novels and so on are all aimed at mothers at home w/time to kill. It's her choice and at most something he can lobby about (with too much pressure either way vastly socially disapproved), but choices have and should have consequences, including those of the wife. If she leaves the marriage but hasn't worked for a long time despite knowing what's in the prenup, yes she will have rusty skills and will be starting from "behind" where she would have been if she worked all through the marriage, with or without kids. Aside from keeping up and advancing her skills she shouldn't have contributed so little to the marriage financially for so long. I want to encourage her to at least part time or light hours work except when the kids are preschoolers, anyway, and work full time if light hours by middle school.

3) Child support. Generally this will not be changed (and it can't generally be) from what the state would determine in the event of no prenuptial. She should bear in mind that with two kids and an upper middle class father in a high tax coastal state, that will generally mean about 45-50% of his aftertax or take home income will be paid to her in child support, which since the early 90s was raised way up to include a substantial stealth alimony component from high income payers. There would however be provisions providing that it's the couple's intention in entering into the marriage, that joint physical custody be awarded by the state and that according no or little child support would be paid to the ex wife, but rather directly for the support of the children. As well, in the event the husband becomes an extremely high earner such that his statutory recommended child support becomes something more completely up to the judge's discretion, there can be provisio ns that advise the judge what the couple wanted when entering into the marriage, for the judge to decide in this area. Such as capping the amount at the highest level before this income threshold is reached. It is supposed to be child support, not lavish spousal support.

4) Consent by the wife in the prenup to DNA paternity testing right after birth and before the issuance

of a birth certificate of any children born during the marriage. There's about a 10% rate of the father not being whom the woman claims he is, that is, generally, not being her husband (though it's much higher than that, around 30%, in certain low confidence situations that are inapplicable here, one hopes).

5) Property division when she abandons the marriage. As suggested in 1) above, in all but a narrowly specified number of cases, more narrow than traditional fault when that was widely considered, each spouse would take from the marriage on divorce what they brought in, inherited, or earned and saved or turned into their separate personal property during the marriage, plus any clear gifts to them (rather than items primarily for their use). Clothes etc are clearly those of the wearers and the like. Not cars necessarily, but I'd give on this, one car she didn't buy, or rather the equity in it, if she wouldn't otherwise have equity enough for it and other basic stuff. Equity in the house to be divided according to the cumulative mortgage and down payment contribution of each. The party with more equity has the option of buying out the other's equity interest.

If and only if there are kids and she gets custody but not the house, and wouldn't have enough money from her own savings and ongoing income, any buy out of her equity in the house and other things, to at least rent a relatively cheap and much less nice house in a less good neighborhood in the same school district or a reasonably comparable school district, then he should provide enough up front money to pay the deposit and move in etc. She'll be getting child support and if she's not working should be right quick. If she needs more very temporary money to avoid being a public charge he should provide that.

I might well do better than this to a degree, if her savings were very low and there were kids that she unfortunately got full physical custody over, but that should be the abandoned husband who has kids choice, not the right of his abandoning him and ripping away his kids ex wife. Keep in mind how onerous child support now is for high earners, and how rich for those that receive it from them.

6) She gets half if he divorces her for no compelling reason. In the event he leaves the marriage and files for divorce for no compelling reason, then the wife shall get half his net retirement account money accrued during the marriage in excess of hers, plus half his net savings and wealth increase during the marriage, up to some very high cap. (I might structure this a bit incrementally with one cap below which she gets half and another below which she gets an incremental 1/3, but then none of what's above the higher cap.) The cap will only effect the wealthy. No she doesn't get half his fortune if that's what it is just for having been his wife, and because he leaves her for a younger woman. But she does get a large amount.

7) Compelling reasons for his leaving his wife which wouldn't trigger this payout of half of his net marital wealth in excess of hers, are her female infidelity (we'd have discussed and she'd have agreed about the relative severity of female vs. male infidelity), her blowing up like a sea lion and still wanting half his money, or stopping giving him regular best efforts sex when she is physically (not bs mentally) capable of that. If she gets fat and tolerates his infidelity unless or until she slims down and she still wants to sex him, and he still leaves her, then prob. she should still get half his retirement money. If she's not sexing him she either has hidden her infidelity well, or wants to provoke his leaving her so that she'll get half his money, as she wouldn't if she filed for divorce under this prenup. At the very least she's not making an effort.

She divorces him for cause. Same as if she walks out for no compelling reason. She gets what she's brought or earned and that's it. I personally would refuse to agree that trivial male infidelity is

reason for her to get half his money. Other men's mileage will vary on this, particularly beta men's often will. That's fine. Adjust it accordingly and make his infidelity or continuing infidelity after caught once sufficient for her to divorce him and take half his money. Not for me.

As for abuse constituting a sufficient reason to walk away with his money, DO NOT AGREE. It will be falsely claimed or manufactured abuse if there's big to her and her lawyer money at stake, absolutely count on it. Even serious abuse can be faked by having a friend beat her up. Hey what's being beaten up or cut compared to hundreds of thousands or more if that's at stake? Esp. after she and her girlfriends convince her that she really has endured "years of mental abuse", as women are so apt to do in this feminist environment even if only her rep in seeking a divorce and no money difference is at stake, and besides her girlfriends will convince her as she's contemplating divorce that she's rightfully owned half anyway, regardless of what the "nasty unfair to her" prenup says. So NO to abuse giving her half. Argue that of course she can walk away, and as well if there's gonna be any actual significant abuse aside from the bullshite feminist kind, the p attern would reveal itself early on, when not much marital property will likely have accrued anyway. And well, if she does something like cheat on him repeatedly and taunt him with it and he loses it, then hell no she doesn't deserve half for that isolated and likely deserved, and certainly massively provoked event. She can testify against him in court and hope he gets some jail time. But no not half his money.

9) Finally in negotiations with her I might relent on husband infidelity not giving her half the marital assets if a) it occurs in the first two years of marriage (unless they've been living together for a long time) or b) he persists despite her veto and warning re: certain specified but not all women. Obviously this is only gonna be in the prenup if she'll allow some limited well into the marriage male just sex dalliances.

If she exercises her veto over his continuing to see any particular woman either because she believes that woman is stealing his heart and attention and sexual interest too much from her, his wife, in actual fact rather than in future predicting theory, or because he's not been discreet in his sexual liason w/her and has in fact conducted himself or she has in a humiliating way to the wife, or that that the particular woman would be inherently humiliating to the wife due to their close relationship of one kind or another — and he still persists even after a second veto re: that woman, accompanied by a statement that she will leave him if he persists with this particular woman, then here too the wife get's half the net of his earned marital assets over hers. He's had warnings. However vetos issued with respect to all sexually attractive women to him or what amounts to that or nearly that over a period of time won't trigger her getting any of his net marital assets. T hough there could be provisions about him not acting like Roissy while married to her etc. or close.

Of course the parties can agree to amend the prenup in various ways as the marriage progresses (but only by a mutually signed writing).

Well the male infidelity w/out abandoning her bit obviously adds complications in the prenup that those who would give a wife half for trivial male one time infidelity won't have, so many men won't have those complications. I don't think I'd marry though if any stepping out of any kind gave her the right to half my money.

Thoughts Nova and others?

Defeated as Men, Japanese Boys Don Skirts

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The phenomenon of the Japanese "herbivore," or grass eating boy, has been explored on The Spearhead before, but it has apparently been raised to a new level. Young Japanese men and boys have given up on being male, because there are only penalties for being so, and are now wearing skirts and acting like girls.

I have studied postwar Japan to a limited extent, and one of the things I learned was that feminism was never much of an issue for the postwar Japanese, because the US occupational authorities imposed suffrage and women's rights from the top. It seems that our policy has borne fruit, and that Japanese masculinity has been severed at its root. It might be said at this point that Japan is the first true eunuch nation — surpassing even the Anglo societies that imposed feminist supremacy on the Japanese.

This problem is (obviously) not limited to the Japanese. However, in a culturally isolated island nation such as Japan, the effects might be more pronounced in some respects than in more integrated societies such as Europe, the British Commonwealth, or the US.

Although these trends may seem like cause for dismay, I don't think "redefining masculinity" is always a bad thing. Boys and young men have a way of reinventing things when what they are faced with is awful, and it appears that being a man in Japan, with the stagnant economy, rising divorce rate and disintegration of the family is a pretty raw deal. If this silly trend of foppish and girlish behavior is actually a flat-out rejection of the role that a misandrist society has handed to men, then at least we might be a bit optimistic in that the boys are actually making *some* form of protest.

Schools' "Sexual Misconduct" Policies Starting to Trigger Lawsuits

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A former Brown University student, William McCormick III, is suing the school in federal court for interfering with his efforts to exonerate himself following a rape accusation. The student, a star wrestler and straight-A student from Wisconsin, had been attending the Ivy League school on scholarship, when fellow student Marcella Beth Dresdale (identified by the Crime and Federalism blog) made a complaint that he was "following her" in the student dorm they both lived in.

Ms. Dresdale's friends weighed in, calling Mr. McCormick "creepy" (i.e. beta and poor), and after she spoke with her father, prominent alumnus and donor Richard C. Dresdale, he contacted the school. Shortly thereafter, school officials pressed Ms. Dresdale to identify McCormick, which she initially did not want to do because she "did not want anything bad to happen," and add to her complaint. According to Ms. Dresdale, she felt that school officials were "yelling at her" in an effort to get her to amend the complaint to include rape. At the time, she was distressed because she was missing sailing lessons and needed to study for a test. To get it over with, she wrote a statement, with the help of her resident coordinator, claiming that Mr. McCormick had raped her.

Immediately after she had done this, Mr. McCormick was summoned into the dean's office, told he had been implicated in "sexual misconduct," and given a one-way plane ticket back to Wisconsin. He has said that the school threatened him with criminal charges if he did not sign off on the expulsion.

Throughout this process, police were never notified, and Mr. McCormick was never given a chance to give his side of the story.

This case brings up an interesting point, which is that these sexual misconduct policies are often supported wholeheartedly by parents of the mainly female students at these schools. In fact, without parental support for these policies, I doubt the feminists would have been able to put them in place. As universities become increasingly female, there will be more and more support from wealthy daddies such as Richard Dresdale, who operates a multi-billion dollar company, for measures that treat any males in their daughters' vicinity with extreme suspicion.

Some people may sympathize with Mr. Dresdale, but he's part of the problem ordinary men are facing. In order to extend his protection and control over his daughter, he flaunts his wealth and power to trample on the concept of due process. If Mr. Dresdale is so protective of his daughter, why send her away to school where she will live on her own? If he doesn't think the police are up to the job of protecting her, shouldn't he keep his precious daughter at home so he can look after her until she's married off to some suitably wealthy young man? Rather, Mr. Dresdale's choice is to throw his weight around to bully men, just like the crooked cops beating Carlos Ferrell in front of his ex-wife.

As for Marcella Dresdale, we have no idea whether she was telling the truth or not. Evidently, she didn't want to write a statement accusing McCormick of rape, so she may not have felt that he raped her in the first place. It isn't even clear whether the two actually had sex. Nothing's clear, because her daddy made sure it was all handled abruptly and extrajudicially. Personally, I'm inclined to think McCormick did not rape her. If he had, he probably would have happily accepted the offer given him by the school and never uttered a peep about the matter to anyone, thankful that he got away with a crime that could put him behind bars for years. However, it seems that when he came to his senses

after being railroaded by Brown, he chose to challenge the school.

This lawsuit should prove to be an interesting test for the sexual misconduct policies that have been springing up around the country. However, no matter how the lawsuit goes, men will win this one. If McCormick wins, Brown will have to shell out more money – hopefully more than it has received from Mr. Dresdale – to settle. If Brown wins, it will become known as a place where men are no longer welcome, and the school will begin to wither on the vine, although that may take decades. Ultimately, the best thing about this is that more people will open their eyes to the fact that men, whether innocent or guilty, have very few rights at all.

Roosh Offering *Bang!* Special for Spearhead Subscribers

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As Paul Elam suggested in a comment yesterday, “Game should be considered an arm of the Men’s Movement.” My take on Game is that, whatever one thinks of it, it’s one of the only tools available for young men in today’s merciless sexual marketplace. I think it’s also a step toward reasserting masculinity.

Game is essentially what you make of it. Some guys, like Hawaiian Libertarian, use it to strengthen their marriage. Others, like Roissy, use it for sexual adventure and pleasure. It’s really up to the individual man how he chooses to apply Game, but without it he’s something of a cripple in dealing with women.

Fortunately, Roosh has put together a good book on the subject which is, according to Ferdinand Bardamu’s review, “a title that anyone interested in improving their success with women should buy, post-haste.”

I talked Roosh into giving our subscribers a promotional deal on the book, so all current subscribers to The Spearhead newsletter and anyone who signs up in the next couple weeks can buy a copy at our discount.

When you sign up for the Newsletter, after you confirm membership, you will receive a welcome email with a link to the promotional deal. I’ll also put up a lightbox reminder for those who visit the site regularly so they don’t miss out. Game is something that could have a profound influence on our society, and I’d like all readers of The Spearhead to have at least an understanding of the concept. I’d also like to offer gratitude to Roosh for giving our readers a deal on his book. One of the things I’ve been working on lately is collecting helpful resources for our dedicated readers, and this is a step in the right direction.

So if you haven’t already signed up for the newsletter, this is a good time to do so, and an opportunity to learn about Game from someone who has put a great deal of effort into learning and teaching the fundamentals and techniques.

In Defense of Male Sexuality

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All healthy male sexual expression is criminalized in our culture today. Look around and the examples are scattered about everywhere. Men are said to “think with their penises” and have only “one thing on their mind”. Left leaning feminists consider all men to be potential rapists while their right wing sisters believe all men are potential adulterers. Both sets of grrls consider their thoughts justified by the “visual nature” of men and the fact men typically have a higher sex drive than do women. There is nothing wrong with either parts of man’s nature; they are part of normal male sexuality, but female supremacists have turned these natural expressions into crimes and elevate female sexuality as being normal. Well, a sanitized form of female sexuality anyway.

Men were made to appreciate female beauty and to respond to it. Such responses are noble and help us make new life and move forward as humanity. A man admiring a beautiful woman is as natural as admiring the beautiful view of a mountain or a flower filled valley, even a spiritual experience at times, and a positive part of human life. Even women can appreciate, in different ways, the beauty of women. Think of the portraits of beautiful women that hang in museum, bits of beauty many different people respond to in some way. Not all responses to female beauty are supposed to culminate in some act with the admired person, at times the longing and desire will be the extent of the experience and sometimes possession can even ruin the magic (consider the idea of the muse), but the vast majority are healthy and should be seen as positive, perhaps even flattering. Beauty is something special, an experience that can take us to a higher plane in life, whether we be the attracted or the attractor.

Considering this normal, natural response to be a negative one, as is done today, has criminalized male sexuality and left it open for abuse. Women dress and behave in ways that allow them to use their beauty power over men, men whom they have no intention of sharing themselves with, all to earn favors or manipulate men into performing for them. This is a terrible abuse of something good, a perversion, and damage that has reached the bedrooms of most people growing up in this feminized world. While feminism has left much worse devastation in its wake, the perversion of male virility is something to be mourned. To claim that heterosexual sexual expression is rape is to desecrate noble love expressed physically by two people. To criminalize a man simply for being a man, for feeling sexual desire as a man, is to hate him and his masculinity to the core.

Joe Biden: Creating Supply for Women's Sports Where Demand Doesn't Exist

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Today, Joe Biden will announce changes to a Title IX loophole that has allowed schools to determine male and female sports requirements based upon student surveys of interest in participation. In 2005, the Department of Education allowed student surveys to be used to determine the number of sports programs required per gender rather than relying on the metric that men's and women's sports teams be in line with sex ratios at college campuses.

Feminists will hail the measure's alteration because it allows the demand for sports teams to be divorced from the actual market demand for said teams. As with most feminist agendas, a resolute detachment from simple supply and demand decisions does wonders for their cause. By wiping a simple method for determining the level of interest in female sports, feminists gain an undeserved hand in controlling school administrators' purse strings which will inevitably encroach on sports funding for more popular mens' programs.

But, if feminist agendas were rooted in logic rather than ideology, there would be one important fact undermining their cause: girls don't want to play sports nearly as much as boys do. Therefore girls high school sports shouldn't have nearly as much funding or spots available and neither should womens' college sports. Creating a lot of positions for girls who only have ho-hum attitudes to sport participation would be no different than creating 3 varsity teams for each NCAA college. Why not let any young man who enjoys playing any sport participate at an upper level?

First, it is clear that fewer girls than boys participate in sports. But feminists respond to that by saying that girls have fewer opportunities than boys to participate and that there is a cultural barrier that curtails their sports involvement when they are children. Erase that barrier and girls will enjoy sports just as much as boys – say feminists.

The feminists, of course, operate on the premise that boys and girls are the same. Citing research published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the Women's Sports Foundation which was begun by Billie Jean King, reported that girls' sports participation declines during adolescence. From my interpretation, this strikes a gigantic hole in the feminist argument for gender-parity and egalitarian sports participation. Some natural occurence – lets call it "puberty" – reallocates girls' priorities away from sports. This makes sense as she is naturally compelled to worry about potential procreation and child-rearing rather than playing sports.

Compound this with another finding published at WSF that 49% of boys aged 6 to 11 participate frequently in sports while only 32% of girls do, and we figure that the gap in frequent participation grows as boys and girls age. As such, even after 30 plus years of Title IX, girls still don't participate as much, practice as hard, or generally care about sports as much as boys do. Since youth sports at the high school and AAU levels are feeder programs for university level sports that Title IX is mostly concerned with, not only do we find that there are fewer girls than boys willing to fill an equal number of positions, we also find that the young women who do participate are less motivated and less dedicated to their particular sport than young men. Since colleges are mandated to provide a certain number of positions and scholarships for both genders, this *pulls* a large number of females up to the college athletic ranks that wouldn't have normally chosen to play college sports if the supply of

sports teams was in line with bottom-up high school participation/demand. Feminists have sought – and succeeded in – letting the supply create its own demand.

So when I came across a "10 Point Play" list put forth by an AAUW (American Association of University Women) branch drumming up support for female sports I figured I'd share it with you so we could laugh in unison. They suggest:

1. Buy a basketball, glove, soccer ball or other sport gift for your favorite sports girl – send her the message that you think she can play sports.

Why, so the basketball deflates in a moldy corner of the shed in the backyard, or the glove gets sold in a garage sale 2 years later?

2. Take your friends and family to a women's sports event: high school, college, or professional sports.

Why, so they can be bored to tears and never want to hang out with you again if your idea of fun is sitting around a bunch of chicks' parents and boyfriends/girlfriends while they screech Grrrl Power euphemisms and ring cowbells for good deeds – or at least good intentions? If you must subject your "friends" to such torture you better hope there is a good concession stand near – hopefully with beer and that *good* nacho cheese.

3. Watch a women's sports program on television and call the station to thank them for carrying women's sports (so they'll continue to air women's sports programs).

Only to be laughed at by the station worker who thinks you're prank-calling them.

4. Write a letter to your local newspaper editor either asking them for fairer coverage of women's sports or thanking them for great coverage.

This is based upon the premise that women's sports doesn't already get "fair" coverage. From my observation women's sports gets plenty of fair coverage – it is completely in line with the demand the sport warrants. A short blurb once a week on page 6D is plenty fair. Oh, wait, we have different definitions of "fair" don't we?

5. Buy women's collegiate and professional sports merchandise like T-shirts and hats. It 's an important way to advance the economic success of your favorite team.

Are we also supposed to *wear* this gear or can we use it to clean up refuse and kitchen spills? I'd like to have an option here; I don't want to be tied in to *having* to wear this shit.

6. Take someone who has never attended a women's sports event to a high school, college, or professional women's sports game. Introduce others to the excitement of women's sports. Help grow the fan base!

I think they (and ostenbsibly I) covered this in point 2. above. But it bears worth repeating: if you value family and friends and don't want them to hate you, don't follow the advice of points 2. and 6.

7. Visit your local sports retail store. If they are not carrying licensed merchandise for your favorite women's sports team (college, WNBA, WUSA, etc.), write to the manager to tell him or her you want to purchase this product and you would appreciate it if they would carry it. If they are carrying the product, thank them for doing so.

Ah. I see the tactic. Drum up faux support for these teams so that the support will become legitimized and the merchandise will actually have value to real sports fans rather than feminist activists out to make an ideologically-driven point. Quick: Who holds the record for most points scored in a WNBA

game? Who holds the record for points scored in an NBA game?

8. Write to sponsors of women's sports to tell them how much you appreciate their support of women's sports.

These points – all relying on activist-inspired displays of support – don't provide a proper picture of the real market demand for womens' sports. I sincerely hope that sponsors and retailers recognize this; the money-generating fanbase is actually much smaller – respective to other sports supported by fans rather than non-activists (i.e. men's sports) – than the vociferousness of the supporters suggests. In other words, feminist activists are organizing a "Google bomb" tactic to trick the system into supporting their cause. These women don't actually care about female sports qua sport, they merely want to reallocate attention, resources, and power to women and girls.

9. Conduct a sports clinic for local elementary school girls. Tell each girl why it 's so important for them to play sports and how much fun it is.

Except, don't do it if you're a man. They'll all think you're a pervert and pedophile. The last sentence is laughable; *tell* a girl the importance and enjoyment of sports. And here I always though telling a girl/woman something was anathema to The Cause. Funny, we don't have to *tell* boys this because they already know, and boys know because they are predispositioned to enjoy sports. Using this tactic on young girls is like telling me that I like gay porn (to avoid confusion, I *don't* like gay porn).

10. Grade your school on whether it is treating male and female athletes equally. Write a letter to the principal either asking for change or applauding the school's commitment to girls' sports.

Boys and mens sports suffer from the guerilla-warfare tactics of feminists. You see, female sports have a niche audience. Usually it consists of parents, families, and hardcore gamblers who had to sniff around for a decent 4-team parlay. Other than that, televised female sports have a TV rating on par with CBS's 4 a.m. "National Anthem" sign-off. Because female sports don't have an audience, they can put pressure on admins and sponsors and boycott male sports. While the damage would be miniscule, no organized group can have that affect on female sports. Since there is nobody watching female sports – since these feminists have nothing to lose – they can create an outcry and take potshots at male sports.

The people who want to watch sports have already drawn their battle lines. Demand for those sports – in either viewership or participation – can't be fuddled with any more. Girls who want to play know that they can play; if they don't, that means they choose not to. People who want to watch women's sports on TV will have already chosen to do so; they know the product is out there, but their choosing men's basketball over women's is like being given the choice between a Mercedes and a Hyundai – when the sticker price is the same. As such, the number of available spots and resources dedicated to both gender's sports should be in line with what people want to play and what they want to see.

Women Discuss Rise of the Fembots

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Writing for *The Daily Beast*, Rebecca Dana expounds upon the "fembot" phenomenon, describing these women as surgically augmented, power hungry and litigious. I'm not exactly sure where the term "fembot" came from, but I think it has something to do with the killer female robots in the Austin Powers movie (Wikipedia says it comes from The Bionic Woman). Wherever fembot originated, the word has been used extensively by a number of male bloggers (Roissy in particular makes good use of it), and has come to connote a youngish, aggressive feminist.

So when I saw the article written by Rebecca Dana, it appeared to me that her use of "fembot" to describe slutty celebrities was slightly off. However, her understanding does jibe with my own to some extent, as suggested in the following passage:

> Modern-day Fembots aren't just debatably pretty faces. They're also lawyered up. Last week, Montag announced she is suing Hills creator Adam DiVello, without whose intervention she would probably still be an anonymous aspiring fashion designer in Los Angeles. She alleges unwanted touching. And then, of course, there is Gloria Allred's entire legal practice. In the last year alone, Allred has become the first name in pre-emptive Fembot litigation. Southwick will likely employ celebrity divorce attorney Robert Kaufman, if she goes ahead with the divorce.

It is always interesting to see how memes propagate across the blogosphere and are adapted to fit the perspective of whoever seizes upon them. Obviously, fembot has negative overtones these days, but women often have somewhat different ideas of what constitutes a negative trait, and thus we see that Ms. Dana's main issue with the women she describes as fembots is that they employ exaggerated sexuality to further their goals:

> Here is Heidi Montag-Pratt, in her teeny-weeny bikini, posing half-nude next to every single swimming pool between Nevada and the Pacific, ever since her gag-inducing 10-in-one-day full-body reconstruction this winter. Here is new mother Kendra Wilkinson discussing her plans to follow in Montag's footsteps and get a whole new body before she turns 30. Here are Tiger Woods' frighteningly lifelike blowup-doll mistresses. Here are Eliot Spitzer's.

From my perspective, these women would be more properly termed "tramps," and I would reserve the term fembot for someone like Jessica Valenti, who is a hardcore female supremacist and has punitive rather than mercenary intent when it comes to males. Whatever the proper definition of fembot is, it is fascinating to see women taking hold of some of the concepts that have floated down into the common consciousness from the heights of the manosphere.

Considerations of the Black Male, Circa 2010

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My recent post on Baby Adoption and Race was not only provocative in its own right, but also kind of puts the icing on the cake as it were, when one considers the nature of my postings of late. In the main, they were focused on Black Men, and the challenges they face. If we put them together with what we already know on this score, and add again, yesterday's post, a powerful, mind-numbing narrative emerges.

We know that Black Men are twice as likely to be unemployed, even when controlling for college education, when compared to White Men. We know that Black Men are six times more likely to be in prison, parole or probation, than White Men. We know that Black Men have shorter lifespans than White Men, the going average now is around 70 or so. We know that Black boys are more likely to be suspended and/or expelled from school, to be disciplined more often than their White counterparts, and to drop out of highschool at a rate significantly higher than White boys. We also know that they are more likely to be prescribed behavioral modification drugs like Ritalin, and to be assigned to Special Ed classes, more than White boys.

We know that Black Men suffer from diseases like prostate cancer at a much higher rate than do White Men, that an African American young Man has a better chance of survival in Baghdad or Khandahar than in Baltimore or Washington, DC. We know that Black Men are often the last hired and the first fired. We know that Black boys are adopted dead last, and at a quarter of the price as Asian babies from avowedly Communist countries. And we know, for a fact, that Black soldiers were often treated worse than sworn enemies of the United States government.

We also know that Black Men have far and away more run-ins with the nation's police force than anyone else, certainly more than White Men. Nor will his manner of speaking or dress will matter much-last year's incident involving well known Ivy League academic Henry "Skip" Louis Gates, proved that, as if Black Men needed any more such evidence. For Black Men-*any Black Man*-merely stepping outside one's door for something as mundane as going to the corner store can prove deadly.

When one just stands back and takes all this in, just lets the stats and data of just about every measure that industrialized societies considers important, and notes the fact that Black Men come in at or near dead last, the effect is as if one has been sucker punched with a concrete fist. Perhaps then, it is understandable as to why so many Black Men seem apathetic, deeply cynical and defensive. After all, psychologists say that a bunker mentality is a common defense mechanism to protect oneself from real or perceived threats.

All of these thoughts occurred to me yesterday, while having a conversation with a good friend of mine of over a decade. We often discuss racial issues, politics and the like, and we often disagree with each other, especially when it comes to the divide between Black Men and Women. And to be sure, yesterday's convo was no different; but I had an epiphany during the exchange:

One major reason why Black Male/Female relations is so fraught with acrimony in our time, is because in a very real sense, Black Men and Black Women live in very different worlds.

As we've noted here in this forum, Black Women, taken as a group, have made significant gains that Black Men, in aggregate, have not. For example, we've seen how education has undeniably and

literally paidoff for Black Women, often exceeding the incomes earned by White Women. We cannot say the same thing for Black Men. Moreover, Black Women have gained tremendously from the Women's Movement-for example, it is documented that Black Women make up a full third of all abortions performed in this country, a bedrock goal of the Feminist cause. And again, Black Women have made powerful gains.

This helps to explain the views of many Black Women toward Black Men, after all, "the system" works for the former in ways that it just does not for the latter. Even Black girls can be adopted quicker than Black boys.

None of this is to suggest that Black Women don't have their fair share of problems and challenges-they must certainly do-nor do I want to give the impression that Black Women have made gains at the expense of Black Men-I don't feel that way, either. Still, its hard to deny the basic and simple facts on the ground. As noted earlier, Black Men die of prostate cancer and a much higher rate than do White Men, and to date there has been nothing done about this; meanwhile, Black Women have the comfort of knowing that not only the current President, but several ones before him, have made tackling HIV and AIDS in Black America a major area of concern, because Black Women were impacted the most. And that's not including breast cancer awareness, heart health, and so on.

Personally, I think Black Men know a lot more than they're willing to let on about their place in American life and how they feel about it. Perhaps this explains the higher rates of hypertension and the like among Black Men. Surely, the swirl of deep emotions emanating from all of the above, has to have deleterious health effects. Something else that, to my knowledge, has never been studied.

At any rate, I think this explains why Black Men don't seem to have that kind of gung-ho spirit that other groups, and even Black Women, seem to have. That's hardly surprising, when put into perspective of the things I layout here.

One of the things that occurred to me yesterday during my convo with my buddy, was that for Black Women, particularly those who have had the college experience, the world of possibilities is open to them; the gulf between them and Jennifer and Emily, isn't that wide after all.

Until its time to find a husband. Then, Reality comes crashing in.

In my personal travels, I am struck by just how many Black folk consider themselves "post racial". Although I didn't catch it at first, something dawned on me: the majority of those who took such a view, were Black Women, not Black Men. To be sure, a few Brothas were in the mix, but the overwhelming majority were Sistas who felt this way.

Now I understand why. For many Sistas, life really IS "post racial". Brothas on the other hand, cannot say that. Not with the vim and vigor with which so many Sistas do.

There will be those who read this and say that whatever problems Black Men have and now face, are problems of their own making. Indeed, we can and will continue to hear this line of reasoning from newly minted American citizens, fresh off the boat, and eager to tell Black folks, Black Men especially, what's "wrong" with them. Nor will they be alone-for scores of more native born Americans will think the same way, not the least of which, will be Black Women.

And to be sure, Black Men have shown that they are quite capable of indulging in self-destructive behavior, "proof positive" for the views of those mentioned above. What gets lost in the shuffle of course, are things like the adoption story, or middle aged Black academics being spread eagle on the hoods of police cars.

Perhaps the most interesting-if not difficult-part of all this, is in how we impart what we know above, to the next generation of Black Men. On that score of course I don't know what any of you would say to your son, brother, cousin, grandson or nephew; but I know for a fact that I cannot look at mine and tell them, that they can be whatever they want to be with a straightface. The best I can tell them is that it is possible.

Which is quite a far sight from what is probable.

The Obsidian

Feminists Use Mad Men to Agitate Against Fictitious Pay Gap

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I've only seen a few episodes of Mad Men. I didn't find it all that impressive. Although Jon Hamm is a pretty good actor (despite the unfortunate surname), there's only so much you can do with the poor material. One thing that annoyed me while watching the series was the thinly-veiled social commentary, which is loaded with worn-out old themes. The depictions of an America dominated by cigar smoking capitalists reminded me somewhat of the hackneyed Communist propaganda of the late postwar era.

Now, an article in a mommy blog has reminded me why Mad Men bothered me. Claire Moshenberg, writing for Moms Rising, has taken an episode from the show to demonstrate the crushing burdens that fall on the poor, oppressed women of America today. Trotting out the tired old lie that women "make 77 cents to every dollar earned by a man," Moshenberg suggests that things haven't changed much for women since 1963.

I suspect that this is the point the writers of the show – seven out of nine of whom are women – are trying to make. Although the irony of powerful women writing victimhood propaganda is probably lost on the young feminist activists, it's pretty obvious to me, and demonstrates that where women are in charge today, consolidation of eternal victim status and concomitant privilege for women is the overriding goal in all endeavors.

This is really where the pressure responsible for the rise of the manosphere came from. In our culture, feminism has come to so dominate the efforts of women that there is almost nothing that women in power do that isn't tainted by it to a large degree. There is no true desire for equality — it is an eternal power grab at the expense of everyone but educated middle class and elite adult women that will never, ever end unless someone puts a stop to it. If no one does, it will consume and wreck our society, which, in my more pessimistic moments, I see as an inevitable consequence.

But at least some of us can try…

Is Male Studies OK? Forbes Magazine Not So Sure

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Forbes Magazine has been publishing a lot of feminist material lately, and has set up an exclusively female community to give women a male-free department where they can pressure the publication and its readers without any interference from pesky males.

One of the current conversations concerns the legitimacy of Male Studies, which is a new discipline that aims to provide boys and men with some space of their own where they are not subject to endless feminist tirades against men. Needless to say, the Forbes women are not all that enthusiastic about the idea.

Forbes women's objections include the rejection of feminism by Male studies. Interestingly, April Scarlett of the Forbes Women (posting on their Facebook page) conflates feminists with all women:

> But creating a new studies program for men by ripping on women/feminism is hypocritical. The gentleman in the article is doing exactly to feminists what he is accusing [them] of doing to men."

This is something men ought to pay attention to, because it is not at all clear that all women are feminists. Although it is often a tempting thing to do, painting all women with the feminist brush is no more accurate than it would have been to paint all Germans as National Socialists during the years the Nazi regime was in power.

It may well be true that all women at Forbes Magazine are feminists, and it seems that feminism (or at least lack of resistance to the same) is a virtual prerequisite for women, not to mention men, in positions of power, but I'd go so far as to say that most women *do not* self-identify as feminists.

The feminist party, if we may call it such, probably claims only about 20% of America's women, and the hard core likely little more than 2-3% of all women. In fact, the predominance of lesbians, who comprise roughly 2% of America's female population, at the highest levels of feminism suggests that true radical feminists are a small group indeed. However, this small group wields enormously disproportionate power in media and politics, and much of that power is due to the willingness of men like Steve Forbes to support and foster its members with jobs and cold, hard cash.

Forbes Magazine is probably shooting itself in the foot by betting that the future will be dominated by this tiny group of power-hungry women. Perhaps, because Steve Forbes has five daughters, he sees them as the future corporate masters of the United States, but I doubt it will play out like that. Forbes has always been favored by conservative men, and these kinds of attacks on its core readership are bound to eventually sink the ship.

The sooner the better, as far as I'm concerned.

Channeling Socrates

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Although it sounds arrogant, I would describe the Manosphere, at least when not invaded by Trolls, as Socratic.

What does that mean?

First, we are Social Gadflys. Wikipedia:

> "Gadfly" is a term for people who upset the status quo by posing upsetting or novel questions, or just being an irritant.

Since the status quo is a Pedestalization Epidemic, the Manosphere opposes it by questioning it and upsetting is a given when people don't agree with something, the concept applies.

Second, although unintended, when males discuss, we apply the Socratic Method:

> …is a form of inquiry and debate between individuals with opposing viewpoints based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to illuminate ideas. It is a dialectical method, often involving an oppositional discussion in which the defense of one point of view is pitted against the defense of another; one participant may lead another to contradict him in some way, strengthening the inquirer's own point.

Ok, let's make that blurb clear:

- One side present his argument.
- The other side presents a counter-argument, pointing out flaws in the logic of the first one.
- Both sides go back and forth, until one debater cannot logically defend his argument.

As it is a discussion method based on logic, and men are naturally inclined to logic, we attempt to use at least a rough approximation of the Socratic Method in all discussions. The young men of Athenas also favored it, after all.

But, that method simply falls flat against the enemies we fight, namely Feminists and Manginas. When we win the argument, which happens quite a lot, what they do?

Dodging and/or Shaming Tactics.

Sure, we win the audience, but we cannot convince the opposite side; we cannot change their behavior. We fight against weak debaters, but strong manipulators. And, here's the crux of the matter:

HUMAN BEINGS FEAR BEING WRONG.

Let's take a hypothetical example:

Imagine for a second that we are wrong. That women ARE the innocent angels that they claim to be instead of flawed human beings like all of us, that we as males are the evil beings that try to destoy their innocence, that we should be grateful when they finally stop screwing jerks and notice the true love that was in front of them and give themselves to it. Oh, and that it isn't for pity.

Scary isn't?

Don't worry, in that example women are desirable up to their 40's. LOL.

Feminazis and Manginas simply cannot admit that they are wrong. Their political beliefs are not only the base of their self-steem (really pathetic *per se*), they are also their main source of credibility and a major source of income. The Athenian wise men, poets, statemen, artisans, couldn't admit their own ignorance not only because they lacked humilty, also because they had a **major emotional and economic investment** in their belief that they possessed wisdom. Socrates, in the other hand, could freely say: I know that I know nothing.

Which ironicaly, just as the Oracle of Delphi said, made him the wiser.

This is why attempting to use logic against Feminazis and Manginas is useless, they simply cannot admit that they are wrong because they depend too much on their emotions and their lies-selling business to do so. We are speaking of people who try to use their emotions as logical arguments. As an example, let's see the common "I'm Offended."

> To cause displeasure, anger, resentment, or wounded feelings in.

Those are emotions — they should not be accepted as arguments in a logical discussion. The problem is that we are up against people both unfit for and without any desire for a logical discussion. So, by inserting emotions in the mix, they try to make us fight in their terms. Note that an emotional argument is usually covered with a heavy dose of nonsense.

Finally, as they stop contributing to the discussion and only spout nonsense, they are met with the banhammer, and they are removed from the discussion. A predictable result, but it simply proves that they are not to be convinced.

That cycle repeats itself over and over again; all that changes are the names and the writing styles. Whatever is OK, depends. If we were fighing for complete annihilation of the enemy, it would require several underhanded measures and a serious investment of money and time far beyond the scope of this magazine.

Fortunately, there is another way, which can be followed by all. The way of resilience. We don't fight to win, we fight to avoid losing. The individual approach of cutting all influence of Feminism and Cultural Marxism from our individual lives works perfectly with this style. We are watching how the truth is reaching the mainstream, both favorably and not.

This decade will mark history and our society way beyond the stagnation of the past one.

Also, if you aren't going to have children, write a novel or articles, teach others — do whatever it takes, because we are mortal beings, and for our ideals to outlast Feminism in the decades, centuries to come, they need to outlast us.

The teachings of Socrates lasted from the time before Christ until now. Is it impossible that ours might last as well?

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Professor Tiger Schools Bratty DC Blogger

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In a recent debate on CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation), Lionel Tiger calmly and rationally explained why male studies is needed, outlining the problems boys and men are having in school and society. Amanda Hess, sounding like a 12-year-old girl, piped in to denounce the idea. According to Amanda, Dr. Tiger's interpretation of "what it means to be a man" is "narrow." Amanda further says that it is feminism that will solve boys' problems, and that the current "men's studies," which she admits is a feminist construct, is adequate.

Amanda was clearly outclassed. She sounded like a clueless, sophomoric twit, and when, late in the interview, she tried to use some of the worn out old feminist tropes, such as "you want to take us back to the past" and "you're against birth control," Dr. Tiger shut her down immediately with a properly executed verbal spanking, saying she hadn't read his work and had no idea what she was talking about. Knowing she had been soundly beaten, Amanda conceded that male studies was a legitimate discipline, but said that the professors ought to to talk things over with women's studies professors. To conclude the interview, Dr. Tiger responded, saying that wasn't on the table.

Despite all of Amanda's braggadocio and her flippant, sarcastic dismissal of male studies on her blog, she sounded very small and meek in the presence of a greater mind. I've never seen Ms. Hess in person, and I know this shouldn't matter, but her high-pitched voice and Valley Girl intonation (like, umm…) gave me the impression that she is five feet even at best.

Listening to the interview should give men the proper perspective on feminism: when it isn't backed up by money and men with guns, it falls flat on its face.

Let's wish the best to Dr. Tiger, and feel free to add your comments to CBC's blog; if you wish, offer your condolences to Amanda for losing so badly.

Top “Men’s Studies” Authority is a Tranny

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If there’s anything that underscores the need for a new academic discipline devoted to the study of men and masculinity, it is that Australian academic Raewyn Connell (formerly known as “Bob Connell”), author of several of the most popular men’s studies texts, has had himself entirely castrated. Paul Elam brought this to my attention in the comments, and although I shouldn’t have been surprised the news still gave me a good laugh (for a full treatment of the subject, see Paul’s article on his blog).

“Raewyn” Connell has authored a book called *Masculinities*, which argues that masculinity is a social construct, and that there are actually many different forms of masculinity, which are constructed to oppress women, etc.

Here’s part of the product description on Amazon:

Just an ordinary day in Bob's class

> This is an exciting new edition of R. W. Connell’s ground-breaking text, which has become a classic work on the nature and construction of masculine identity. Connell argues that there is not one masculinity, but many different masculinities, each associated with different positions of power.

I doubt many of our readers would want to read the book, which is likely filled with nauseating feminist argot, but it should be noted that thousands of young men are forced to wade through this garbage in college.

Interestingly, some months ago *The Spearhead* was denounced by an anonymous Australian academic blogger who runs the “Critical Masculinities” blog. I don’t know who runs the blog, but I suspect it is one of Raewyn’s acolytes. The denunciation focused on two websites dealing with men’s issues, including the “Art of Manliness” blog and *The Spearhead*. While the author approved of *The Art of Manliness*, he (she, or it) had this to say about *The Spearhead*:

> The Spearhead on the other hand, does not attempt to rectify the perceived ‘problems’ through meaningful self change, preferring to espouse an easier message of opposition to all who have done them wrong, with feminists and women uppermost on that list. I am finding it difficult to come up with any more cogent analysis of that site, because it is making me so angry. So I will stop.

Personally, I consider it an honor to be denounced by avowed feminists, so I was quite pleased to

know that our content enraged this particular feminist. Additionally, if “meaningful self change” includes castration (as it did for Bob Connell), I think I’ll take a pass on that suggestion.

Postfeminism

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I came across a blog written by a woman who calls herself a postfeminist (among other things), and is apparently hated by feminists despite the fact that she seems to deal with similar issues and themes. This woman, Susannah Breslin, strikes me as someone who is genuinely curious about the world, and is looking for truth in her own way. Breslin has written extensively about the porn industry and contemporary American sexuality, publishing some very revealing stuff, such as her "Letters from Working Girls" and "Letters from Johns" series on prostitution.

I came across Breslin while researching the concept of "triggers," because *The Spearhead* has been accused of "triggering" on many occasions, and I thought finding out what triggers feminists might be revealing. Evidently, Susannah Breslin does, and that alone sparked my interest.

What is it about Breslin that causes mutual dislike between her and feminists? My take on it is that she's a radically honest person. She has the artist's tendency to bring out the substance of a subject, including the stuff that is usually hidden out of some social consideration, and feminism is dedicated to perpetuating a massive fraud. She threatens their facade of lies, and it sends them over the edge. Kind of reminds me of Roissy, I guess.

I'd suggest readers take a look at Susannah's work. As far as I can tell, she's an example of one of those rare women with a true hunger for truth and knowledge — the type who cuts through the pretty lies and reveals the beating heart of humanity. In the process, she manages to retain her own humanity. Impressive.

True Activism

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I've written many times that The Spearhead isn't an MRA site. My first post dealing with that spelled it out fairly clearly, but I guess I ought to further elaborate my stance.

Writing is not true activism. Ideas are important, and opinion can have a huge influence, but it isn't the same as actually going somewhere in person and getting the job done. If I called myself an MRA, I'd be a liar, and insulting those who really are. There are men who go down to legislatures and lobby for laws to uphold the rights of fathers, divorced men, male students and the like, and there are men who actually carry out physical street protests and confront legislators and politicians in person. These are true activists.

Along these lines, much, much more could be done. Firepower, who until fairly recently was a frequent commenter, made this point often. He was right. Activism is not writing articles on the Internet or commenting on forums. It requires getting close and personal. It is political in the old sense of the word. You actually have to go out there and get to know people in person, and sometimes you have to confront them.

The knowledge that one can find on the internet is supplemental to activism, but it is just boot camp — not real battle. And if you think about it, boot camp would be totally counterproductive if soldiers stayed there throughout the war and never joined the true fight. So in a sense there is the danger that people simply get wrapped up in posting online and never do anything else. This is exactly what politicians and the like would prefer, because nothing will change in that case.

So I guess I'll break my taboo about posting activism advice and make a few suggestions that I think would work well.

First, start going to state legislatures and testifying about the bias in family law procedures. Pass out information concerning the abuse of ex parte restraining orders, mandatory arrest laws, imputed income child support orders, etc. Get in front of cameras with signs. Find a spokesman to speak on TV, etc.

Next, start getting to know some of the politicians. Offer to volunteer on their campaigns if they are supportive of men's rights. Canvas neighborhoods, put up campaign signs, become a precinct committeeman, etc. Go to local party meetings, get to know your state representative, show you can deliver some votes, and they'll start to pay attention.

Finally, you can even start a local PAC, like fathers for fair courts or some such group. Recruit members and supporters and hold get togethers. Start lobbying for real bills, putting pressure on elected officials, and making presentations in legislative committees.

This stuff actually works. I know guys who did a lot of this back in the 80s and 90s, and they got some very helpful legislation passed even during the darkest days. Given what I've been through, I feel that I owe them one.

If you want to go the radical route, there are options for that as well. Whenever there is some feminist event, such as the "take back the night" rallies of the 1990s, show up with a dozen guys with signs and bullhorns and protest false rape prosecutions. I can guarantee that this will cause the feminists to go absolutely apeshit, and will entirely spoil their party. The entire event will become focused on the issue of false rape accusations, and just a few guys can steal the spotlight. In these situations, be

prepared for some minor physical confrontation, and be prepared to get no help from the police.

Although it is a lot more difficult to confront people to their face than it is to do so from the anonymity of the internet, the payoff is much bigger. It really ruffles people when you tell them off in person. They never expect it, and most will be shaken by the experience. Of course, you have to be the kind of guy who can handle being denounced by a screaming crowd, and I can tell you from experience that that is kind of intimidating. But it is a thrill nonetheless, and people will secretly admire those who can pull it off.

Also, campus protests could be very effective, and could be pulled off with only a couple dedicated guys. Maybe one man could have a significant effect on a college campus. Crash vagina monologues presentations, call out the professors on their feminism and anti-male bias, and don't back down when they make threats. There's a good chance there will be punishments, such as being graded down in certain classes (who cares), but as a student one can file complaints about this and it won't look good on a teacher's record.

At my local university, they'd do a campus sexual violence thing every now and then, saying that so many men and women are raped/abused, and they'd plant red flags in the grass for women, and white ones for men. Of course, they used their own numbers, so there would be a sea of red flags and only a few white ones. Why not do something for war dead? Plant red flags for dead men, and white ones for dead women. The disparity will be obvious, and will enrage feminists. You coud go on and on. Do occupational deaths. Again, men would outnumber women by an order of magnitude. Just use their own tactics to prove your point.

There is so much that can be done, and much could be accomplished with relatively few people, but unfortunately we don't appear to have many takers. The internet has been a great thing for getting the word out, but if we're honest with ourselves we'll see that it's been a hindrance as well in that it allows people to sit at home and avoid getting their hands dirty.

Honestly, I don't think anyone whose activism is limited to the internet should call themselves an MRA, so I'd have to conclude that there probably aren't more than a handful of true MRAs out there.

Crooked IOC President Championed Feminism in Sports

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Juan Antonio Samaranch, who died recently, presided over a tumultuous and corrupt period in the history of the modern Olympics, but succeeded in bringing increasing numbers of women into the Olympics. Although his tenure was marked by bribery and doping scandals, some, according to the New York Times, believe that his work promoting women overshadows the scandals.

Interestingly, the women interviewed in his obituary state that his goal was equality, but Samaranch did not create equality as much as he bolstered the segregated women-only sports, such as women's softball, women's soccer, etc. If he truly wanted to create "equality," Samaranch could have made the Olympics entirely gender neutral, allowing both men and women to compete on an even basis.

The entire concept of women's sports contradicts the notion of equality, because it suggests that women do not care to compete on even terms with men. Additionally, there is so little interest in some women's sports, such as women's ice hockey, that it is questionable whether they belong in the Olympics at all, so their status as official Olympic sports signifies privilege rather than equality.

One of the problems with feminism is that it purports to seek equality, but in practice it seeks privilege. Women's sports, with a few exceptions such as figure skating, do not generate enough interest from either spectators or participants to stand on their own, and must be subsidized by a big man (or big gorganization). Samaranch, therefore, was practicing a sort of patrimonialism, which accords perfectly with the corruption that characterized his Olympic regime.

Patrimonial governments, whether local or national, are very often characterized by widespread corruption. Examples would include Sicily, Indonesia under Suharto, and various late 20th century Latin American regimes.

In a truly free and egalitarian society, feminism would wither on the vine. Without big government and patrimonialism to give it favors and protection it wouldn't stand a chance. Feminists instinctively know that, so they will always support more government and more control over the lives of citizens.

MAN vs. "Person"

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I recently took part in a "males only" workshop at a local private high school. It was an unlikely opportunity for an advocate of traditional masculine ideals, especially given the fact that the workshop was part of this fairly liberal school's yearly "Diversity Conference." I was thankful for the chance to get across some countering viewpoints. I shared the floor with a veteran leader of men's groups, and I knew we had different aims from the get-go, but I had the first hour.

To begin, I played the guys my favorite scene from *The Outlaw Josey Wales*—the part where Wales rides up to the Comanche chief Ten Bears and bargains for peace.

> "There is iron in your words of death for all Comanche to see. And so, there is iron in your words of life. No signed paper can hold the iron. It must come from men."

There is iron in your words of death.

This is how civilization happened.

Agreements between men, backed by the threat of violence.

This is how men made this world.

That's not something the kids hear every day. And yet, it is absolutely fundamental to any realistic understanding of how the human world has always worked.

Has anyone ever been told to "act like a man," to "man up?"

All hands raised.

What were they trying to get you to do?

And they gave me gold. All of the right answers. I wrote them on the whiteboard under the heading "MAN."

Tough it out.

Be strong.

Don't be afraid.

No whining.

Don't show emotions. *Stoicism*.

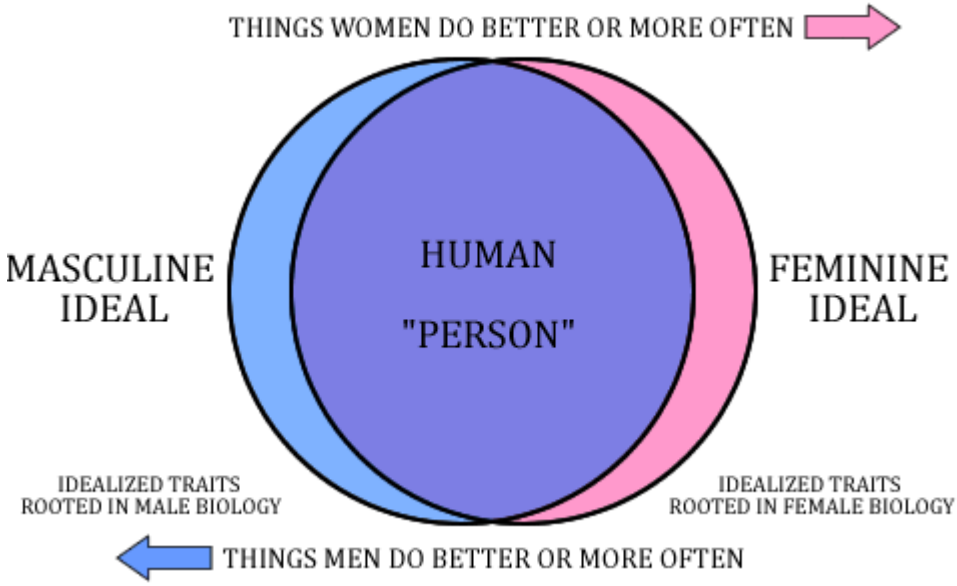
My counterpart chimed in with "Do what I want you to do."

Yeah, that's true.

I talked it out a bit and made the point that all of those things (with the exception of the last one) could be reduced to some form of STRENGTH. Strength of body, strength of will, strength of purpose.

Two circles. One for all of the things that women do and are, one for all of the things that men do and are. Substantial overlap, but as you move in either direction, you get qualities that are more often attributed to one sex or the other. The overlap is "personhood," *being human.* The edges are the

extreme masculine and the extreme feminine. And the exceptions don't disprove the general rules.



> *It's not that no woman can beat me up. But most can't. Most men are stronger than most women.*
>
> *Some women are very brave, but more men are less risk-averse. More men seek out risk and take dangerous chances.*
>
> *It's not that there aren't any men who are extremely emotional. Some men are very emotional. But most aren't. I've had 41 jobs in my life, and I've seen many "tough" female managers break into tears at work. That's just not common in men. Men get angry more often than they cry.*
>
> *The masculine ideals, the ones we listed, the ones that represent strength, are grounded in some basic facts about human nature and the differences between the sexes—at the extremes. Outside the overlap. Outside of "person." The ideal of what a man should be is something men get together and create, based on those differences, to push themselves toward the extreme. To make themselves better men.*

It probably a little more scrambled and rambling than that, but I think I got it across.

> *"Do what I want you to do."*

I was thankful for that one.

> *There are people, usually men, who will tell you to "act like a man" to manipulate you, to get what they want. But make no mistake, the people who want you to forget about being a man and just be a person—they want something, too.*

A MAN in the ideal is a terrifying creature. A man on top of his own game, pushing himself toward that ideal—a man in control of his own passions and powers—inevitably makes others envious. He makes lesser males and females feel bad about themselves because it is undeniably good to be strong and smart and courageous. It is undeniably good to be able to control your emotions effectively, to expand when others shrink, to push on when most would let up. A MAN is a legitimate threat to the agendas of other men and especially the agendas of feminists. Their efforts to "redefine masculinity in the 21st century" are not aimed at helping men reach their full potential—they want to stop men from reaching their full potential. Because a MAN is going to assert HIS will.

And a group of MEN, united by a common strength-based masculine ideal, mindful of honor, and working toward a common purpose…do yourself a favor and GET THE HELL OUT OF THEIR

WAY.

A handful of made up "phobias," political in nature, have made their way into pop consciousness to the extent that we almost believe that they're *real* "phobias." *Xenophobia. Homophobia. Trans-phobia*. I think I had some queeny kid refer to me as "sissy-phobic," once. So many of these "phobias" are, like the words "racist" and "sexist," merely tools used by master-debaters to stop debates by shifting to a sly *ad hominem* disguised as a diagnosis.

Xenophobia is the translation of potentially legitimate concerns about the effects of foreign interests and foreign cultures on domestic or local interests and cultures into a mental illness. The repression of *xenophobia* serves the interests of economic globalists. *Homophobia* is really a bundle of rational and superstitious concerns about the affect of open expressions of homosexuality on the family unity, all mixed up with powerful male emotional responses related to the fear of emasculation. *Transphobia* is a valid fear of letting the lunatics run the asylum, as well as collective emasculation via the dissolution of gender roles. *Racist* is used to place one race on higher moral ground than another. *Sexist* is used to further the interests of women at the expense of the interests of men.

A "phobia" at least as legitimate as any of these might be called "alpha-phobia" or maybe "androphobia." Or something like that. People—especially women and feminists—are really afraid of MEN.

And they should be.

MEN, unlike trannies and queers for the most part, represent a *legitimate physical threat* to their interests. It is rational for those who wish to further the interests of feminists, and gays and the transgendered—as well as multi-culturalists and globalists if you think about it—to maintain an intense and persistent fear of MEN.

This is why our gender-neutral, self-esteem oriented, globalist culture wants MEN to think of themselves merely as "persons." It has *nothing* to do with what is in the best interest of MEN, as individuals.

A "person" is a *fucking housepet*.

A MAN is a threat.

And men are starting to realize that. They're starting to get a sense that they're being *played*.

Even young men.

I didn't have to prod these kids at all—they signed up for the workshop because they had a list of grievances ready. One guy volunteered that he felt like "everything seemed like it was about what women wanted and what women needed." Another said that he felt like whenever males do something well, it is "taken for granted," but whenever females do something well, everyone wants to make a big deal about it. Several talked about the fact that men are portrayed as bumbling idiots, and after mentioning *The Simpsons* the group started using the word "Homer" as a shorthand for this. They were aware that they still have certain advantages—privileges, to use PC lingo—but they were also aware that they face higher expectations. Because being a MAN is still *harder* than being a "person."

I finished my hour with a recording of Micheal Caine reading "If," by Rudyard Kipling. I passed out copies.

This poem, better than anything I've found or anything I could write myself, explains how to be a MAN without being an asshole.

> If you can keep your head when all about you
> Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
> If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
> But make allowance for their doubting too;
> If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
> Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
> Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
> And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
>
> If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
> If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
> If you can meet with triumph and disaster
> And treat those two imposters just the same;
> If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
> Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
> Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
> And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;
>
> If you can make one heap of all your winnings
> And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
> And lose, and start again at your beginnings
> And never breathe a word about your loss;
> If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
> To serve your turn long after they are gone,
> And so hold on when there is nothing in you
> Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";
>
> If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
> Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
> If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
> If all men count with you, but none too much;
> If you can fill the unforgiving minute
> With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
> Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
> And—which is more—you'll be a Man my son!
>
> —Rudyard Kipling

Why would you NOT want to be a MAN like that?

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Boobquake

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Last week, an Iranian cleric by the name of Hojjat ol-eslam Kazem Sediqi, blamed earthquakes in Tehran on the unrepentant and impious behavior of young people in his nation, including the immodest dress and whorish behavior of women. He also insisted provocative clothing is tempting young men and is a cause of adultery. In reaction to the clerics remarks, feminists around the globe will be flashing their boobs in protest. April 26 has been declared Boobquake and thousands of empowered grrrls have pledged to dress in their sexist attire in support of equality and the right to never be criticized or judged for wearing sleazy clothes.

While anybody who has wandered down streets in the Western world might have to wonder what is different between this day and every other one, seeing as such provocative sexual harassment attire is commonplace everywhere you go, the criticism aimed at the Boobquake founder Jen McCreight by her sisters in the feminist ranks has been rather intense. So much so that McCreigt felt it necessary to issue a clarification on her blog:

That being said, I don't think the event is completely contrary to feminist ideals. I'm asking women to wear their most "immodest" outfit that they already would wear, but to coordinate it all on the same day for the sake of the experiment. Heck, just showing an ankle would be considered immodest by some people. I don't want to force people out of their comfort zones, because I believe women have the right to choose how they want to dress. Please don't pressure women to participate if they don't want to. If men ogle, that's the fault of the men, not me for dressing how I like. If I want to a show a little cleavage or joke about my boobs, that's my prerogative.

I also hate the ideal of "big boobs are always better!" The cleavage joke was just a result of me personally having cleavage, and that being my choice of immodesty. And I thought "boobquake" just sounded funny. Really, it's not supposed to be serious activism that is going to revolutionize women's rights, but just a bit of fun juvenile humor. I'm a firm believer that when someone says something so stupid and hateful, serious discourse isn't going to accomplish anything – sometimes light-hearted mockery is worthwhile.

Against feminist ideas this is not, but against any notion of equal accountability Boobquake surely is. Why women like Miss Creighton expect to be able to dress in a way that does, indeed, push men out of their comfort zones and demand no men look at them or think of less of them is beyond my scope of understanding. Boobquake is not about raising awareness on the silly earthquake declarations by an Iranian cleric, but protesting the social censure he'd like to see placed on female sexual power and it's inappropriate use.

White Nationalism? More like White Knight Nationalism

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As I have discussed before female supremacism isn't limited to just feminism. As we know there is conservative female supremacism and Islamic female supremacism. There are a lot more than three forms of female supremacism. White Nationalism is also a form of female supremacism. White Nationalism promotes misandry by attempting to turn what would otherwise obviously be issues caused by misandry to issues of race. It seeks to keep men of different races from working together and discovering how much they have in common.

Our own Ferdinand Bardamu had a post at his personal blog recently about a dustup at AltRight among the White Nationalist crowd there that laid bare the misandry inherent in White Nationalism. As you can see from the link, White Nationalism is filled with women who except for the racial rhetoric sound like feminist, manginas, and (ironically) white knights. Let's look a few examples of the comments from the White Nationalist crowd at AltRight starting with this one:

> Mr. Locklin, I do hope that your desire for foreign women won't overshadow the white man's duty to reproduce with his own racial group.

Other than the racial rhetoric this could have been written by a conservative female supremacist white knight. Look at this one:

> To broadly insult our mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters in this manner is tasteless. Both American women and men have some changing to do, changing we can do ourselves. But you're doing what feels good for you and that's what counts for you. Paradoxically, you're the typical modern American man: empowered, sassy, sarcastic, and dedicated to gratifying yourself. You're not loyal to the nation or interested in seeing it through to a restoration. You're doing your own thang and won't take no bojive from people who are offended when you insult them.

This is nothing but garden variety anti-male shaming language. However, that doesn't beat what a White Nationalist woman has to say:

> Lock-load is an insulting cretin. As well as an utter moron. The article is loaded with errors. He shows two pictures of actresses. Lillian Gish was an American woman She had a career that spanned decades.This makes her a successful career woman – who succeeded in a business crawling with the Tribe. She would not have endured the juvenile insults of a pathetic, inadequate joke Lockloser for 2 seconds.
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> Neither would have Hedy Lamar – a woman that used her exquisite beauty to garner every type of material benefit imaginable. She was bi-sexual, and fled Nazi Germany, to serve the goalso of Die Jude, in America. Lockloser most likely would not have had enough cold hard cash to elicit her attention. Her idea of a dinner date would have included diamond bracelets, as hors d' oerves.
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> Lockboor then includes the photographs of an assortment of foul Lesbians, and Jewesses, as representative of American females. Which they are decidely not. The promotion of every sort of denegeracy, in every American institution, is the work of the Franfurt School of

> Talmudic Jewry. The horrors of a degraded American, and global, womanhood, is the work of the Jew.
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> Lockinadequete-appendage rhapsodizes about the helpfulness of foreign females, and asserts that they aren't as greedy and grasping. I suspect Lockmommy'sboy is exceptionally good at retaining his small hoard of cash, and resents the expenditure of the price of a hotdog, on a sidewalk stand, on any female – but if he thinks that foreign females are not materially obssessedm and greedier than George Soros – he's still a virgin. Asiatics are the most soulless, heartless, absolutely ammoral hardheaded gold-diggers, that have ever befouled the Earth. Impovershed Eastern European females are not far behind. I have personally witnessed the very thorough skinning of every assett, of American White males, who have sought "submissive, demure" foreign brides. I have laughed in the faces, of those men, when they bemoaned their impovershment, and legal ravagement. They got what they sought, and they got what they deserved.
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> Finally – the White Nationalist movement is always whining about the absence of females. Gee – I wonder if snarky, snot-drenched attitudes, exemplified by Locksociallyretarded, have anything to due with this problem? Sorry, fellas – it's not women that have to please you – you have to please, and lure in women.
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> Yup. It's true. My 9 year old nephew has better social skills, than do 90% of you.
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> Gee, thanks, Richard Spencer, for publishing this insulting garbage. All this article has done is PISS OFF a lot of WN females.
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> I demand an apology. And a retraction.
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> Really – I do.
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> As a White American Woman. Who talks to a lot of other White American women. Who have HAD IT with snarky, juvenile, insulting socially-cretinous WN men.

This same woman wrote another similar comment:

> Many, many of the comments reveal the precise nature of the problem – the boorishness, childishness, and social inpetitude of American males.
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> Once again, fellas – the onus is on YOU to please women. Not the other way around. Ghetto Negroes have better wooing, and flirtation skills, than so many White males. A lot of you guys are beyond pathetic. You really have nothing to offer females of any Race. A lot of you have very little money, and you are not as physically attractive as you flatter yourselves to be. To many of you – not all – but many – your attitude towards women is the most repellent aspect of your being. It's not women – it's you.

As anyone can see it's all massive amounts of misandry and shaming language with some racial rhetoric thrown in. The misandry inherent in White Nationalism goes deeper than a few comments on the internet. Where did the false rape industry start? It wasn't with feminists. The KKK (Ku Klux Klan) had their own version of the false rape industry white women would make false accusations of black men. Drop the racial terms and it's no different the the current feminist false rape industry. Take a look at what happened during the Rosewood Massacre. A woman lies about being beaten and raped and a random black man living in Rosewood gets lynched. Then a massive battle between white men and black men happened where at least several men got killed. Multiple

men died all because a woman lied about rape, but the Rosewood Massacre is not properly recognized as being part of the false rape industry because race was involved.

The misandry in White Nationalism goes even farther than just incidents like the Rosewood Massacre. The KKK had a corresponding group for women called the Women's KKK or WKKK. The WKKK is very similar to feminism both in action and language. (Read the link for documentation of the similarities.) All you have to do is drop the words white and black from WKKK language, and you end up with feminist language.

We have to remember that misandry is the central problem facing all men today. That's true regardless of what race a man is. Men of all races have a great deal in common. White Nationalism tries to hide that fact effectively acting as a vehicle for the promotion of misandry to benefit (white) women. White Nationalism and other racist ideologies are misandarist and benefit no man.

American Girls: Hookers in Training

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Some time ago, someone posted a link to Ke$hA's "Tik Tok" in the comments, introducing me to part of the contemporary youth culture that I usually ignore these days. I thought Ke$hA's homepage was rather amusing, what with the narwhal and howling dogs, but I didn't take it all that seriously. However, it seems that legions of young women do, and she has become an idol and a role model. Perhaps she isn't any worse than Madonna was during her heyday back in the 80s, which isn't saying much, but something has definitely changed.

Today, the girls have access to the internet and have been posting their own versions of Tik Tok, generally slutting it up in front of the camera in an effort to gain some attention. Their efforts have filled Youtube, and would appear to be a pervert's dream. On seeing some of the videos, and thinking of my own middle and high school experience, I thought "these girls are really asking for it." Things must have changed drastically in the 20-odd years since I was that age, because this kind of outright strumpetry wouldn't have been tolerated in pubescent girls back then.

All I can see coming from this is a wave of prostitution, because it seems that is exactly what these girls are training for.

Here are a couple of examples:

The above girl, who goes by "blondiewet," looks to be about 12.

The next one really skanks it up:

Jesus…

If anybody thinks things might get better with the arrival of the next generation, I think they may end up somewhat disappointed.

French Consider Burqa Ban

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France, which is currently home to the largest Muslim population in Western Europe, is struggling with issues of identity and what constitutes French values. French President Nicholas Sarkozy frames the debate over the veil in feminist terms, stating that the veil is "contrary to the ideals we have of a woman's dignity." From my perspective, that is an odd rationale, because it would seem that what is most contrary to women's "dignity" is the slutty attire on display in so many Western cities. In fact, opposing the veil on the basis of feminism may eventually be a failing proposition, because the hypocrisy is so blatant that eventually most people will catch on.

Of course, most people who don't like face veiling do not see women in veils as oppressed so much as offensive. Everyone in the West knows that women who don the burqa in areas not covered by Sharia are doing so out of conscious choice, despite the feminist characterization of the issue as one of helpless, oppressed women. Where I live, in liberal Seattle, I occasionally see Somali women wearing veils, usually in line at the grocery store with a fist full of food stamps. Sometimes, I see them walking along the lake pushing strollers as well. I really could care less, although I might be a bit worried if we had a real suicide bombing problem here, as the burqa could effectively hide a lare explosive belt or vest.

However, some American women, upon seeing the veiled women, have expressed anger and contempt in my presence. They are angry at the women in the veils, and see them as a sort of tribal enemy. My take on it is that Western women don't see the Muslim men or imams as so much of a threat, but rather dislike the women.

Despite the feminist slant to attempts to outlaw the veil, my bet is that some feminists will come out and support burqas as a legitimate lifestyle choice for women. Feminism is, above all, about giving women the power to do whatever they want, whether it is dressing and behaving like a cheap whore at a party full of intoxicated young men without having to worry about one of the men "touching" her, or wearing a ninja outfit in public. It really doesn't matter what it is; if a woman somewhere wants to do it, it's OK by feminism. Therefore, I don't see a burqa ban in the West as being high on the feminist list of priorities, and Sarkozy and the other white knighting politicians aren't going to get an ounce of extra support from the feminists for their misguided efforts. On the other hand, I can imagine considerable support from ordinary French women if he simply banned it on patriotic grounds. In fact, given the preponderance of female voters, one of the most effective means to garner support might be through the politicization of style.

Seattle Biotech Company Pioneers Novel Prostate Cancer Treatment

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Dendreon, a Seattle biotech company, has come out with a new drug for treating aggressive forms of prostate cancer that utilizes a patient's immune response rather than the traditional methods of surgery, radiation or chemotherapy to combat the disease. The drug, called Provenge, boosted patients' survival time some 4 months when compared to men who received standard treatment, so although it isn't a miracle cure, it does offer some benefit and solid potential.

Provenge treatment will initially be very expensive – from $50,000-$75,000 – and will likely be approved by the FDA in the near term. Dendreon's stock, already worth some $5 billion, may soar even higher if the roughly 100,000 men who develop aggressive prostate cancer per year all receive the treatment.

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Opinion in Wal-Mart Appeal

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I thought I'd host the pdf of the 9th Circuit's opinion regarding the gender bias suit against Wal-Mart for the benefit of those who might be interested. The 9th Circuit's website is pretty slow, so it's probably more convenient to download from the file from here anyway.

Here's some of the preliminary text:

> **BACKGROUND**
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> Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, brought on behalf of certain named plaintiffs and those similarly situated, asserts claims against Wal-Mart for sex discrimination under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Plaintiffs allege that women employed in Wal-Mart stores: (1) are paid less than men in comparable positions, despite having higher performance ratings and greater seniority; and (2) receive fewer—and wait longer for—promotions to in-store management positions than men. Plaintiffs contend that Wal-Mart's strong, centralized structure fosters or facilitates gender stereotyping and discrimination, that the policies and practices underlying this discriminatory treatment are consistent throughout Wal-Mart stores, and that this discrimination is common to all women who work or have worked in Wal-Mart stores.
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> Plaintiffs sought to certify a nationwide class of women who have been subjected to these allegedly discriminatory pay and promotion policies. The proposed class consists of women employed in a range of Wal-Mart positions, from part-time entry-level hourly employees to salaried managers. The class seeks injunctive and declaratory relief, back pay, and punitive damages, but not traditional "compensatory" damages. Plaintiffs proposed that the district court certify the following class pursuant to Rule 23: All women employed at any Wal-Mart domestic retail store at any time since December 26, 1998 who have been or may be subjected to Wal-Mart's challenged pay and management track promotions policies and practices.
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> After the parties had conducted extensive discovery and filed copious briefs, the district court heard oral argument. At the hearing, Wal-Mart emphasized the "historic" nature of Plaintiffs' motion, including the size of the putative class, involving women employees at Wal-Mart's 3,400 stores in 41 regions. The court acknowledged Wal-Mart's concerns but noted that, while the class size was large, the issues were not unusual.
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> The district court issued an eighty-four-page order granting in part and denying in part Plaintiffs' motion for class certification. With respect to Plaintiffs' claims for equal pay, the district court granted Plaintiffs' certification motion as to issues of alleged discrimination and all forms of requested relief. With respect to Plaintiffs' promotion claim, the court's holding was mixed. The court certified the proposed class with respect to issues of alleged discrimination (including liability for punitive damages, as well as injunctive and declaratory relief); however, the court rejected the proposed class with respect to the request for back pay, determining that data relating to the challenged promotions were not available for all class members. The court also exercised its discretion to provide for notice and an opportunity for employees to opt-out of the punitive damages portion of the class.

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Over One Million Women Set to Take Down Wal-Mart

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The notorious 9th Circuit US Court of Appeals has given the go-ahead for a gender discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart on behalf of more than a million women. The settlement could run well into the billions, which must have a battalion of attorneys salivating at the potential windfall. Originally filed by six women in San Francisco in 2001, the lawsuit has taken on gargantuan proportions. Lead attorney Brad Seligman has accused the company of discriminating against women on an ongoing basis, sweeping as many women as possible into the class action suit.

Wal-Mart spokesmen have been prostrating themselves before the feminist juggernaut, claiming that they have always given preferential treatment to female employees, but apparently there will be no mercy, as punitive damages are still on the table. Already struggling in the recession, this lawsuit could be a crippling blow to the retail giant.

If the suit is successful, it could open the doors to scores of similar class action suits brought on behalf of women against successful corporations, providing huge profits to attorneys and their female clients. In fact, it could even be seen as analogous to the lucrative field of family law, in which women – in league with their attorneys – can consume all of a man's life work in one fell blow. If this suit becomes standard practice across the US, there will be a corporate slaughter the likes of which has never yet been seen.

Unfortunately, almost all corporations have either supported or turned a blind eye to the ravages inflicted on men and children by the rise of feminism, so for those of us men who have already lived through the holocaust of feminist family law it may be difficult to sympathize with Wal-Mart. On a positive note, a lawsuit running into the billions will not pass by unnoticed by corporate titans, and we may see a new hostility to feminism emerge amongst the moneyed class.

Some Thoughts On Black Men & "Acting White"

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Today we continue our ongoing examination of one of America's most curious social animals-the Black Male. But, unlike previous posts, where we look at the matter from the perspectives of employment, or relations with law enforcement, today's post will plumb the depths of territory that in my humble view, gets short shrift in the public square.

In more recent years, the notion that one reason why Black kids haven't done as well in school and by extension in life, is a result of the idea that doing so is seen as "acting White." Virtually all eyes reading this right now are familiar with those words and the ideas they generate. Prominent Black figures from Bill Cosby to Barack Obama himself, have addressed this issue. Black scholars, like the late John Ogbu, have done detailed studies of the phenomenon. Even books have been written about it, not to mention articles and chapters of larger works.

What seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle within the midst of this debate are some clarifying questions: first of all, exactly WHO among African Americans makes such a claim? We assume and lump in "kids," but the facts on the ground as we have it from test scores and other objective measures flies in the face of this assumption — as we have learned in as many weeks, Black Women consistently outscore and just do better overall in terms of education than do Black Men. From grade school to highschool and on into college, and beyond, this is easily documented. So, it's difficult to square all of this with the notion that it is Black *kids* who hold this "acting White" view. I posit that we need to be much more precise; it is fair to say, based not only on the aforementioned evidence but other more admittedly anecdotal but nevertheless powerful measures, that it is BLACK MALES who may indeed hold these "acting White" views.

So, if we accept and start out from that premise, more questions emerge. One of them is where precisely did this idea come from? Was it always thus in American life? Or is it a relatively recent thing that has come upon us? And in any event, a much deeper question for me is, WHY do so many Brothas take this or similar views? What's the psychology involved, the rationale, the reasoning, or the emotions that drive it? Surely, people do things for a reason, no matter how seemingly nonsensical they may be to the rest of us. Up until now, I've never really heard these questions being asked; the "default" position seems to be to wag a finger at the collective face of Black Men and shout/shame them into "acting right." Needless to say, the stats don't look encouraging in that regard.

History records that the idea of Black Men thinking that to have a rich life of the mind was akin to "acting White" is a relatively new thing in American life. Nor have Black Men always done well in school either, for a number of reasons, when compared to Black Women — indeed, the historical record is that Black Women have always tended to have more formal education than Black Men, going back a century ago and beyond. But this didn't stop Black Men from wanting to learn about the world around them. In fact, a kind of self-teaching has long been a part of the Black tradition when it came to its Males, and we can point to very well known examples who were for all intents, largely self-taught: Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass, James Baldwin, Stanely Crouch, Richard Wright, and many, many others. It would be a mistake to assume that just because a Brotha did work requiring a strong back he didn't have a strong mind as well.

So, what happened? We are now in the early 21st century, and this "acting White" business has been

around in the public discourse since at least the 90s. Something took place to transform Black Men who saw learning vital to their sense of self-actualization regardless of whether they went to school or not into Black Men who are at the very least indifferent to any form of education, if not outright hostile to it.

On this score, to be sure, there will no shortage of speculation and theories flung about; many will point to the "Great Disruption" that was the 1960s and early 1970s as the cause and culprit. And in fairness, it may indeed play a role, however small or tangential. For my part, I am not entirely sure exactly what happened or precisely when, but the evidence as we have says to me that what we're dealing with isn't something chronic, but rather relatively new. And we're light years away from understanding why, which means we'll also be lightyears away from actually solving this riddle.

But I do have some thoughts to share on the matter…

After much thought on this and related questions, it occurs to me that perhaps one reason why Black Men are disengaged from education and learning, is because in so many ways, they don't see it as being worth the effort, that it is a world that for all intents and purposes is cut off from them. On this score, many Black Women are quite vociferous in their response — after all, if they were able to do it, why can't Black Men, too?

And this *is* a legitimate question, if for no other reason than the fact that very often such sentiments come from Women who face very slim pickings out on the mating market. While there are perennial murmurs about the need for Black Women to "broaden their horizons," the best evidence we have that that is happening is that for better or for worse, and for the foreseeable future, Black Women in aggregate see Black Men as their ideal mates. And because, like White Women, and indeed other groups of Women in modern American life, they too want a mate that shares many of the experiences, interests and outlooks on life that they have. For Women, such things are vastly important.

Hence the all-importance of college education, because it not only confers a middle class lifestyle and income, but is also is a kind of "finishing school credential" that Women find very appealing in a Man. Indeed, it is not at all unsual for a Women, regardless of color, to reject out of hand potential suitors who lack this credential, because it serves as a rough proxy for the aforementioned qualities. Of course, on this front, because the pickings for Black Women are so slim, every suitor rejected means there are even fewer ones left, regardless of their level of education.

In many ways, the gains Black Women have made seem to have come at an almost Faustian price — it is difficult to say today, in 2010, that Black Women on a whole haven't done quite well for themselves, but the "catch" was that their Men will not be able to share in their success.

Nevertheless many Black Women and even some Black Men will essentially tell Black Men to "get over it," but aside from this strategy clearly not working, the other part that they overlook is that again, a major reason why so many of them seem disinterested in learning and education is because they've "learned" through their own life experience and that of other Black Men they've known, that there is relatively little gain to be had from it, and often the cost put in outweighs the return on investment. At this point, if moral shaming doesn't work, we can turn to grids, graphs, studies and statistics, but what we fail to see here is that for so many Black Men, the perceptions they have override the "reality" we may be trying to advance in a misbegotten effort to change their minds. This is especially true when it comes to Black Women-we have to remember that they, like all Women, have been shown to be more willing to do what is required than are Men, in the main. And Men have

shown that when there is little to be gained in the effort of anything, they begin to vote with their feet.

Some tend to react violently to the idea that people tend to be more interested in something when they see others like themselves doing it, too (although the whole of marketing schemes and political campaigns are built on this truism, informed as it is by psychological understanding of the human mind), but somehow, we expect Black Men to suddenly be immune to this facet of behavior and just soldier on anyway, regardless of what they've seen or witnessed in the negative. Others will attempt to argue, well, look at Obama! He's made it! Or they'll bring up other high achieving Black Men. And there's something to be said for that.

Nevertheless, these are more like Black images than real flesh and blood Black Men that other Black Men see during the course of their everyday lives. Here is where sports and entertainment – most notably Hip Hop – comes into play, especially in the case of the latter. If ever there was a kind of cultural "public enemy number one" Hip Hop is it. The sheer bromides and assaults on the artform, blaming it for everything that ails Western Civilization from virtually all sides of the sociopolitical spectrum, would in some ways be construed as silly if the charges levelled against weren't so serious. After all, Hip Hop is hardly the first form of music/culture that shook up the establishment — Rock music stands as stark witness to that fact. Still, one cannot shake the feeling that Hip Hop gets extra added scrutiny, disdain and harsh critique, because of the appearance of its performers.

At any rate, while Obama is an image on the tv screen, Jay-Z is someone much closer to home that Black Men can relate to – he is from Brooklyn, NY after all – and moreover, unlike Obama, who has to bend to the wishes of a world that has at best a guarded view of Black Men, if not an outright hostile one, Jay-Z and countless other rappers have proven that not only can they have their voices heard, but make quite successful businessmen out of themselves to boot — and most importantly, to do it all *on their own terms*. For this is another very important aspect of Masculinity, that Women, and this includes Black Women, who are often seen as arguably the most independent-and that is to stand apart and define oneself as a Man. I have no studies or "proof" to back me up here; but years of observation of this phenomenon coupled with my own thinking on the matter, leads me to these conclusions. Hip Hop, whether one likes it or not, gives Black Men a chance to be heard, in their own voice, in their own idiom, in a way where they define the rules of engagement, so to speak. And to add to all this, their message resonates with Men far outside the hood: record sales consistently show that the biggest purchasers of Hip Hop for some two decades have been White suburban teen and young adult Men.

So its quite understandable why so many Black Men would look to the Hip Hop and sports worlds in the way that they do; true, not all Black Men will wind up a successful rap or sports stars. But we shouldn't look too askance at such a dream; after all, there are plenty of areas of American Life that are easily as fraught with the same odds for failure. We all know scores of well-off kids who went to the best of schools and had all manner of opportunities who washed out. The same is true for the hundreds, if not thousands, of business startups who crash and burn within the first five years. The thousands of law school and medical school grads who couldn't pass the final exams needed to get them over the finish line. The scores of hopefuls who are routinely (and often harshly) rejected from American Idol. The point is that it is somewhat foolish to berate Black Male aspirations as impractical and nonsensical, when the very nature of America is to "dream."

Ironically, given the subject matter of this post, the lyrical content, delivery (or in rap parlance, "flow") and topics of so many rappers gets short shrift in favor of the art form's cruder and more crass genres, coupled with what some consider to something endemic to Hip Hop itself, its ostensible

“misogyny.” On this score it can’t be denied that at least some rappers have some quite harsh things to say about Women, and there seems to be an entire cottage industry of young Black Women academics who “deconstruct” this and other facets of Hip Hop life and culture, often attempting to make the case for a Feminist niche within it all. Of course, what’s left out in all of the reconstruction and recriminations from all sides, is the tiny little question as to whether there is any truth to what the rappers are saying on that front. Again, in light of its sales figures and those who are among its biggest purchasers, if nothing else such facts should give one pause.

At any rate, Hip Hop has shown itself to contain a kind of mental acuity and acumen that rivals some of the best song writers, poets and writers of other eras and genres. Talib Kweli’s talking about his child being born, Mos Def’s ruminations about the Earth’s water supply, Common’s take on why Socratic questioning is so important, Chuck D’s many stylings on the state of the times for Brothas, and many, many other finely attuned rhyme spitters, kind of pours cold water on the notion that Black Men are turned off by education and learning. Perhaps it is the wrapping that it’s presented in that’s the turnoff…

In my own personal experience, I’ve found that many Black Men highly value learning, so long as it can be seen to benefit their life directly in some way. Perhaps then, the “acting White” phenomenon, is more a reaction to the notion of an “alien”-and a hostile one at that-concept that means little to no good in a Black Man’s life?

Just a thought.

In any event, it seems clear to me that we’re getting nowhere fast by pursuing the present strategy of trying to shame Black Men into “doing right.” Like the late great Aaliyah said, we need a resolution.

The thoughts presented in this post today, I humbly submit, as a step in that direction.

I’m just sayin…

Comment & reply, holla.

The Obsidian

WSJ: Kids' TV Shows Increasingly Feminized

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In a tantalizing hint that the mainstream is finally beginning to take note of the emasculation of our society, the Wall Street Journal recently published an opinion piece decrying the lack of conventionally male characters on children's television programs. Written by Jonathan Last, the editorial states that "the creators of children's television choose to present strange visions of men."

Last decries the effeminate nature of male characters on kids' shows, poking fun at a few of them:

> The men on kids' shows tend to be either aged, and hence harmless, or young, and vaguely effete. Bob, Gordon and Luis—the three bulwarks of the current cast of "Sesame Street"—are all well past Social Security age. Alan, who minds the departed Mr. Hooper's store, is right behind them. The other main male characters are a teenager (Miles) and a campy tramp (Mr. Noodle).
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> Hop over to cable and you'll find "Yo Gabba Gabba!," a show whose master of ceremonies is a skinny fellow named DJ Lance Rock. Wearing a clingy orange track suit, oversize hipster glasses and a tall, furry orange hat, he creeps and slinks around the screen carrying a giant boom box while the show's obnoxious theme song blares. He isn't exactly Clint Eastwood. Another popular show, LazyTown, features only two men—a hero, "Sportacus," and a villain, "Robbie Rotten," neither of whom would look out of place in a Village People tribute band.

Having kids of my own, I've definitely noticed the difference. Back in my day we had the Transformers, He-Man and GI Joe, not to mention Star Blazers, in which a giant battleship cruises through space (my favorite). Today, I suppose there are those turtles and the hedgehog, but it isn't quite the same.

What really has me curious about this article is that the WSJ, recently acquired by Murdoch, is making aggressive moves to establish itself as a rival to the NY Times. Could it be that Murdoch, canny businessman that he is, sees some advantage in bringing up the obvious problem of the suppression of masculinity, a subject that the politically correct Times is too afraid to take on?

Nevada Woman Gets Life for Lewd Acts With Child

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Epoxytocin found an interesting example of what goes on in America's courtrooms, forwarding it to me and suggesting that perhaps women are no longer getting a pass on account of their sex.

Due to draconian sentencing guidelines meant to punish men, a Nevada woman received a life sentence for allowing a 13-year-old boy to fondle her breasts. Although eligible for parole in ten years, the woman's life is essentially destroyed. In the video of the sentencing, her female attorney breaks down in tears at the "injustice" done to her client. Certainly, it is harsh, but what this woman is facing is reality for American men. Nobody would shed any tears if a man were to receive the same sentence for having a girl that young touch him sexually. In fact, this happens to men all the time in the US.

Honestly, I think the sentence is excessive, and the judge appears to have the same opinion, but if women expect equality in all spheres of life, then it is necessarily just under an equalist regime.

Let the lawyer weep over the monstrosity that her sisters have helped to create, and that put her in front of a judge to make a futile statement against the brutal laws that our man-hating society put in place.

We Are All Fascists Now

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"Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power" – Benito Mussolini

Ron Paul's latest article at LewRockwell.com gets even more specific in it's definition:

> *Socialism is a system where the government directly owns and manages businesses. Corporatism is a system where businesses are nominally in private hands, but are in fact controlled by the government. In a corporatist state, government officials often act in collusion with their favored business interests to design polices that give those interests a monopoly position, to the detriment of both competitors and consumers.*

Paul's article goes into detail about how Conservatives and opponents to ObamaCare are actually doing their cause harm by calling ObamaCare "socialist" or opposing Obama's agenda on the grounds that it is based on "socialism."

> *When he is a called a socialist, the President and his defenders can easily deflect that charge by pointing out that the historical meaning of socialism is government ownership of industry; under the President's policies, industry remains in nominally private hands.*

The key word here is *nominally*, which is why Paul is advocating that Obama's agenda be correctly called Corporatist.

> *This also promotes the understanding that though the current system may not be pure socialism, neither is it free-market since government controls the private sector through taxes, regulations, and subsidies, and has done so for decades.*

While Paul discusses this in the context of how the ObamaCare is essentially a corporatist act granting a Government enforced cartel to the insurance and pharmaceutical industries…there is another bill pending before congress that has just as far reaching consequences as health care.

The Fascists are going after our food supply.

Just who are these fascists? The *nominally* private corporations like Cargill, ConAgra, Kraft, Monsanto et al. And who are their Government partners in this fascist takeover attempt? The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Services (FSIS).

Why yes…the same folks that brought us the wondrous food pyramid, are now ostensibly going to protect us all from contaminated meat.

The bill is
H.R. 2749: Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009.

A website dedicated to saving small, family farms in the face of the agribusiness corporate fascists, called Farm Wars, discusses the implications of this bill in an article entitled History, HACCP and the Food Safety Con Job:

> *Vested interest groups have orchestrated a legislative lullaby to hush the public's growing unease with the safety of its food supply. Their enablers in the mainstream corporate*

> *controlled media amplify a chorus of government officials and non-governmental organizations admonishing that the public must be confident that the food it buys is safe. But having confidence our food is safe is not the same as having food that is safe and wholesome to eat.*
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> *The American public has a great and unmet need to understand the true impacts (that is, the predictable consequences) of the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009, before the Senates passes its version of this dangerous bill. The US Congress has a long, tragic history of passing legislation that promotes the industrialization of our food supply, effectively implementing the wishes — both stated and unstated — of agribusiness, and it's about to do it again.*
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> *Using the pretext of food safety, those behind the Food Safety Enhancement Act seek to institute changes the American public would not condone if it understood what is at stake. The country is being duped into believing that the pseudo-scientific measures prescribed by the bill will prevent new outbreaks of food-borne illnesses when in reality FSEA will usher in a number of undesirable outcomes, none of which do a thing to improve food safety. On the contrary, these measures will permit large processors to become an essentially unregulated segment of the industry by privatizing the inspection process, and — at the same time — the new regulations will constitute a cost-prohibitive barrier for small players to remain in business, making them easy targets for indiscriminant enforcement and greater market consolidation.*

The cost-prohibitive barrier is precisely the objective!

Another site also involved in the same fight, offered more details on some of the bill's provisions.

From FairFoodFight.org:

> *Expanding an existing program, the FSIS wants to shore up food safety requirements by fully implementing and enforcing its 14 year old HACCP program. What is HACCP? From Wikipedia:*
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> > *"HACCP is used in the food industry to identify potential food safety hazards, so that key actions, known as Critical Control Points (CCPs) can be taken to reduce or eliminate the risk of the hazards being realized."*
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> *This is a good idea, right? A HACCP plan describes the places in a meat processing plant or a butcher shop where food could be contaminated, and it describes what daily and hourly routine steps are taken to prevent that from happening. Cleanings, pathogen tests, pH tests, temperatures, water activity, and other food safety practices are documented by workers and managers to insure that the HACCP plan is being followed. Poultry, eggs, seafood, and juice all require HACCP programs. (Most other FDA products do not.)*
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> *HACCP went into effect over a decade ago, but one aspect that was never fully realized was "Verification," that is, proving that a business is following its own HACCP plan, and that's part of what these new FSIS regulations address. The new approach to Verification seeks to "verify" that meat processors are testing for pathogens (among other food safety practices) and documenting those tests in order to prove that their HACCP plan is working.*
>
> *THE PROBLEM*

> *Local butchers and small meat operations are going to get steamrolled by these requirements.*
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> *As just one example, small meat processors will need to collect microbial data for at least one product from each HACCP category that they process (beef, pork, chicken, lamb, etc), under the new Validation program. These products can be grouped (chicken breasts, chicken thighs, chicken sausage), but the similarities and differences in species, process, product public health risk, and food safety hazards might require further testing. If your butcher's meats vary even slightly (various sausages can be significantly different in how they're made from one recipe to another), they may be required to "verify" all their products in each and every category.*
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> *This is exasperating and frightening to many meat shops and small- to medium-sized processors. Even small operations offer a wide variety of foods, after all (think about all the cuts and various types of meat you see in your local butcher shop or at a farmers market). But these tests are expensive, so the more cuts and varieties of meats that an operation offers, the more it will cost that butcher to keep selling those various cuts. The obvious solution won't be to invest more money for further testing, but to raise prices, reduce the variety of their product mix, and offer only what sells very well.*
>
> *Or close up shop.*

Ding ding ding ding! We have a winner!

That is precisely the point of this type of legislation! This is how competitors are regularly driven out of business by special interest groups enlisting the Government bureaucracy to grant them a market cartel.

Joel Salatin, owner of PolyFace Farms, also wrote about the way in which government regulation favors the giant, industrial agriculture corporations versus the small operation farmer, in an article entitled Everything I Want to Do is Illegal:

> *Everything I want to do is illegal. As if a highly bureaucratic regulatory system was not already in place, 9/11 fueled renewed acceleration to eliminate freedom from the countryside. Every time a letter arrives in the mail from a federal or state agriculture department my heart jumps like I just got sent to the principal's office.*
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> *And it doesn't stop with agriculture bureaucrats. It includes all sorts of government agencies, from zoning, to taxing, to food inspectors. These agencies are the ultimate extension of a disconnected, Greco-Roman, Western, egocentric, compartmentalized, reductionist, fragmented, linear thought process.*
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> *ON-FARM PROCESSING*
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> *I want to dress my beef and pork on the farm where I've coddled and raised it. But zoning laws prohibit slaughterhouses on agricultural land. For crying out loud, what makes more holistic sense than to put abattoirs where the animals are? But no, in the wisdom of Western disconnected thinking, abattoirs are massive centralized facilities visited daily by a steady stream of tractor trailers and illegal alien workers.*
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> *But what about dressing a couple of animals a year in the backyard? How can that be compared to a ConAgra or Tyson facility? In the eyes of the government, the two are one and the same. Every T-bone steak has to be wrapped in a half-million dollar facility so that*

> *it can be sold to your neighbor. The fact that I can do it on my own farm more cleanly, more responsibly, more humanely, more efficiently, and in a more environmentally friendly manner doesn't matter to the government agents who walk around with big badges on their jackets and wheelbarrow-sized regulations tucked under their arms.*

Sure is hard trying to compete with the factory farming corporations here in the land of the fee and the home of the debt-slave, eh?

> *Our whole culture suffers from an industrial food system that has made every part disconnected from the rest. Smelly and dirty farms are supposed to be in one place, away from people, who snuggle smugly in their cul-de-sacs and have not a clue about the out-of-sight-out-of-mind atrocities being committed to their dinner before it arrives in microwaveable, four-color-labeled, plastic packaging. Industrial abattoirs need to be located in a not-in-my-backyard place to sequester noxious odors and sights. Finally, the retail store must be located in a commercial district surrounded by lots of pavement, handicapped access, public toilets and whatever else must be required to get food to people.*
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> *The notion that animals can be raised, processed, packaged, and sold in a model that offends neither our eyes nor noses cannot even register on the average bureaucrat's radar screen — or, more importantly, on the radar of the average consumer advocacy organization. Besides, all these single-use megalithic structures are good for the gross domestic product. Anything else is illegal.*

Never forget the way enforcement works too.

Big Ag corporations who violate the food safety codes that result in recalls, outbreaks of listeria or e. coli, that make consumers sick and even die?

They simply pay large fines to the Government.

Just another cost for doing business…the same fines that literally bankrupt smaller farms.

We the sheeple are caught in a fascist pincer. We get sick and malnourished from our fascist food supply, and we must than seek treatment from our soon to be enacted fascist health care system.

DUCE!

CNN: Women Increasingly Crude, Raunchy, Drunk

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A clueless CNN video that features commentary from Jaclyn Friedman questions whether women are going too far in their drunken debauchery. Of course, the concern is that "rapists use alcohol to facilitate sexual assault," despite the fact that all women portrayed seem to be fairly predatory themselves. Interestingly, a girl interviewed for the piece says that women are doing this to "challenge" men, suggesting that this behavior, like all feminism, is simply another one of the endless string of shit tests American women inflict on their men.

Feminists and Alpha Males vs. Civilization

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One of the big puzzles of feminism is how it ever got off the ground at all. Men run the world and always have; men are smarter, stronger, and more aggressive than women; feminists could never have gotten anything they wanted if men hadn't permitted them to have it. So why did men give up their position of power?

This is only partly answered by the inventions and discoveries (made by men) that made female independence remotely possible. Birth control methods were unreliable until a few decades ago, when scientific advances by men improved them. Before a man discovered penicillin, sexual experimentation could lead to horrific incurable diseases; the well-founded terror of syphilis, not "men's need to control women's sexuality", was what used to keep the unmarried chaste. And before the many machines men invented, a lot of work required more musclepower than women have; their engaging in it was impossible before men made it easier. Not to mention that men's labor-saving inventions created enough prosperity to create more jobs that were not back-breaking manual labor. I would have a great deal more respect for feminists if any of them ever thanked men for these gifts which have made all of their current privileges possible.

The reason men allowed feminism to progress is that alpha males are not harmed by feminism, and it is alpha males who have the power to grant women the privileges of feminism.

In fact, alpha males often benefit from feminism. If women have contraception and can sleep around without censure, this means the alpha males have harems who don't whelp children he will then have to support. If women have disposable income of their own, they can and will buy piles of junk from companies owned and headed by alpha males. If women are permitted to vote, they will vote for the alpha males who 1) make them tingle and 2) promise to steal lots of stuff from the beta males and give it to them. This is what motivated alpha males in government to allow such atrocities as default mother custody, alimony, ludicrous "domestic abuse" laws, and sex discrimination lawsuits. Really, women were only given the vote because alpha males in government knew that they would win the next election or two based on the gratitude of the females they enfranchised, i.e. women would vote for the men who gave them the vote. That another decade down the road they would have to find more bread and circuses to trade for votes, and that allowing the irrational sex to vote would progressively damage the country over the years, did not concern them; politicians do not take a long view of consequences, they care only about winning the next election. In the next couple of decades we will see politicians extending the vote to twelve-year-olds so that said twelve-year-olds will vote for them.

PUA websites frequently conflate the terms "beta male" and "omega male" (or "mangina"). This is a grave error. A mangina is a doormat. A beta male is not the dominant stud who can melt a woman's panties off with a glance, but he is far from a doormat. Furthermore, beta males are the foundation of civilization.

Really, civilization could get along without alpha males if we were not hierarchical creatures; psychologically, we need to have a figurehead playing the part of leader, even if their role is ceremonial, which it often is. The fact is that beta males not only do most of the work, they make most of the discoveries and advances. Alpha males don't do this because they're too busy convincing

everyone around them that they are alphas. Most of the time, the only useful functions alpha males serve is to hold the ceremonial place of "leader" and to make ginas tingle.

Polygyny and female hypergamy is the natural human social system. Women will claim that they want a man all to themselves, but what they want is the wealthy handsome playboy from the Harlequin romances to stop playing the field and commit to them exclusively. When he won't, which is almost always, women will and do settle for sharing one alpha male with several other women. On a personal level, this is more in their interest; an odalisque in a harem with two dozen other women will be better provided for than a peasant's only wife, and so will her children.

It is an irony much remarked on by PUAs that the "sexual liberation" of women has lead to a harem system: "Women want the top man…so the top man fucks lots of women. That's right – the sexual revolution, feminism, etc has resulted in a return to harems. Women, at the mercy of their own emotions, are volunteering for the modern-day equivalent of harems."

But while the sluts and alphas are having fun, this is not a good system. Polygamous societies are notoriously politically unstable. They are prone to civil wars. Further, they tend to have high levels of poverty and crime and very little scientific advance or artistic achievement.

> The most that any government (authoritarian or otherwise) can do to control the behavior of its citizens is to threaten them with death. From an evolutionary psychological perspective, as Rubin himself (2002, 120–21) recognizes, the threat of death does not carry much weight for young men in highly polygynous societies faced with the distinct possibility of total reproductive failure because of a lack of reproductive opportunities. From the perspective of the genes, total reproductive failure—not leaving any offspring—is death. Thus, for the same reasons that polygyny (and a consequent lack of reproductive opportunities) inclines men to murder, rape and assault, despite the distinct possibility of state criminal penalty, the same desperate situation can lead them to wage civil wars for potential reproductive opportunities (Kanazawa 2007). There is very little the state can do to control the behavior of young men in polygynous societies even with the threat of death.

Evolutionary Psychological Foundations of Civil Wars by Satoshi Kanazawa

Why? Well, because of their treatment of the people who make both social stability and cultural advance possible: beta males. As Roger Devlin pointed out, "No one has ever discovered a better way of employing [young men's] time and energies than by making fathers of them." With children of their own to raise and provide for – or at least the reasonable hope of such – young men will educate themselves, work hard, and submit to mind-blowingly dreary jobs instead of robbing, rioting, and raping. (Note that those three activities are common pastimes of young Muslim men, the ones always referred to by left-wing journalists as "youths".)

By denying the majority of males any stake in civilization, any incentive for good behavior, feminists and alpha males are conspiring to create a world in which violent crime is commonplace and scientific advance is doomed.

Note: For some pro-beta material, check out these links:
The Roissysphere and its moral and intellectual objectives: a proposed manifesto

The Beta Revolution

The Alpha Male, the Beta, and Pitcairn Island, or Watch Your Back
Why the Beta Male Exists

Women to Join Silent Service in 2011

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It has been 17 years since women began serving on US Navy surface warships, but until now submariners have remained entirely male. However, change is coming, as women are expected to begin serving on submarines by late 2011.

Not all submariners are thrilled about the idea. Rear Admiral Barry Bruner, Commander of Submarine Group 10, has been posting updates concerning the issue on his blog, inviting comments from current or former submariners. Bruner supports the change (that's his job), but the comments on his blog indicate that quite a few have serious reservations about the idea.

Writes Karl Newman:

> I've been underway on a SSN for extended periods with women and have observed first hand all the screwing around that goes on onboard mixed-gender surface ships. This plan to put women on the boats is a train wreck waiting to happen.
>
> Karl Newman
> SSN 688, SSBN 657 (B), SSN 751, CSG-10 staff, CSS-20 staff

Joseph Shook:

> 1. Wives of submariners will not accept this situation…this will greatly reduce the number of those skilled, married men who now serve!
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> 2. Submariners themselves…they respect women and accept, like myself, their ability to do many, if not most, Navy jobs with great skill, dedication and efficiency. It's just that it is not a proper nor conducive environment in which to combine the sexes…much like SEAL training. Extensive and expensive, plus time consuming, modifications will need to be made on those boats now operable and the submarine service and Navy cannot afford any of this. They are going to be hard pressed to maintain operational commitments as it is.
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> 3. There have been two recent events, USS Truxtun, DDG-103, where the Commanding Officer, a married man, father of two and carreer officer, was just relieved for fraternizing with a junior female officer from his ship, and aboard the USS Cowpens, CG-63, where yet another career Navy officer and the Commanding Officer, this time a woman, Capt. Holly Graf, misused and possibly hazarded her vessel by "drag racing" with another Navy ship. These both sadly indicate how human we are, and intensify, I feel, how, where conditions are even more acute and living quarters closer and more confined, people should not be subjected to any more pressure than already exists. It won't work and I know from contact with a large number of submarine veterans and current sailors and officers, over 99% do not wish to see it happen, all knowing it will not work as envisioned by whatever idiots have thought it up.
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> Joseph Shook, President & Webmaster
> USS John C. Calhoun Veterans Association
> Life Member, USSVI, Bowfin and Cavalla Bases
> Board Member, Cavalla Historical Foundation
> Admiral, Texas Navy, Commissioned 1992

> Member, FRA, Branch 159

Jack Ensminger:

> It is inconceivable the powers that be in the Defense Dept do not understand nature. It doesn't matter if the women are officer or enlisted, when at sea for extended periods of time, with mixed gender, nature will take its course.
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> It is very close quarters in Submarines and a simple thing as passing in passageways will invite unwanted contact. IT WILL HAPPEN, NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE DISCIPLINE.
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> These people making the decisions need to do a 60-day patrol to understand how it works. They need to go thru Qualification. Qualifications alone will promote opportunities for mixed gender.
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> The other element I have not seen mentioned is the uprising of the wives of the married Submariners. They will give their man a choice, to sea with women or your family. If this comes to pass, I predict in a short time there will be gross disqualification of men from Submarines. And if that doesn't work, they will leave the service at EAOS.
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> And then add "Don't ask, don't tells," and the water gets muddier.
>
> JB Ensminger
> TMCS(SS) USN(RET)
> Chief of Boat
> USS Daniel Boone
> SSBN 629 (G) 1972-1973

Even some women think it's a bad idea:

> Given what is known about current non-deployment rates due to pregnancy among enlisted women as well as officers, what is the Navy's estimate of comparable non-deployment rates of female officers and enlisted women on submarines? (As the Washington Times article made clear, extensive programs to discourage Navy pregnancies have failed—rates have increased.)
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> How many mid-ocean evacuations are expected to occur on an annual basis and how will these evacuations be accomplished in remote areas; i.e., under the Polar icecap?
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> If a submarine CO is faced with the operational necessity to continue an undersea mission, despite high risks of birth defects for a newly-discovered embryonic "passenger"–what does the Navy expect the skipper to do? (Elevated carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide in the constantly recycled atmosphere are safe for adults but not for embryos in the earliest weeks of life.)
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> WRT life-threatening ectopic pregnancies, which are not statistically rare, how many women are likely to permanently lose reproductive capability due to botched undersea surgeries or worse—how many are expected to die due to hemorrhage in conditions offering no options for immediate evacuation via mid-ocean helicopter?
>
> Elaine Donnelly
> President,Center for Military Readiness

Some major issues are raised by the above commenters, including the obvious problem of jealous wives and pregnant crew members, but I didn't see anyone mention the issue of sexual harassment suits or rape accusations. If there's anywhere that these will be generated it is on a submarine — a giant metal phallus plunging through the depths. The visual symbolism alone will sensationalize any accusations (no, I'm not kidding — people really are like that).

Sailors will inevitably be dragged before courts martial for alleged rape, crews will be divided even while under polar ice, etc.

Putting women in our submarines is a purely political move supported by an administration that looks increasingly feminist with each passing day. Despite stated support at the top, sailors and veterans think it's a bad idea. Looking at the situation objectively, I would have to agree.

Misandry In The Depopulation Agenda Conspiracy Theory

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There are many different types of conspiracy theories about many subjects. However, most conspiracy theory you will encounter follows a "standard model". This "standard model" conspiracy theory usually includes some type of unified group of elites such as the NWO or the Illuminati. In many "standard model" conspiracy theories you will find demons, reptile aliens, or grey aliens really running the show. The "standard model" conspiracy theory almost always has some type of "depopulation agenda". The unified group of elites in the conspiracy theory want to reduce the population of the human race radically. Various final population numbers such as 500 million and 1.2 billion are given. The reason usually given that the unified group of elites supposedly want to eliminate that much of the human race is to better enslave the survivors.

The depopulation agenda conspiracy theory has quite a few problems. The biggest is the lack of hard evidence. The depopulation agenda is usually connected by a conspiracy theories to how feminist a society is, meaning that feminism is used to collapse fertility rates along with abortion and birth control. However, no such correlation exists. While feminized societies in the first world have seen their fertility rates collapse, this isn't limited to places where feminism is prevalent. Japan's fertility rate collapsed without feminism. Fertility rates even in the Islamic world have collapsed. For example, thirty years ago Iran's fertility rate was 9 children/woman. Now it's 1.8. Feminism has no influence in the Islamic world. Abortion and birth control aren't used there either. Yet fertility rates are collapsing in the Islamic world the same as they are in feminized countries.

Another problem is that events after a depopulation event historically do not happen the way the depopulation agenda conspiracy theory claims. The black death was an event that caused depopulation. After the black death the nobility was not able to tighten the screws on their populations. In fact the opposite happened. Wages and other compensation went up for the survivors. This is consistent with supply and demand in economics. There was a major drop in the supply of labor so compensation of the remaining laborers went up. The elites that want depopulation would run into the same problem since they can't annul the basic laws of economics.

However, all of those are side issues for us. In the future **the depopulation agenda conspiracy theory will be used as a vehicle of misandry against men**. So far it has only been used to attack feminism (and certain environmental issues). When it has been used to attack feminism, its attack has only been on aspects of feminism related to abortion and birth control. It's fits in very well with conservative female supremacism which only attacks that portion of feminism and completely avoids what is happening to men. Conservative female supremacists go as far to say that feminism actually benefits men and that women are the only "real victims" of feminism. They will say that feminism "allows" to avoid "responsibility" in creating families and having children. (Of course, this is absurd since there is no responsibility to create a family and/or have children, just to take care of the children you already have.)

Due to the misandry in churches, many men have left the churches. On top of that due to marriage 2.0, many men are part of the marriage strike. This extends into the churches as well. Divorce is just as common in the church as outside of it. That is one of the reasons for the fear that conservative female supremacist women have of not having enough children. As we have seen, conservative female supremacist women and their white knights have not fixed the divorce system or created

incentives for men to marry. Instead they use more and more shaming language. Since progressively using more and more shaming language isn't have the effect they want they will need to up their shaming language. The depopulation agenda conspiracy theory will allow them to do that.

The conservative female supremacist women and their white knights will claim that the marriage strike, men's rights, MGTOW and related ideas are all part of the depopulation agenda. Their "evidence" will be that men who have discovered these ideas aren't getting married and having children. They will try and club men over the head with the idea that we're voluntarily following the Illuminati in their depopulation agenda and that we need to man up and get married and have kids to fight the Illuminati. They will claim that the marriage strike, men's rights, and MGTOW are Illuminati ideas to continue the depopulation agenda. Whenever a man points out what a disaster marriage and many other things having to do with women have become, he will be told to "man up" because he's failing to fight the Illuminati. If a man is a victim of paternity fraud, the divorce industry, has his kids taken away etc. they will say that we all have to make sacrifices to fight the Illuminati. Since the Illuminati is a fictitious concept, conservative female supremacists can ascribe whatever motivation they like to the Illuminati which they will use to claim that any man who isn't obeying them is a tool of the Illuminati.

While many conservative female supremacist women and their white knights will use this form of absurd shaming language in the future, most of them will not completely believe it. That does not matter to us. Even though they may not believe it, they will still use it out of desperation. While this will probably happen, it probably won't be any more effective as other forms of shaming language are now. If anything it will be less effective since in addition to sounding crazy, shaming language has been becoming less and less effective over time.

Reminder: Bang Deal Ending after Sunday

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Roosh's special price for subscribers to The Spearhead newsletter will only last two more days, so anyone who wants to pick up his book at the discounted price should sign up for the newsletter soon.

If you didn't catch the original post offering the deal, you can find it here.

As mentioned before, we plan to offer subscribers access to deals on literature and other media concerning various male-oriented topics through the newsletter, so it's worth signing up for it if you enjoy reading the material found on *The Spearhead*.

Sandra Bullock Gains Accolades for Becoming Single Mother and Divorcing at the Same Time

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In the perverse world of American celebrity drama, divorce and infidelity have long been the norm. Unfortunately, the rest of America – particularly the female segment – has been following suit.

In an article in the True/Slant online media outlet writer Lisa Todorovich holds Sandra Bullock up as an example of someone who has successfully maintained a sympathetic image by simultaneously divorcing and adopting a child. It would be difficult to blame Bullock for divorcing her husband Jesse James given his infidelity, but is it really a good idea to divorce and become a single mother at the same time? This would be akin to a woman deliberately getting pregnant while she knows that she is about to split up with her husband.

Todorovich tells it below:

> …when the tattooed nightmare hit, she told People, she grabbed a bag, took baby Louis and got the hell out of Dodge, keeping out of sight while the Category 5 storm swirled around her. And it sounds like her organizational skills in planning how she'd stay out of sight are nothing short of remarkable.
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> She's reportedly filed for divorce, saying she was totally blindsided by the scandal. Jesse James has reportedly given up parental rights to little Louis, and she'll finalize the adoption as a single parent, though she'll continue to co-parent James' three kids.

It's true that Bullock had been trying to adopt a child for years, and this may simply be a case of unfortunate timing on her part, but Todorovich holds it up as a fortuitous convergence of events: dump the guy and run off to be a single mom and the world will love you! I'm pretty sure that's the lesson young women will take away from it as well.

The idea that becoming a single mother is a triumphant thing is one of the most disgusting aspects of American culture. Not only does it deny the importance of a father in raising a child, it also denies the reality that single motherhood is no walk in the park, and the huge demands it places on mothers and children are not good for children – and hence society – in the long run.

We have to accept that, as absurd as it may be, celebrities are role models for the great masses, and when they send the wrong messages to the people that admire them there will be consequences for all of us. Perhaps Bullock should declare a commitment to finding a man to participate in the raising of her adopted baby boy. If she were to do so, then she would truly be worthy of respect.

On “Whining”

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Any man who spends any amount of time writing or speaking about a real or perceived injustice will eventually be accused of “whining.”

Men are particularly susceptible to the whining charge because it is an insult to their manhood, a smear on their honor. An inveterate whiner is impotent, incompetent, dependent, helpless, childlike, lazy and not in control of his own destiny. He is a weak and colicky creature, not quite a man, unable to assert his own will, crying for attention and casting about for anyone to blame for his failures and his circumstances but himself. Men tend to loathe victim politics for this reason – to play the victim means relinquishing control. Like the twelve-stepper, he admits he is powerless. Unless this admission is sanctioned by his peers, other men will distance themselves from his act of submission to avoid “contact emasculation.”

The whining charge is “shaming language,” but sometimes men *should* be ashamed of themselves. I’d rather be ashamed of myself for failing to demonstrate a virtue that I hold in high regard than I would be regarded as “shameless.” A man who has no shame has no virtue and no conscience, or he is a liar.

But if we agree that there is such a thing as justice, even if we suspect it is somewhat subjective, then unless we believe we live in a perfectly just world, it follows that there is legitimate injustice. In a society that seems to be enamored with the notion of “social justice” one might think that any man who points out injustice or who seeks justice for others would rightly be regarded as heroic. And he usually is, unless he is pointing out perceived injustices against those who may only be regarded as the architects of injustice.

In America today, men and whites are regarded as the primary architects of injustice. White men, it is assumed, have been accorded so much privilege by birthright that any perceived injustices against them should be regarded as slights or perhaps even just correctives. Take it from the white man; he can afford it. If he complains, he’s a whiner. According to the establishment rhetoric he has so many advantages that no matter what we do to him it is his own fault if he doesn’t succeed.

How great this white man is! A Gulliver among Lilliputians…

It’s hard to deny that it is still good in some ways to be a white man. But it ain’t all it used to be. Boys today are raised in a world far, far removed from the good old boys club. Truth be told they really didn’t always have it that great anyway — the life of a white coal miner a century ago could hardly be called “privileged.” But even if, for the sake of argument, white men had always ruled the world together, free from personal sacrifice, hardship or responsibility, from the back porch of some golden country club…they clearly don’t anymore. Things are different now, legally and socially. Isn’t fair to say that this group of men might actually face some legitimate hardships or injustices? Wouldn’t any other position be blatantly racist sexism?

I’ve argued that seeking victim status and a place at the national grievance table is far from desirable.

If you’re facing some legitimate hardships or injustices, there must be an honorable way to speak about them. But, because inborn privilege in all areas will continue to be assumed whether reality-based or completely theoretical, and other groups stand to lose ground if Western Men regain it, men

will continue to be called whiners by some no matter what they say or how they say it. These sorts of accusations can more or less be ignored. Men will also call each other whiners to make themselves feel better about their own shortcomings — it's a form of chest-thumping that should be taken with a grain of salt.

However, it's worth trying to define what whining really is. Because while every man whines a little bit sometimes, no man wants to be a whiner. Where do you draw the line?

***Real* whining is infantile.**

Whining is a cry for sympathy on one's own behalf, as if from the mouth of a babe. It says, "I can't because…" and demonstrates helplessness and impotence because it takes no responsibility for changing one's own circumstances.

There are legitimate grievances in life, and there are legitimate reasons to draw attention to one's own hardships. Sometimes there really *are* powerful forces working against you, or major obstacles in your path. The difference between whining and acknowledging a problem is that the man who is acknowledging a problem also demonstrates that he is doing everything within his own power to overcome that obstacle or to make the best of the hand he's been dealt. The whiner rationalizes and blames without taking responsibility for any wrongdoing or poor judgment on his own part, and makes no sincere effort to improve his own circumstances — he cries out and expects others to make sacrifices to come to his rescue.

A matter-of-fact statement of a problem cannot be considered whining.

Unless you are asking for something. *Sympathy is something*. And *asking is begging*.

A call to arms is not whining.

If you are identifying an obstacle and trying to enlist others who face the same obstacle to work together to do something about it, you are taking responsibility for changing your circumstances. The people who created the obstacle or who benefit from it in some way may call this whining, but they are merely protecting their own interests by dismissing your concerns.

***Real* whining is self absorbed.**

Real whiners don't care that other people have problems, too. Whiners are excessively focused on their own problems. The following passage about poor men in postwar Japan from *Confessions of a Yakuza* came to mind:

> In that world, there were a few things you just never said. One was "I'm hungry"; the others were "I'm cold" and "I'm hot." As far as being hungry was concerned, they were all in the same boat, so long as it was a kind of competition to see who could bear it the longest. If any of the men standing around there complained of being hungry, he'd be treated as an outsider, a slob who didn't have the guts to stick it out. They were all barely keeping going as it was, and as for someone to talk about food would have been the last straw.

No one wants to hear your problems, especially when they are in the same boat. Commiserating is an undignified but understandable feature of human nature. One-sided whining in the company of other people who have the same (or worse!) problems is *obnoxious*.

Calling attention to the problems of others is definitely not whining.

It is impossible to whine on the behalf of someone else. Speaking up to correct real or perceived injustices is a noble gesture (or at least an attempt at one). Others may disagree with your aims, with

your opinions, with your logic, or with your assessment of the situation – but if they accuse you of whining on the behalf of someone else, they don't deserve to be taken seriously.

If you have faced injustices in the past, and overcame them, and are telling your story to elicit public support for change so that others do not have to face the same hardships, that is not really whining either.

Sometimes, altruistic statements are obviously a front for those who want to become "victim celebrities." Some people will exploit or even manufacture hardships to get attention. When that's the case, it's not as much whining so much as cynical, opportunistic and dishonorable. And usually, it's not hard to spot. Think about Oprah Winfrey and the majority of her perpetually "recovering" celebrity friends who luxuriate in their own melodramatic miseries to increase their status within a community of professional victims.

Social criticism is not whining.

Social criticism is social criticism.

In basic terms, social criticism is, "Here's some bullshit, here's why it is bullshit, and here's why I'd like to see it change to improve our society."

Whining is "Here's some bullshit that affects me and *here's why I want you to feel sorry for me and take care of me."*

It's important to be able to separate legitimate charges of whining from general self-interested bitchiness, knee-jerk reactions, and attempts to manipulate or silence debate. All charges of whining are not equally valid, and knowing when to let other people's bullshit roll off your back allows you to devote your energy to more productive pursuits.

Swedish Chick Flick Playing in US

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, a movie based on the book by dedicated Swedish Communist Stieg Larsson, is now playing in the US. Surprisingly, I haven't seen the film mentioned by any feminist bloggers, as Larsson's primary character is a hardcore Riot Grrrl type with facial piercings, tattoos, bisexual tendencies and a hefty dose of homicidal rage. According to director Niels Oplev, main character Lisbeth Salander is a "squatter, punker, hacker." Unlike most squatters and gutterpunks I've known, rather than being addled by daily infusions of malt liquor, crank and cheap Mexican heroin, she has a photographic memory and is well-versed in martial arts. She also solves crimes committed by sadistic misogynists, who are the stock bad guys in Marxist-influenced Larson's books.

In fact, the original title of the book the film is based on was "Men Who Hate Women," but some thought that might be a bit too cliché in the US, where it is the standard theme (and might as well be the title) of daytime TV shows such as Steve Wilkos. Being a feminist film, it has naturally garnered only positive reviews written by female no-names — probably because nobody else cared enough to watch the movie.

Weighing in for the NY Times, Manohla Dargis writes:

> More seductive to some, Salander is also a victim turned avenger, who, rather than taking her traumatic past out on herself in classic female style, say, by cutting, externalizes her rage. She doesn't take anything lying down, including sex and violence. She's the top dog in bed as well as in the streets, where she follows the creed that it's better to die on your feet than on your knees.

I wonder, do Swedes take this garbage seriously? Even *American* women might be embarrassed by how far comrade Larsson takes it.

Fortunately, I found another review, written for the New Yorker, that sheds a bit more critical light on the subject:

> Why can't Lisbeth, if her old laptop is broken, claim a new one, using a quaint process that the rest of us call "insurance," and thus save herself the bother of being tortured? The answer is that Oplev has not just thrills to purvey but anxieties to air. His film is an adaptation of the novel by the late Stieg Larsson, the first of a trilogy, which has sold by the wagonload around the world. Larsson was a reporter, like Blomkvist; he specialized in exposing the activities of the far right, and his fiction is concerned, to the brink of obsession, with cruelties of every stripe. The Swedish title of the book translates as "Men Who Hate Women," and Lisbeth's private history—which, unsurprisingly, was riven by familial abuse—is linked to the Vanger saga not by any causal logic but simply by a vague, insistent dread of the tyrannical.

So Larsson the Leninist has an axe to grind. How surprising…

When you scrape the cover off of a feminist mangina, it's curious how often you'll find a Bolshevik maggot squirming in the muck.

Here's the trailer:

I’m sure we’ll all be rushing out to buy tickets.

The U.N. is the World's Largest Exporter of Feminism

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In Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech's latest article, Misandry In The Depopulation Agenda Conspiracy Theory, the comment thread got off into a little tangent regarding conspiracy theory about whether or not feminism is or is not indeed a movement primarily about population control. While it is an interesting debate, one fact remains: the primary means of spreading feminist ideology around the world is through the U.N.'s NGOs.

Many assistance programs offered to impoverished third world countries are offered by the U.N. organizations like the IMF, WHO etc. with "Strings attached." Often times, these 'Strings" are feminist policy proscriptions – allowing the UN NGO's to administer birth control and/or abortion "services", before the assistance is allowed to be "given."

This has also lead to a clash of opposing ideologies – the liberal, feminist morality that is diametrically opposed to countries who's populations are still practitioners of patriarchal-based, mono-theistic religion.

Reason magazine recently posted an article about women's rights in Iran. In it, Iranian feminists protested that the ruling regime of Iran has refused to sign the UN's CEDAW:

> *The letter refers to Iranian laws that gender-equality groups say discriminate against women. These include statutes relating to such matters as divorce, child custody, education, and the ability to choose a husband.*
>
> *Women have been "arrested, beaten, and imprisoned for peacefully seeking change of such laws," the letter says. "The Iranian government will certainly use [CSW membership] to curtail the progress and advancement of women."*

Look at what the Iranian feminsts are citing when they refer to discrimination and "advancement" with regards to CEDAW: "…divorce, child custody, education, and the ability to choose a husband."

Let's review the stated purpose of CEDAW:

> *The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, is often described as an international bill of rights for women. Consisting of a preamble and 30 articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination.*

Now, granted, most rational men of the West don't support the Iranian regimes supposed enforcement of feminist oppression (the Reason article has the pictures of women being beaten and executed for their offenses), nevertheless, it's plainly obvious that the UN Feminist agenda is clearly an agenda of exporting the exact same policies the feminists have promoted in the West: abortion rights, no-fault divorce, default child custody for women.

The religious-based countries look at our popular culture, our portrayal of promiscuous women and the resulting broken homes…and they want no part of it. While many practices of vastly different cultures are barbaric when viewed through the lense of Western ideology, the UN feminists merely

highlight these sorts of abuses as the justification for exporting the ENTIRE feminist agenda to a given country or culture.

Under the guise of combating the practices of foreign cultures such as widows being burned on their husband's funeral pyres, beatings for immodesty, execution for adultery, having the misfortune of being raped resulting in "honor-killings," or female genital circumcision — which most Westerner's would agree are all barbaric and abuses of women's basic human rights — the UN feminists conflate "equality" — the right for women to abort their children at will, default child custody, the right to no-fault divorce, and all the other society-wide corrupting aims of Western feminism – with fighting all of the other barbaric cultural practices of third-world countries.

Note this pro-CEDAW political cartoon from the Women's International League For Peace and Freedom:

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Note the implications: "Ratifying the International Women's Rights Treaty will undermine Traditional Families" juxtaposed with a sign listing: "Traditional Bride Burning, Wife Stoning and Genital Mutilation."

Ahhhhh yes. Because everyone knows TRADITIONAL FAMILIES is nothing more than abuse, torture, murder and enslavement of women!

The Feminists that played a pivotal role in implementing their misandrist, patriarchy-destroying (i.e. family destroying) policies here in the West, are trying to do the same thing to the rest of the world through the U.N.

General Orders Soldiers not to Get Pregnant, Female Senators Outraged

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This is a somewhat old story, but in light of the recent controversy over the new submarine policy, it appears relevant. In December, Major General Anthony Cucolo issued an order to his soldiers to refrain from getting pregnant or impregnating other soldiers. Pregnancies have been an issue in Iraq, with a woman under Cucolo's command getting pregnant in Iraq every couple weeks, and a roughly equal number of women getting pregnant immediately before deployment and having to be sent home upon discovery of the fact. Because 1,682 women are under Cucolo's command, the pregnancy rate would work out to over 3% per year, which is significant, if not crippling.

Some of the pregnancies are a result of adultery and fraternization, both of which are crimes in the military, so the pregnancies have an effect that goes beyond the female soldier who must be sent home. Fortunately for the Army, women can be sent home individually.

However, this is relevant to the submarine issue, because if a submarine had only 10 women onboard, and the pregnancy rate was the same as it is among Cucolo's troops, a half year deployment would stand roughly a one in six chance of being interrupted by a pregnancy, meaning that for every six subs deployed, one would have to either steam home or surface to evacuate an impregnated crew member. If half of a sub's crew were female, interruption due to pregnancy would become highly probable on each mission. Imagine what that would do for national security to have multibillion dollar vessels, equipped with ballistic missiles, devoted mainly to ferrying pregnant women around the high seas.

Nevertheless, four female senators, including Barbara Boxer of California, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, wrote a letter to General Cucolo, excoriating him for the order banning pregnancies. Of course, NOW butted in as well, with President Terry O'Neill chiding Cucolo, saying "How dare any government say we're going to impose any kind of punishment on women for getting pregnant."

It is instructive to note that the women complaining about the policy aren't concerned about combat effectiveness, but rather that the policy is "demeaning" and restrictive. It certainly does raise the question of whether the United States can – or should – maintain its status as a global power when feminist concerns about the self-esteem of female soldiers take priority over matters of war at the highest levels of government.

Manhood Academy: Special Ed at Best

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Feminism is characterized by one primary and toxic element.

The women's movement failed to self police.

By valuing power over principles, and unity over legitimacy, they coalesced around malevolent elements that would ultimately define, and disgrace, their cause. Rather than remaining true to an ostensibly reasonable call for inclusion, they mutated into a bald faced grab for female centricity. They became the very sexist louts they claimed to abhor.

As a result, gender feminism is not the light of reason, but much more like a burning cross, issuing a grotesque, dystopian glow; a suitable backlight for an Orwellian nightmare.

I know, not all feminists are like this. But until the voices of those supposed "not all's" break their convenient and conspicuous silence, this is all the mention they will get, which is more than they deserve.

There is a lesson here for the men's rights movement, and one we need to observe, in my opinion, with thoughtful diligence. And as fortune would have it, we now have just that sort of opportunity.

It is a training exercise in moral housekeeping courtesy of The Manhood Academy, a website that is flying the banner of men's rights, and claims to promote advocacy for men, but actually does nothing more than hide a couple of fascist pigs beneath a thin veneer of social consciousness.

At the core of their "philosophy" is an e-book entitled *Principles 101, Feminism, Manhood and You*. The title is the most succinct thing about it. The contents are like an assortment of cut outs from internet discussions pasted together in a stereotypic fit by a tweaking meth freak. As a result it reads like a plane (a loose thesis) circling an open field in search of a landing strip (a cogent description), and runs out of fuel before even making the initial approach.

As far as I was able to extrapolate from the jumbled maze of irrelevancies, it all boils down to a few central points.

1. Men are superior to women in every way and have the right, and duty, to subjugate them- *by any means necessary*.

2. Any form of majority rule (or human decency) gets in the way of this. We need masculine dictatorship, Manhood Academy style.

3. They are willing, hoping rather, to teach other men to be just as screwed up as they are, and turn a buck in the process.

When I say they, I am referring to the sites admins, who go by the pseudonyms of Professor Plum and Dr. LeDice. In the book they support their ideas with several gems of Academy wisdom, oh hell, lets call it *his*dom for the sheer manly thrill of it. Here's Doc's and Prof's central tenets, in their words:

- Simply put, manhood is your authority- to govern the lives of others, especially women.
- Do not tolerate disorderly behavior from women. (Paul's note: "disorderly" appears to be interchangeable with "disobedient")
- Allowing women to vote is no different than allowing children to govern themselves.

And, in one of my favorite passages, the authors take a shots at Angry Harry and yours truly for apparently not being willing to dwell on the "superior strength and intelligence of males." *p. 45* Radio personality Tom Leykis takes a hit as well for distracting men from their "loss of authority" with women by saying that sitting down to pee is unmanly. *p. 46*

Hey, I don't make this stuff up. Go read for yourself if you have time to waste. Or, if you set your watch back 100 years, it may prove to be a home away from home.

Now, there are some snippets throughout the text that ring true. Nothing new, mind you, mostly the standard critique of political correctness and feminist ideology. Most of it in some form or another could be found in the comment sections of any MRM forum going back at least 15 years. But even those tidbits of accuracy are wasted. Whatever truth these morons possess is as useful as a Stradivarius to a man with no arms.

One of feminisms most successful hoodwinks was that it convinced the world that the <1% of men who are real deal sloping brow bullies are somehow representative of men in general. It is a lie I have refuted with so much regularity over the years that I had all but forgotten that some of these guys are actually out there.

And now a couple of them are waving our flag. The first two words at the top of their home page are "Men's Rights." When I read it I wanted to hurl.

One might ask why all the fuss. Why give any press to or pay any attention to a couple of rejects on the internet? The place is full of them. It is a fair question that deserves an answer.

Actually it deserves a couple of answers.

One, as messy as it can get, we do have the responsibility to do what feminists won't, e.g. pursue justice, not domination, and do so without practicing the bigotry we are fighting. That's the simple part.

Another reason is that this stuff can hurt us if we are not careful.

In a totally innocent effort to support the idea of examining the effects of feminism on men, Dr. Miles Groth, who hosted the recent Symposium on Male Studies at Wagner College, made a comment to the Manhood Academy forum in which he stated the general idea that literature that pursues that course of inquiry was suitable to be evaluated for inclusion in a male studies program.

Doc and Prof Manhood played it though, just as though Professor Groth had given them an honorary doctorate, and the next thing you know, the "endorsement" is being "exposed" over at the Daily Kosby some writer named Angry Mouse, as proof that the male studies initiative is about oppressing women.

I have had the pleasure of speaking with Dr. Groth on several occasions, and working with him on the articles he publishes at Men's News Daily. Any idea that he is interested in subjugating women would come as a complete shock to me.

In responding to the Kos article. Dr. Groth told me the following:

"The authors of *Principles 101* took my comment entirely out of context. I was simply supporting the idea that all materials addressing the effects of feminist ideology on men should be reviewed for inclusion in male studies curricula. It was not a direct endorsement of *Principles 101*, which I had not read. Upon reviewing the material in that book, I can only conclude it is promoting a misguided and now certainly dangerous perspective on boys and men."

And for the record, Dr. Groth's statement is consistent with every bit of experience I have with him.

I have to hand it to Angry Mouse over at Kos. She played a good round of gotcha, with a major assist from the faculty at Mantard School. She even blocked off quotes from the book under Groth's name, as though those specific words had been read and endorsed by him, though no such thing ever happened.

Sometimes lessons come hard, as I am sure Miles Groth just found out. I am sure he would do that one over. But I hope we are all paying attention. The men's movement is not just playing comment wars any more in obscure forums populated by opinionated spectators of a growing cultural battle. The movement is actually moving now, and where we have always been targets for condescension and ridicule, those little cap pistols will be replaced by much bigger guns. Even a totally innocent misstep like the one from Dr. Groth will be seen as a cut in which to pour salt. It will be exploited the same way we see gaffs by politicians played in the media.

Every vulnerability, real, perceived, or fabricated, will be played against us in a major league game of dirty pool that will make Kos's antics look like nothing.

Expect it. Count on it. And be prepared to draw lines.

Now would be a good time. Allow me to respectfully suggest that if you are an MRA blogger and/or activist, that you go on record about this one. If you link to them, please consider removing it. If you visit the site, please consider there are better options that don't put you in the company of the mentally unemployed.

There are enough MRA's, and the numbers are growing, that we don't have to defend every idiot that can start a website and say he's against feminism. Indeed, things are getting to the point that if we aren't careful about that, it is going to really do some damage.

Let's do what *they* didn't and what *they* won't. Let's go on the record that we stand for something greater than this lunacy. Let's take out the trash and keep our house in order.

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Reader Poll: Dealing With Manosphere Warfare

May 3, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

Over the last few months, I've received something of a crash course in online politics and how to manage them on a website/forum. I can't say I'm an expert yet, but I've learned a thing or two.

First, forums are endless trouble. Managing passions and disagreements is a thankless job, and it never ends. If one were to devote all the time needed for this, publishing would be impossible, but publishing is our primary endeavor here at *The Spearhead*. In fact, I'd like to publish as many opinions as possible, even if those opinions make some people angry.

Unfortunately, when people get really worked up, the comment threads start to intimidate and bother a number of regular readers, and that's a problem. Without its dedicated readers, *The Spearhead* would be nothing more than another random opinion blog out of millions. As the publisher, I, personally, owe it to these people to deliver the content they come for, and to ensure that their experience is not muddied by the online equivalent of trench warfare in the comments.

Still, I'd like to give the passionate people out there an opportunity to do battle in the war of ideas.

So the question is: how do I accommodate both?

Zed came up with the idea of having a "fight club" in the forum, and that's a good concept. In fact, if *The Spearhead* were purely a forum it would probably work pretty well, but this site is primarily an online magazine, and people really want to comment on the articles. The fight club is therefore neglected. So I've decided to take Zed's idea and adapt it to fit *The Spearhead's* publishing model.

Because the magazine article comments are the most popular discussion medium, I came up with the idea of allowing one controversial piece per week with a very loose application of the commenting policy (i.e. only the most egregiously offensive comments, such as photoshopped porn and the like, will be deleted). It will also be my policy not to take any responsibility for comments on these articles, so those who choose to participate will be on their own whether I sympathize with them or not. In other articles' threads, flaming will be promptly suppressed and the rules enforced with considerably more vigor. I suppose I could create a category and call it Thursday Throwdown, Tuesday Night Fight, or something along those lines. If one party in the manosphere is attacking another, there will be an opportunity to respond. Requirements for submissions are only that a modicum of decency (avoid pointless obscenity) is observed, the subject is not tangential, there is no advocacy of crime, the writing is passable and not insane, and any factual statements are backed up. Otherwise, fire away.

I don't know if this will work, but I'm willing to give it a try.

However, before I implement this policy, I'd like our readers' opinion, so I've posted a poll below. I will place a good deal of weight on the results of the poll, so I'd appreciate it if our readers would take the time to vote. The poll will be open for one day.

The Wisdom of the Ancients

May 3, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

This post was submitted by *Meistergedanken*

Something that always strikes me afresh whenever I wade deeply into history is how human nature does not change. If you read about the Romans as they were 2,000 years ago, or the Greeks 2,500 years ago, one invariably comes away with the feeling that we are fundamentally not so different from them, despite the accumulated knowledge and nifty gadgetry currently at our disposal.

If human nature has remained essentially static since the advent of the Bronze Age, then the same issues between the sexes that we have now had already arisen back then. However, ancient society addressed and dealt with these issues in a completely different manner, of course, resulting in a balance of power the total opposite of the one in modern Western culture. How did it get that way? I'll get to that in a moment…

I was reacquainting myself with Edith Hamilton's "Mythology" recently, and I noticed a theme running through many of the myths, serving as a motive back-story to the primary tale. In these myths, mortal women who submitted to advances from a particular god proceeded to suffer accordingly:

• Io and Zeus – First turned into a cow by Zeus to shield him from his wife's wrath, then she was imprisoned and guarded by the hundred-eyed Argus, then chased by stinging flies over vast distances.

• Antiope and Zeus – She subsequently abandoned her illegitimate offspring on a mountaintop.

• Callisto and Zeus – She was transformed into a bear to be killed by her own son until she was turned into the constellation Ursa Major.

• Semele and Zeus – She died because she insisted on beholding Zeus in his full glory.

• Leto and Zeus – Abandoned by Zeus, and exiled by everyone else, she wandered the earth aimlessly until her children were born.

• Danae and Zeus – She subsequently bore a child that killed her own father.

•Tyro and Poseidon – She abandoned her children to protect herself but was nonetheless spurned by her cuckolded husband.

• Coronis and Apollo – She was killed by his sister Artemis when she cheated on Apollo with a mortal.

Contrasting with these was a story on the other side, in which Marpessa refused the advances of Apollo from the first, preferring a mortal, and consequently lived happily ever after.

There are a lot of tales like this. Often they are explained by scholars as a makeshift attempt at melding disparate belief systems together as various Hellenic tribes migrated, clashed and mingled with other tribes. But this time I gleaned a new insight that permitted me to form a different hypothesis.

A lot of keystrokes have been logged describing the "alpha" male and his irresistible appeal to women. Readers are familiar with all that, so there is no need to linger on that topic. I would merely remind the reader of the axiom that most women would rather have 15 thrilling minutes with an alpha than 15 tedious years with a beta.

Here's what occurred to me as I was reading the myths: the gods were the ultimate alphas.

If women are hypergamous, then their greatest fulfillment would come from getting banged by one of the Olympians. These perfectly formed, handsome, virile, immortal, powerful beings were the male ideal fully realized, as all the Greco-Roman deities were idealizations of some sort. If you suspect your usually loyal wife/girlfriend would nonetheless open up her legs in rapturous glee if a willing Brad Pitt sauntered into the house while you were away at the office, then how much more willing would ancient women be to be ravaged by a god? Or a man that could be called "god-like"?

Of course, a woman can't reasonably expect to have a relationship with an alpha (the conclusion being that the inevitable progeny from the union would necessarily be bastards, a heavy burden until recent times). No, this is strictly a one-night stand, a pump-and-dump encounter with the god vanishing immediately after, no doubt already anticipating his next conquest following a well-deserved repast of nectar and ambrosia.

But here's the thing: as indicated above, many of the myths that relate tales of lustful immortals chasing after women end badly – for the women. These are cautionary tales at their finest. They said, to the credulous woman: however tempted you might be, don't let the god-like alpha roger you senseless, or bad things will happen.

Social control is often effectively imposed first by fear, and then by punishment. And later on, the mere fear of punishment will suffice. Much like the slasher movies that always kill off the women as soon as they take their tops off/have sex, these myths served as warnings, tailored to prevent women from destabilizing young, still forming civilizations by indulging their promiscuous instincts. They said: protect your virtue, ladies, and don't fall prey to the charms of the mysterious stranger. Stick to your tribe, and keep yourself pure for the boy next door. This is when the concept of Honor was not alien to women, or a "useless", solely male preoccupation of doubtful utility unless it could be used to further romantic manipulations.

That's what we've now lost: the FEAR (along with shame, of course). The ancients knew the nature of women, and thus they knew its value. Now women have been liberated – from fear, from shame, and from responsibility. Consequences, though…that's another story.

What do Men Find Attractive?

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We are subjected to endless female fantasies about desirable men through every form of mass media, as well as narcissistic portrayals of the imagined American woman. In sitcoms, women are all in command of their faculties and emotions, in good shape and supremely competent. We're all familiar with the bumbling men on these shows, with whom many believe men are supposed to identify. These men do not serve as male role models, but rather as comic relief, which exposes a fairly profound difference between the contemporary Western male and female psyche. Men appear to be capable of laughing at themselves and their lot, while women do not seem to have the capacity for humor where portrayals of females are concerned, so female characters all tend to represent an idealized woman with only very minor flaws. However, these characters represent the idealized woman from the female – not male – perspective.

The idealized male is a constant feature of entertainment media, and we have all become fairly familiar with him. He is wealthy, attractive, and something of a bad boy. He is a merciless sadist toward other men, and curiously an occasional defender of women while simultaneously something of a sexual predator. We are all too aware that what Western women prefer is an amoral alpha thug — a handsome, borderline psychopath if you will. Because this character is created by and for women, we know it's at least somewhat accurate, and this gives students of Game a serious advantage: all they need to do to figure out what women want is watch TV.

However, women are deprived of some potentially helpful information. These days, they don't seem to have an understanding of what men truly find attractive. They know men like the female form and a pretty face, but that's where it ends. This is why one so often sees otherwise attractive women walking, laughing, speaking and gesticulating in a manner that is repugnant to most men. And while they grasp the basic principle that displaying certain parts of the female anatomy arouses men, many of them could do a lot more with less. Perhaps because porn is the last genre that makes any real attempt to appeal to men, this is what women are going by; it certainly looks that way out on the street.

Maybe movies would give them a better idea of what it is that men truly desire in a woman, but idealized female characters in the most masculine of movies tend to be poorly developed and peripheral. Reaching into literature, we often find unrealistic, exaggerated fantasies, from the Dickensian Doll Lucie Manette to the bisexual punker of Stieg Larsson's *Men Who Hate Women*. The problem here, as in the TV sitcoms, is that so much of the market consists of women that famous authors and producers also profit from catering to female ideals.

Have men failed in defining what they truly want in women? Would it matter to anyone if they did?

Actually, I think it would matter a great deal, especially to women. If there's anything women care about, it is how others perceive them. This is why, in general, women are better students, more likely to seek consensus, and deathly afraid of shame.

As to why men have failed to adequately express their desires, it has become a cultural taboo to do so. Any statement that might lead to some women losing so much as an ounce of self esteem is considered to be in the poorest taste in our culture. When it comes to criticism, women are considered off-limits. The result of this is that we have a society full of confused women who want nothing more

than to know what attracts men, but who will, in unison, denounce any man who threatens to let them know. Hence we have models judged only by women and gay men, actresses receiving only praise from men in public and young women dressing and behaving in extremely bizarre ways in the mistaken belief that they are desirable by doing so.

Men ought to do women a favor and let them know what they find attractive. Women might be surprised to find out that it is rarely what they expected, and often quite far removed from what is considered the standard for feminine beauty. Of course, men who do this should expect to be met with howls of protest and condemnation, but after these die down they will inevitably find women listening from behind the curtain.

If men don't make some effort to define what is attractive in women not only in terms of looks, but behavior and dress, their attempts to attract men will only grow increasingly absurd and gay fashion designers will be the only men who have any input. Obviously, gay and straight men are not attracted to the same physical qualities, straight men being far more interested in distinctly female characteristics, so leaving it up to homosexuals would tend to push women toward the androgynous archetype that they themselves find more aesthetically appealing in females. For an example of this, behold the statue Night by Michaelangelo who, for obvious reasons, did a better job with his male statues:

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When artists are heterosexual men, they tend to do justice to the female form, so one could probably divine the sexuality of the masters simply through the attractiveness of their female subjects. For example, if Lorenzo Bartolini was queer I'll eat my hat:

Unfortunately, today women are left pretty much in the dark, and have only outlandish, unnatural models to follow. Could this be why they are so neurotic? I think it's time men – actual straight, normal men – started making some effort to define what is attractive in women. I can't remember the last time I heard an influential man give women any advice on what attracts men — they've all

dropped the ball on that score to avoid upsetting any women. And although women will make a huge fuss if men do so, it will be beneficial for them in the long run to know, and they'll secretly appreciate it.

So I'd like to invite readers to comment on some of the things that they actually do like about women. What are those things that can make you fall for a girl? What sets her apart from the others?

Game is for Jerks, Too?

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This is a guest post written by *Factory*

This post will actually come a little too close to TMI in spots, be forewarned.

I have never really had all that much trouble attracting women. For whatever reason, I have constantly had women tell me they "feel comfortable" with me, for example, for as far back as I can remember. And I was 31 before I first asked out a girl, which was me trying something new after my split with the ex.

Because I have had such fortune with women, I have indeed had many sexual partners. It's not uncommon for me to go to a bar, and have some woman make the thinnest of pretexts before trying to lean in for a kiss…

Again, not sure why. Maybe it's because I'm regarded as attractive physically (this much has to be a given, I would say), maybe it's because I'm not a very intimidating guy physically (I'm 5 foot 8 – maybe 160lbs soaking wet).

But here's the thing. Like I said, I have VERY limited experience "dealing with women" because I have NO idea what to do if they don't throw themselves at me (ok, these days it's more like lack of interest, but I digress).

I imagine that's a bit of an uncommon state for a man to find himself in. I imagine there would be a lot of men that say "boo hoo" to all of this, and are even now unclenching a fist…but consider:

Even I, a guy who has had way more success with women than he has any right to expect, could benefit greatly from Game. Because even though I have no problem at all getting "women", getting a QUALITY woman is not easy.

A couple of personal examples to show what I mean.

The other weekend, a friend called me up, and suggested we hit a bar we hadn't been to in years. This bar is a meat market pick up joint, and strange things happen there (the last time I was there some chick bit me…at random…just walking by, and I guess I looked tasty. No, she didn't break the skin, and yes, it hurt).

While there, I ran into one of the women who has done some modeling for me (I'm an ex commercial and advertising photographer that does digital art now and again), and as it turned out, she was interested in "partying" after the bar..

I take her back to my place…

Where she proceeds to make out with BOTH of my roommates! (No lectures on taking her to my place… she'd been there before).

So, attempting to rectify the mistake of taking this obviously crazy woman home, I call her a cab and wait for it with her outside. Which is when she tells me she doesn't want a "cheap night" with me, she wants me to COMMIT to her (if you can believe it) and go on "dates" before I get any.

I didn't have the heart to tell her she was such a screwed up slut, she wasn't even going to get the one nighter, let alone the relationship she wanted. I was still sort of in shock that she thought I wanted Thing One to do with her, to be honest….

Another one….

A few months ago, I was seeing (OK, FWB type seeing) a girl 18 years my junior. This was an on and off, over the course of three years casual kind of thing. One night I was at her place when a friend called with an invitation to go see another friend play in a band. She and I went to said bar, where she at the end of the night proceeded to go home with another guy…and I mean RIGHT at the end of the night.

Now, don't get me wrong, the "no strings" thing is fine by me, and if she wanted to go home with this guy any other day, get his number and call him later…whatever, I wouldn't have cared.

But no, she ditched me right there, publicly. Then called me the next day hoping to apologize.

I'm no idiot, this was a huge diss, and both of us knew it, but what blew me away in this case was not that she ditched (I've been the guy ditched FOR way too many times to get angry when it happens to me), but that she genuinely couldn't understand why I tossed her, since we weren't "dating". Apparently, common courtesy is an alien concept.

Needless to say, while I mourn the loss of pussy half my age(-ish), it was the only acceptable solution.

So why the public self-flagellation?

If nothing else these experiences have taught me these simple truths:

You can have all the "natural advantages" in the world, and still fail due to lack of knowledge/training. This is as true for the dating/mating world as it is for Professional Sports or your Career.

AND

Without a clear idea of where you would like to be, all the forward motion in the world cannot guarantee you're not headed in circles.

I have had, oh, well over a hundred sexual partners I would imagine. I got married and Divorced (and had numerous "partners") before I ever asked out a girl, and to this very day have 19 and 20 year old women literally throw themselves in my lap (it's happened more than once this year – and I'm OLD now). Yet not once, never, have I had any real control over my own "dating destiny".

And that's what it's really all about, isn't it?

Taking control of one's own destiny? Deciding what you want, and then finding a way to get it?

There is no one that cannot benefit from at least a basic understanding of "Game". There are very few men that would not benefit from a little more self confidence, and for many men, self confidence is really all Game instills…

We all have our troubles with the opposite sex (even same in some cases – Game works for Lesbians too). The point is, learning Game does not make one "weak". It doesn't turn you into a "manipulator", although it will initially likely drop women quite a few pegs in your eyes, to see how vain and easily led "astray" many are…forewarned is forearmed.

But it does, to some degree, give men back some autonomy. If nothing else, it shows the games women play for what they are.

For example, I know EXACTLY what went on in those two examples given. I know what it says about their regard for me, and their expectations. And while I may not have had enough of an interest to "play the game" to ensure these scenarios never took place, I do at least have an idea of how to

avoid this in cases where I actually care.

That's something you can't take away from Game…once you see these things for what they are, you see them that way forever. And this knowledge has at the very least given me the backbone to tell these life-sucking harpys to piss off…

Because in my younger years, I would have put up with it.

-Factory

Men Reveal What is Attractive in Women

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Yesterday's post asking what men found attractive to women received quite a few genuine, thoughtful responses. Unfortunately, I can't fit them all into a post, so I picked out a few to demonstrate that what is depicted as attractive in popular media is highly misleading, and far from what men actually like. In fact, the sassy, demanding, uncaring and promiscuous women of popular entertainment are behaving in a manner that many men find unattractive, and young women who imitate these stars and the solipsistic behavior displayed on the shows are doing nothing but hurting their chances of finding a decent man.

Additionally, it is revealing to see that most men who responded are actually caring human beings who want someone to love; they are not simply dumb brutes who will settle for anything with T&A. Women who actually want a relationship rather than a string of one night stands would do well to recognize this. Men who don't call back usually don't do so because, besides the sex, they don't feel the woman has anything positive to offer, and they are worried, often with some justification, that she might be a genuinely unpleasant person.

TDOM has long known what he likes in a woman, and was lucky enough to find one who fits the bill:

> I have always been attracted by a strong, confident, yet vulnerable woman. I want a woman to challenge me, not in a competitive way, but in a way that brings out my best. She needs to be smart, witty, and pleasant. She must accept my faults and not constantly be trying to change me into someone else. She also needs to be as loyal to me as I am to her. Should we have a disagreement, she needs to be able to discuss it without yelling. she must not be an arrogant bitch. Physically, I like somenone pleasant to look at, though not necessarily a raving beauty. My wife possesses most of these qualities.
>
> -TDOM

PrairieLark brings up one of the most important but also most neglected traits that men value in women: sincerity.

> The most attractive thing is GENUINE KINDNESS. Not the syrupy fake kindness that so many women are able to project with a pearly white smile and fake small-talk. I'm talking about a woman who actually likes you as a person, takes an interest in you, and is nice and kind to you.
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> Don't think I'm talking about the cashier that smiles at you and makes small talk. I know when a woman genuinely likes me and when she is putting on some routine. I have had girlfriends that did not even return my phone calls or emails. It would be nice to have a girlfriend that actually cared enough about you to call you or email you just to see how you were doing, without some hidden motive like they want you for money or sex or they want you to assuage their own loneliness.
>
> -PrairieLark

Again, honesty, sincerity, and kindness are important to men:

> WARMTH! I'm not just talking about a cheery attitude. I'm talking about warmth that

> springs from a woman who not only likes you but likes men in general. Allow me to clarify: a woman who appreciates and loves men. You'll know such women when you encounter them.
>
> -MacArthur Of The MRM

Justus' wife is not only attractive, but has impeccable taste:

> My wife introduced me to the Spearhead. I don't know anything more attractive in a woman than that.
>
> -Justus

3Dshooter revives a concept foreign to today's young women: Honor.

> True beauty requires honesty, integrity and honor, someone who is comfortable with who they are without regard to the hand that nature has dealt them. They need to be truly affectionate and not use their sexuality in relationship power-plays. One who is playful, yet contemplative; silly yet open to broad discussion; discrete when society requires it but will jump your bones in the back yard on a nice summer night.
>
> -3DShooter

Like PhakeNaim, I've found myself attracted to granola-type girls before (provided they bathe regularly):

> I've always had a fondness for hippie chicks. I wasn't alive back during the sixties, but I like the girls who carry on the hippie vibe these days. I like the loose clothes they wear, how they wear their hair naturally and freely, their lack of hair grooming (yeah, I like hairy chicks). Basically, I like a free thinker. It doesn't mean we have to agree on everything, in fact I prefer her to stick to her beliefs… as long as they're not too outlandish. A girl who wears glasses wouldn't be bad either.
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> Someone who likes to make things, whether it's her own clothes or jewelry or beads or whatever. Someone who isn't afraid to do her own thing and doesn't give a shit what the rest of herd thinks. Someone who doesn't abuse their body with drugs or alcohol or cigarettes.
>
> I don't know… the hottest chicks I've seen have been at the Community Food Co-Op or Farmer's Market. Just my two cents.
>
> -PhakeNaim

Red's comment could have been a post of its own, and now it is (Read it here). I chose the most poignant passages for display below:

> Wow, where to start. I've always admired a quality in women that could be described as grace. To me female grace would imply a woman who is not selfish and will forfeit the spoils of good graces from men in the name of the higher ideal of reciprocal obligation, truth, respect, honor and responsibility, a tepid trepidation toward the receiving excesses to suit her selfish and self centered desires.
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> A woman who is capable of nurturing, selflessness, empathy and who is giving only opens up the door for me to bestow my honor upon her. Someone who likes children, animals and

> nature.
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> [...]
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> I simply want a woman who is not selfish and self centered as so many have become now in character and by law. I want a woman who respects sexuality and could only wish that sex did not play such a public and promiscuous role in her interactions with men in society and as now a part of her public identity. In essence someone who does not believe that females should be "sex objects".
>
> -Red0660

Alkaline proves that men are far from shallow, and can appreciate a lot more than one standard type:

> I would have to say femininity is what I find most attractive. However, I find that my definition of it often varies between women. I have found the "tomboy" type attractive among some females (so long as they also have a sense of humor and a lack of drilled-in hostility towards men, that is) – my current girlfriend is athletic (and more logical and realistic than me), but also has the same dark sarcastic sense of humor I have; yet somehow she's very, very female with it all, from my POV. It's a nice combination for me. With other women I find the more "traditional" type of femininity attractive – I'm thinking of one girl I know who wears dresses/makeup/etc, but much more importantly has that certain kind of delicate grace that would make her beautiful wearing a potato sack.
>
> -Alkaline

TMOTS explains that although guys value appearance, a pretty face alone isn't close to enough:

> Obviously initial attractiveness is key – it's what starts the ball rolling so-to-speak. For if you do not find a woman attractive, the 'game' stops there.
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> The real test is when you find a woman that is attractive internally as well. That is to say morally, fair minded, responsible, not afraid to take responsibility for her faults, respectful… etc.
>
> Many women are beautiful on the outside and worth the initial contact, but when that layer is removed (and I don't mean the makeup), what is inside her head as well as her heart is what matters most to me.
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> Since I brought up makeup; women with loads of it on and designer this and that tend to be red flags to me. It tells me that they are either neurotic with self esteem issues or they believe that it makes them somehow prettier when in reality it is a faux front of who they really are. A beautiful woman is a woman that can remove the makeup and still appear naturally pretty…Then backs it up with a pretty inside, for lack of a better phrase.
>
> -TMOTS

I hope this was edifying for our readers. Men are far more complex and discriminating than popular culture would indicate; above all, they want *good* women in their lives. Is that too much for men to ask?

Public Radio Argument Against Arizona Immigration Law: Immigration Laws Should not be Enforced Because American Men are Rapists and Molesters

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I've heard a lot of defenses of illegal immigration, but last Thursday afternoon was the first time I heard it defended on the basis of the alleged propensity of American men to sexually assault undocumented immigrants. Although there is absolutely zero evidence that there is an epidemic of American men raping and molesting illegal immigrants, a local radio personality named Sable Verity, who offers opinion on KBCS, a Bellevue, Washington public radio station, has raised the specter of sexual assault to condemn Arizona's new anti-illegal immigration law.

> Most alarming is the lack of a provision that would protect undocumented residents should they report a crime. If a woman who is in this country illegally is raped, the last place she'll be going is to the police. If a child who is a US citizen is molested, and her parents are not legal citizens, it's unlikely they will seek medical attention, let alone justice for the wrong committed. What happens to that rapist? What happens to that child molester? Will they feel they have license to get away with it again?

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I suppose it is simply a symptom of the times — if you want to make a political point, you start writing or talking about rape. Although it appears from news reports and court cases I've seen that illegal immigrants are more likely to rape American citizens than American citizens are to sexually abuse illegals, we are apparently supposed to believe that in order to prevent rampant sexual assault Americans must tolerate illegal immigration.

I don't know where Ms. Verity came up with this idea. Perhaps it is a feminist meme. Sable lives in Seattle — my very left-wing hometown. Sexual assault happens here like anywhere else, but I can't think of a specific instance where an American citizen used undocumented status to rape women. Not one. It may have happened in some massage parlor/brothel run by Chinese snakeheads (human smugglers) or Mexican coyotes, but it just doesn't seem to be a widespread problem, and wouldn't there be less overall abuse of illegals if there weren't so many of them? This is simply another example of women's issues being raised to defend governmental neglect or malfeasance, in this case the refusal of those in power to regulate immigration.

Sex and Power Part 1: The Legitimacy of Consent

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This post was submitted by wdf, a German reader

From the dawn of history to about a hundred years ago, women could not give consent to sex. I don't know about the African plains, nor am I familiar with details of the laws about sex in all foreign cultures, but I've read different old writings, namely the Bible, ancient Greek and Nordic mythology, fairytale and legends from different countries, including Asian and African, as well as more modern novels and plays. Not everything written there is meant to be taken as an accurate description of past events, but I think that the values in those texts do represent the values of their authors. It is interesting to see how these writings, spanning several thousand years and different continents, are pretty consistent in their sexual mores: The question was not whether or not a woman wanted sex, the question was whether or not she wanted marriage. There was no consent to sex outside of marriage, nor was there rape inside marriage. And the same applied to men.

Doubtless there has always been consent to sex, both before and outside of an existing marriage; the old writings make mention of this, just as they tell of rape and false accusations of rape. These things happened, but they were considered unlawful, and if anyone got caught, he was punished, and – here's my point – no matter how much consent there was. Consent was no justification for sex: marriage was.

By now, the system is officially changed from a system being based on marriage to a system based on consent. Consent establishes not only the legal, but also moral legitimacy of sex. Society watches over sexual purity. It did back then, and it does now. There were times when a couple that wished to rent a room together had to prove that they were married, otherwise the person who had rented them the room out was held responsible for their fornication. Which proves another thing: sleeping in the same room was considered to be consent to sex. And if that sex was unlawful, then they were prosecuted independently of what had actually happened in that room. And not only the couple, but also their landlord. Today's society, in a similar way, watches over consent to establish the legitimacy of the sex, just as it once did over marriage, but strangely enough, entering the same bedroom at night is no proof of consent any more. After all, what would society have to watch over otherwise?

Society watching over consent as the legitimization of sex partially explains why there is so much concern over child pornography, child molestation, and other sex crimes with children: underage persons can not legally consent to sex, and therefore it is amoral. First the obligatory disclaimer: Rape, as in rape, is wrong in all moral systems that I know of. There is no excuse for it, and it has been prosecuted from the dawn of history. The old writings talk about that as well. But consensual sex between teenagers is not rape, nor are teenagers children. The only reason they have no right to choose to consent to sex is the fear that they might not understand the consequences of said choice, like the spreading of STDs, involuntary pregnancies and other problems that I will address later. Sex does not harm them physically and they are able to produce children. Whether they are able to properly take care of those children is an entirely different story, and one of the reasons they are not entitled to sex.

We don't give children the right to consent to sex to protect them from the consequences of their own

actions, and to a lesser degree, to protect the people around them. This is similar to preventing children from signing contracts, or handling firearms unsupervised. But when you look at the proceedings of justice, you don't see that reflected. Underage people who committed no other crime than being too young for their actions are sent to prison for years and put on a database for pedophiles, essentially ruining their lives. A good amount of community work would be more appropriate, and probably enough to deter them, if they stop to think that far.

These long jail sentences come about by a double standard: either those teenagers are old enough to bear the consequences of their actions, in which case they should have the right to consent to sex, making it both legally and morally legitimate, at least by modern standards, or they are not old enough to bear the consequences of their behavior, and they should not be tried and sentenced under the terms of adults. This is not about protecting children, nor is it about prosecuting criminals: this is about hunting down sinners who committed the grave sin of illegitimate sex. That is, sex without (legally accepted) consent.

This, basically "liberal" rage is partially fueled by conservatives, who finally have an opportunity to crack down on extramarital sex, while at the same time excusing the sexual liberties the grownups in their church take, that aren't permitted in the bible either, such as divorce, for example, or using sexual denial as a means to win the upper hand in marriage. This is similar to the apparent dichotomy between feminism and chivalry, which seems so contradictory at first, but at second glance is only another justification for the same action. But the official charge is "sex without consent," not "sex without marriage", so I talk about the "liberal tribunal" at the moment, although I am well aware that some of this tribunal's seats are held by conservatives.

To further prove this is no misapplication of the law, but that it was intended to do what it does, bear with me for a moment:

Usually a person is tried and sentenced in the land he committed the crime. When somebody from Germany gets caught speeding in Switzerland, he is fined under the regulations of Switzerland, where fines are higher than in Germany. This is sensible. Maybe the fines are higher because, due to the mountains, the streets are narrower, and speeding is more dangerous than in Germany. Maybe Germans value speed higher in ratio to their safety than the Helvetians do; Germany is in fact one of the few countries in Europe that doesn't have a general speed limit on the highways. If the Germans choose to live that way, this is one thing, but endangering lives in Switzerland is quite another. Or perhaps the fines are higher because income and prices are generally higher in Switzerland, in which case it was still everybody's choice to go there, because they obviously thought it was worth it. You can find other examples of the same thing: women from Germany have been fined in the US for tanning topless on a public beach, which is commonplace in Germany. US citizens on the other hand are not allowed to bear arms in Germany even if they have the right to do so in their home country. The same principle persists in cases that received more media attention: Marco W., then 17, from Germany, alleged of date raping then 13 yo Charlotte M. from Britain on a holiday in Turkey, was tried in Turkey. In a similar way John Demjanjuk is being tried in Germany, because the crimes he allegedly committed were under German jurisdiction.

But this rule obviously does not apply to sex with minors in South East Asia, where western countries like the US or Germany prosecute their citizens for breaching the law of their own land. If the laws of that country were broken, then that would usually be prosecuted according to the laws of that country. Maybe punishments there are higher because premature sex is ostracized and the victim looses the prospect of marriage, and financial provision along with it. Or the age of consent is lower,

because poverty makes people mature quicker. The age of consent has changed in the West, why shouldn't it be different in other parts of the world? Or regulations are similar to ours. Then we, as the West, don't need to make separate rules to prevent our citizens from sex we disagree with. Whichever it is, sex crimes are treated differently from other crimes. Note the fact that legislation was changed to make this even possible.

Do Muslims countries prosecute their citizens if they watch pornography abroad? That is, prosecute them according to the standards of their own country? Honestly, I don't know. If they do, it would be logical as Islam is a religion and its adherents are expected to honor it wherever they live. In the Muslim faith it is also the obligation of the government to watch over that allegiance. So if our governments watch over our sex lives abroad as diligently, then that shows that we, too, follow a religion that obliges government to watch over the religious practice of it's subjects. Call it liberalism, call it feminism, call it modernism; it's a state enforced religion.

Making laws for our citizens abroad, by the way, also shows governments in third world countries that we deem them incompetent to manage their countries properly. While there is often some truth to this belief, divorce was considered a sexual offense for most of our history — even worse than prostitution. In many more remote parts of the world people still see it that way. Even countries as advanced as the US show a distinct discomfort with promiscuity. Tiger Woods didn't do anything illegal, he wasn't even charged with anything, and still he's put in the stocks. In other parts of the world adultery is considered sinful and they have legal provisions to deter people from doing so. Our own governments on the other hand fail terribly to address it. As a matter of fact, I've never heard of a third world country publishing a guide to prostitution, but ours publish guides to divorce.

Manhood Academy: Magnet for Rape Supporters

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When I published Dr. Paul's post on the Manhood Academy, I thought he might have been making a mountain out of a molehill. I thought these guys might just be some harmless radicals who wouldn't make any difference. I skimmed through their e-book, and although it was offensive and moronic, I didn't think it worth responding to. However, recent events have changed my mind.

Since Paul's post, *The Spearhead* has been subjected to relentless, disgusting and offensive trolling. The supporters of the "Manhood Academy" came out of the woodwork and went after this site, authors on this site, and anyone who sounded somewhat reasonable. One poster in particular, who goes by a number of different pseudonyms but first identified as MikeeUSA, has been posting endless abusive pro-rape comments.

We have to recognize that some men are simply scum. Mikee, who advocates raping 12-year-old girls, is definitely scum, and probably a dangerous individual. Given the timing of his sustained troll attack, I am going to assume that he associates with the Manhood Academy. That being the case, I think it should be referred to as the rape academy. I honestly think the guys who run it should be watched by the FBI, because one of these days someone affiliated with them is going to commit some act of violence against either an underage girl or one of their opponents. Mikee has also suggested that he supports jihadis in various Middle Eastern countries, because they are pro-rape.

But what else about the Manhood Academy is offensive? Why, one only has to read their screed, Principles 101, to figure it out. The dominant thread that runs through "Principles 101″ is pain. The application of pain is pored over in meticulous detail. How to apply pain, when to apply pain, types of pain, effects of pain, etc.

Here's an example:

> Without applying pain to dysfunctional behavior, women will refuse to acknowledge your authority, despite your reasonable explanations. Their willingness to violate your authority with specious emotional arguments is a symptom of your failure to apply sufficient pain to establish your authority. [pp. 116, 117]

The e-book goes on and on about pain. One gets the distinct impression that whoever wrote this book is obsessed with pain. We call these people *sadists*.

It is not only women who must be "trained" through pain, but friends as well:

> Functional women and functional friends don't grow on trees because functional people are trained not found [...] Instead of looking for a needle in a haystack, you'll need to start creating your own desirable, functional, orderly relationship environment. [p. 112]

I don't know about most readers, but I never considered it conducive to friendship to dish out pain. That's pretty twisted, and I don't think anyone with that attitude could be said to have any true friends at all.

So when should one apply pain? According to the author, "As long as disorder/dysfunction exists, pain should be applied." [p. 112]

What's disorder/dysfunction? According to some illustrations provided in the book, it could be being

overweight, deformities, or just being unattractive [p. 56]. So I suppose we should kick people we don't find attractive…

This is disgusting stuff, so I suppose I shouldn't be surprised that Paul's criticism of Manhood 101 brought out a horde of pro-rape commenters. Rather than explain their position rationally, the Manhood 101 partisans resort to name-calling, calls for mass rape, and online vandalism.

I try not to take sides, and I try to give people an opportunity to make their case, but this was just going too far. I think it would be best for society and for men in general if the guys behind this were outed publicly, so if any readers know who they are feel free to do so and I'll post their names right here. Trolling obliterates any concerns I might have had about privacy, so I have absolutely no moral qualms about pointing the finger directly at these fellows. In fact, given the calls for rape and other crimes they are engaging in, I really do think someone ought to be keeping an eye on them. Not only are they doing a lot to discredit men who have legitimate grievances, they could well be dangerous individuals who will really carry out these kinds of acts.

If these guys want to pre-emptively out me, then I'll make it easy for them:

My name is Bill Price, I live in Seattle, and I'd be perfectly willing to have a little one-on-one chat — especially with rape-o Mikee.

Trolls

May 6, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

I have to address the perception that I was "tolerating" some of the pro-rape commenters on *The Spearhead*, because that is totally false. In fact, these guys have been using a Tor proxy service to create users and spam the board with pro-rape comments. All I know is one of them goes by MikeeUSA, and another appears to be connected with the Manhood 101 site, given the hysterical reaction to Paul Elam's post.

These guys have been wreaking havoc on the forum for the last several weeks, and it's come to the point where I'm almost ready to shut the forum down, which is probably what they want. This form of trolling is likely a civil offense, and if I could find the guys I could probably sue them, but that would, in all likelihood, be a waste of time.

So what I've done is changed the settings on the board so all new registrants have to be personally approved by the administrator. This is a pain, but unfortunately necessary. People who register will have to wait for me to approve them before they can post, which might discourage a few people, but probably not too many.

It's too bad that there are people out there who seem to think vandalism is fun. For me and readers of *The Spearhead*, it is a frustrating problem that does nothing but degrade the online experience.

Kick-Ass for Dads!

May 7, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

Today's guest post was written by EP

So I actually read one of those pre-teen girl magazines for the first time, and it was just WRONG. There was actually a 14-year old girl writing in for advice on how to properly give blowjobs to her boyfriend. ***When I have a daughter, I'm raising her on comic books and video games.***

-Mike Krahulik (Gabe), of Penny Arcade, sometime in the early Oughts, explaining the entire motivation for this particular movie. Sadly, his original quote is lost in the mists of the early decade's newsposts.

Your standard conservatives are usually not movie critics. (Breitbart is an honorable exception.) This holds double for libertarians, triple for paleocons of the more cultured, Pat Buchanan school, and quadruple for all you guys coming in from survivalist communities in the Ozarks. (We'll be glad to have you and your shotguns around when the zombie apocalypse hits, though!) Generally those of us on the right-ish end of the spectrum prefer fighting over first principles and statistical trends in human behavior over watching and critiquing what Hollywood produces any day of the week. Who cares what the liberal media want to say to the sheeple, amirite?

This is, in general, both advisable and productive. However, in rushing to condemn all of Hollywood, one misses the good stuff. And occasionally, the good stuff can be incredibly, awesomely, and indescribably good. So I've taken up the rather inadvisable task of doing (sigh) a *movie review* for this site and its esteemed creator. Your responses will determine whether I keep doing it.

Earlier in the year, I saw *Legion*, noted how every single element in it was part of exactly the same female supremacist Hollywood twaddle that had been so exhaustively described by EW, Welmer, Roissy and the like, and decided to start watching movies from that perspective. And *Kick-Ass* is like the anti-*Legion.* It's even an almost anti-Mother's day movie, as it specifically celebrates everything about fathers, sons, and male acquaintances of the friend and co-worker variety, and gleefully showcases all the worst aspects of female nature when it's not killing them offhandedly. I'm not saying it's the perfect man movie, but it's as near as you're going to get in the theatres right now. (Really should have come out around Father's Day instead of Mother's day, but Hollywood release dates is what they be.)

Let's bullet point it! And by the way, SPOILERS BELOW!!!!

-Our protagonist's mother dies of an aneurysm in the opening scene. Protagonist notes that "as it happened, life simply goes on."

-Hero's father is a beta provider of the 'barely there' variety. Still portrayed positively.

-Nicholas Cage plays a neurotically obsessed father who trains his little girl to kill criminals Old-Testament John Woo style. Portrayed positively.

-The little girl absolutely *idolizes* her father, with very, very, good reason, as it turns out.

-Hell, even the *bad guy* is portrayed as a positive father figure, though more in the alpha thug than beta provider style, naturally.

-Alpha thugs actually act like alpha thugs. And get killed like alpha thugs.

-The hot girl the hero pursues goes through a textbook bad-boy defending script when she hears of his presumed death-by-superhero. Specifically: Cries, then says: "I thought it might be *my fault*!"

-The hot girl, in fact, does every single slut-rationalization hamster dance as is possible on screen.

-Almost all the motives, problems, and unexpected twists of actually trying to be a vigilante are addressed, visualized, or at least mentioned offhand. The question is less about how unbelievable the stunts are than why we tolerate having *every other action movie hero* do these stunts without questioning them.

-The teenage beta 'losers' who try the superhero thing are still portrayed as heroes even when they screw up, simply because they actually did something rather than sitting on the sidelines.

-The waif-fu killer girl is somewhat regrettable, but it's hammered into our heads that all the awesomeness came from her father's strict training. Most of which on screen involves teaching emotional control under pressure, the very first thing you'd want a girl to learn before giving her easy access to an arsenal of knives and guns big enough to run Zimbabwe for a year.

-There's also a great scene where a particular Rent-A-Slut slowly realizes: "Aw crap, they gave the girl a double naginata and an order to kill everyone in the room; *that means I can actually die too!*"

-The little girl's mother simply overdosed on pills when her dad got sent to jail. Father rather blankly says that 'she couldn't handle it.' Girl more correctly notes that her mother 'died for nothing.'

-People who do wrong things are neither ignored nor ruthlessly condemned by the plot when they do wrong things. They actually have the fact that they've done something wrong sink in and deal with it accordingly.

END SPOILERS!!!!

This particular adaptation of a Mark Millar comic book was far better than that *Wanted* thing about bullet-curving wax-healing types that came out a few years ago. (The actual *Wanted* comic book, when I read it in the Barnes and Noble under the Freedom of Information For Broke Writers Act, could have been ghostwritten by the disgruntled-er Spearhead posters and Roissy's entire comment section.)

I'm told that *Kick-Ass* had a lot of trouble finding a producer, and given its ridiculously honest (by Hollywood standards) portrayal of modern womanhood in between its endless celebration of nerditude, fatherhood, and male leadership, I can see why.

See it now before *Iron Man 2* obliterates all previous comic-booky movies. You will regret it *much less* than many other things Hollywood makes. (I guess if you wanted a sweeter, more socially palatable and family-friendlier version of gender realism, you could always see *Date Night.* After you bought yourself a machiatto and a bikini wax, *sissy.*

Sassy Girls to be First on Subs

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The first new female submariners have been chosen, and they are a couple of young, bubbly girls who are “excited” by the prospect of serving on subs. One, Jessica Wilcox, seems to have a defiant attitude, and the other, Tabitha Gant, is a cute, curvy young woman with a girlish voice and cheerful demeanor.

They can be seen on video here.

Although neither of these girls is a knockout, there’s no doubt that the whiffs of pheromones picked up by their male counterparts will have an effect. To put it plainly, a lot of the young men on the sub are going to lust after them. I think this is an attractive prospect to the young women, as women tend to really like the idea of being at the center of attention and objects of desire.

In fact, it’s my theory that much of the reason women have pushed into what were formerly male-only spaces is that they really like the idea of being surrounded by men — lots of men. And the more men, the more choices and opportunities they have. These girls are going to be strutting around the subs like little princesses, and, sadly, a lot of guys will do everything they can to please them.

There will be favoritism, jealousy, and, from submariners’ wives, extreme suspicion. I can only imagine what the Navy wives who see these girls will think — they’ll probably hate them with a passion. Putting women on the subs is a purely political move, which has been taken without the goal of increasing combat effectiveness, but rather to serve feminist ideology. When some female submariner inevitably gets pregnant or files a harassment suit, the military will cover it all up and we likely won’t hear about it. If we do, it will only be in the context of the need for more privileges for women in the military, or more restrictions on males.

WSJ: Dim Future for Men

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In an article titled "Meet the Unemployable Man," the Wall Street Journal paints a dismal picture of the future for men in America, particularly those without college degrees. Lawrence Summers, Obama's economic advisor, is quoted in the article saying:

> A good guess…is that when the economy recovers five years from now, one in six men who are 25 to 54 will not be working

So it looks as though the future is bleak for men, and there won't be much of a recovery at all if America's top economist knows what he's talking about. For the poorly educated men who do get work, it will likely be low wage, but they may be lucky — for those who have been out of work long-term, chances that they will ever work again drop precipitously.

The article, written by David Wessel, actually seems to hint that it would be morally wrong to do nothing about the current crisis — a consideration that has not entered the public conscience for a long time in regards to men:

> Sidelining a huge part of an entire generation of men would waste human potential, create economic misery for their families and fuel political discontent.

Could it be that people are beginning to feel that abuse and neglect of men is in itself morally objectionable? We can only hope so. I don't think such a sentiment has existed in America since the Great Depression, when depictions of men as human beings in works of art such as *The Grapes of Wrath* spurred action to alleviate the miserable lot of so many men.

Book Review: The Sling and the Stone

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The Book: The Sling and the Stone, by Thomas X. Hammes, Colonel, USMC. 291 pages.

The Gist: Hammes' book postulates that what is termed "4GW", or fourth generation warfare, is merely the evolution of warfare to keep pace with the parallel political, technological, social, and economic evolution of the world in general. Just like a living organism, warfare changes with its environment; thus, as the world becomes more and more networked, more and more flat, more and more fragmented with more and more non-state actors on the international scene, and with the rising power of multinational corporations and mega-markets, warfare itself also changes to make the most advantage of this new environment.

Hammes begins his book by introducing Toffler's wave theory, which posits that human society is characterized by great waves of technological progress that propagate through societies and change the society's structure, values, and moral codes. The first such wave was the shift from hunter-gatherer to organized agriculture. This gave rise to complex, hierarchical societies, a professional warrior class unencumbered with concerns about growing food and, more importantly, where the additional riches generated by organized agriculture gravitated to landowners.

The second Toffler wave was industrialization, where wealth again shifted hands, this time from landowners to captains of industry. The professional warrior classes made possible by organized agriculture now became mechanized, and those societies that were not industrialized could not withstand the onslaught of new wealth and more lethal weaponry and tactics.

The third Toffler wave is information, where "intellectual property" is the new widget, and with this change, the stuff that used to indicate power and wealth can now be 'stolen' without any physical change in possession. Moreover, the democratization (for lack of a better word) of information means that states no longer have a monopoly on information. In fact, information technology takes power away from governments and other hierarchical institutions and gives it back to individuals and loose confederacies of individuals, bound together based on blood, language, creed, skin color, political wedge issues, or other common trait or interest or affinity. Worse still (for government, that is), governments can no longer take for granted the loyalty of the people residing within the State's borders…they have to compete for that loyalty, an important change that is crucial to 4GW. In other words, the new way of social organization is a return to a more tribal way of existing, and 4GW warriors leverage those ties and interests to mass lethal force in battle against their foes faster and more robustly than 3GW forces.

In short, with each successive wave, how humanity associates, how humanity interacts, what constitutes wealth and how that wealth is acquired and defended, changes with each wave that passes through society. Thus, as the information wave enhances the ability of individuals to communicate and associate with one another on an unprecedented scale, so too does the nature of warfare change to reflect this environment.

Hammes briefly describes 1GW, 2GW, and 3GW as follows: 1GW featured the tactics of line and column that massed men at the point of effort. 1GW was characterized by the advent of gunpowder, and technological improvements in agriculture and transportation that increased societal wealth and the size of excess manpower that could be used for fighting. The technology of nationalism was

developed to politically mobilize a citizenry into a *levee en masse* ready to fight and die for the State, a population that may otherwise have little connection to the State. 1GW peaked with the Napoleonic war.

2GW sought advantage over massed manpower through the massing of firepower. 2GW was characterized by the technologies of the rifled musket, breechloading firearms, the machine gun, "king of battle" artillery, improved transport, the telegraph, and the development of the general staff (which enabled the effective control progressively larger and larger armies). The advent of industrialization increased societal wealth even more, and shifted wealth from landowners (the locus of wealth for milennia ever since the transition from hunter-gatherer societies) and concentrated it in the hands of the captains of industry. The defense, always the strongest form of warfare, became predominant, as more lethal firepower made foot-borne assaults on fixed fortifications suicidal.

3GW restored maneuver to the battlefield with the mechanization of armies via tanks, personnel carriers, mobilized artillery, and aviation. 3GW could be viewed as the maturation of industrial-era warfare.

As mentioned previously, the key thread running through Hammes' book is that changes in society drive changes in warfare, and that recent changes in global human society as a result of social evolution are key to 4GW. One factor that Hammes identifies as crucial to 4GW warfare is the proliferation of international actors, such as the UN, IAEA, and WTO, regional actors such as NAFTA and OAS, and NGOs, such as Amnesty International, Hamas, and the Red Cross. Whether benevolent or not, one thing is certain: each non-state actor usurps, erodes, and/or bypasses the sovereignty of the nation-state. Another factor is the rise of influential nations in their own right that lack defined political states, such as the Palestinians and Amerindian tribes in the United States. A third factor is the proliferation of states cause by the break up of great colonial empires and subsequent wars of independence. The fourth and final factor that Hammes identifies is the rise of multi-national corporation and the increasingly significant influence of large marketplaces and electronic trading exchanges. Taken together, these last two developments greatly constrain the power of traditional hierarchical institutions like the nation-state, either from fear of economic pain inflicted by the marketplace for unpopular actions, or from multi-nationals that ignore the diktats of a government or, if unable to do so, simply moves their wealth-generating (and tax-generating) activities elsewhere.

Hammes traces the beginning of 4GW to the end of WWII, to the dawn of the information age. IT is what catalyzed 4GW…information technology permits the easy flow of information across national boundaries through communication nodes (people and organizations, as well as hardware), the connections between which can be viewed as networks. Through these military/political/economic/social networks, 4GW aims to convince the enemy's decision makers that their strategic goals are either unachievable or too costly for the perceived benefit. This is a radical departure from previous 'GWs', all three of which are more or less characterized by how they go about targeting the enemy's fielded forces, and is a return to a more classical way of war. A way of war that is more Sun Tzu than Clausewitz and Jomini, more anything goes than Augustinian 'just war' theory, more Eastern than Western. In a way, 4GW is a "back to the future" of sorts where the polite, ordered, rule-based Western way of war–warfare which requires both sides to play along by a pre-agreed set of rules–is rejected in favor of a more total, anarchic, all's-fair attack not on the opponent's warrior class but on the society's political will. 4GW warriors have no truck with attacking targets considered to be off limits, 'protected', or 'non-combatants'. They may, in fact,

prefer to attack these non-traditional target sets because of the asymmetric impact those attacks may have on the 3GW enemy's will to carry on the fight.

Hammes spends about half of the book painstakingly chronicling the evolution of 4GW, starting first with an in-depth evaluation of Chairman Mao's employment of early 4GW (characterized by the 'political mobilization' of peasants against the government and by network-building with outside constituencies to bring international pressure upon Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists) and incrementally examining, in series, the application of and incremental improvements upon 4GW by Ho (who perfected Maoist insurgency and internationalized his conflict to degrade the political will of the French and American populations, bolster the political will of their international left-wing allies, and erode the legitimacy and credibility of the French and American governments), the Sandinistas (who transitioned 4GW from Mao's/Ho's peasant-based insurgency to urbane urban insurgencies, and added a religious liberation theology to what was previously an atheistic doctrine), by the Palestinians in their first Intifada (who used the media to devastating effect), and finally by UBL and al Qaeda (which turned insurgency into an endeavor not unlike a venture capital firm).

Hammes finishes his book by analyzing the current conflicts in Iraq (which he uses as a case study to argue the fecklessness of technological solutions to 4GW warfare) and Afghanistan (where we are fighting a 4GW tribal network with a modern hierarchical 3GW military), characterizing 4GW in depth, and by suggesting ways in which modern technological societies can address and combat this existential threat to their existence. Hammes offers several ways in which our miiltary can better handle the 4GW threat, starting first with organization. Hammes contends that our military is organized, trained, and equipped, and has an entire culture, an entire personnel system, and entire military-industrial complex built around 2GW and 3GW warfare. In addition, the military is a hierarchical institution structured very much like the 2GW and 3GW societies that birthed it. It is centralized, cumbersome, slow to react, and consensus-driven at the top, where our foes are decentralized and agile and quick to respond to opportunities…their networked organization more effectively transmits information and decides on courses of action where analysts in our structure are still staffing their information through the hierarchy. Changing these structures will be difficult, as doing so will dislocate many workers, each of whom are Congressional constituents. But Hammes argues that changed it must be.

In short, a 4GW adversary will not find it difficult to get inside our OODA loop, particularly so when commercial imagery is readily available and the whole of the MSM–broadcasters of leaked information to the world, they are–is a sensor for them. Furthermore, DoD is continuing to centralize and become more top-heavy, where the dominant forces in society and in business is decentralize and flatten, making DoD that much less able to respond or to be able to leverage techniques and lessons learned from industry.

Analysis

One thing I noted early on was the Euro-centric naming convention about the "generations of warfare". In 1GW, the armies raised by nation-states clashed in a contest of men and materiel, thereby isolating populations weary of decades of total war and eager to have someone else (a) do the fighting by proxy for them, and (b) ease human suffering from war, and (c) lessen the impact to the fabric of society from losing a fight. One could argue that 1GW is a more "Christian" way of war. 2GW and 3GW followed in this same suit, making warfare more and more lethal yet still more or less confining that deadly force to uniformed personnel. In fact, it is quite interesting to consider just how artificial the Western way of war really is when compared to the Eastern way, particularly in the way

it depends on both actors adhering to a set of rules about how each side conducts itself. The Geneva conventions and the 'laws of war' can be seen as extensions of this Western way of war, extensions of the Westphalian nation-state, ways to limit the suffering and adverse effects of such an inherently violent and worldly act.

It is this nation-state model, and the powerful 2GW and 3GW armies that such societies are able to field, that 4GW evolved to attack. While agrarian society made equalitarian hunter-gatherer societies hierarchical, and while industrialization made them more hierarchical still (as well as ever more specialized), informationalization tends to undermine hierarchical societies and the vertically integrated institutions that comprise them. Moreover, informationalization introduces a new social contract that challenges the power base of a centralized state–loyalty based not on nationalistic pride or duty-honor-country, but loyalty based on affinity or on a rational cost-benefit analysis. This affinity or "what's in it for me" attitude contrasts significantly with the sort of patriotic loyalty that the nation-state model demands, a loyalty demanded of an (ideally relatively homogenous) citizenry solidified and maintained via tight control of information, political or otherwise. Another feature of the nation-state's control over its citizens is its monopoly on violence, applied politically against those who rebelled against the state's assertion of authority.

Indeed, 4GW seems to drive at the very root of what makes a government legitimate, what gives a government its right to rule. It thus raises a critical question…is the right to rule determined by who has the most guns or a monopoly on deadly force? Or is the right to rule the choice of the people, who themselves decide which group does best by them and therefore gains their (fickle) allegiance? Thus while the reductionist view of government as simply a glorified protection racket still retains its validity in a 2GW or 3GW society, 4GW seems to exploit the modern notion that a people's rulers are chosen by the consent of the governed, and the government that wishes to remain in power must cater to the needs and desires and wants of the people. In a way, 4GW appears to simply be the methods of warfare catching up to the radical concepts of America's Founding Fathers–that the legitimacy of a government is determined by the strength of its support among the polis, and in this way is government assured to be the people's servant, not the people's master.

A related thought I had while reading this book was that I more clearly see now the folly of our nation's refusal in the 1990s to "do" nation building, to refuse to consider the need to secure the loyalty of the people when engaging in overseas empire-building. It goes beyond 4GW, all the way back to at least the Romans, who recognized that if one is to have an empire, one must convince your subjects that you have the right to rule, that your way is best for them. The ruler must provide law and basic civil institutions. And this 'convincing' must go on in the face of competing visions, for throughout Hammes' book, I noted a pattern repeated time and again…the insurgents undermined the legitimacy of the host government before moving in with their surrogate. They did so by propoganda (Mao's "political mobilization") and, when necessary, false-flag operations that cast the government as much a problem as the criminals themselves. They also did so by sowing fear caused by a climate of fear of crime and violence that the insurgents themselves generated. Then, as the 'last man standing', they filled the power and civil services vacuum, better serving the needs of the populace than the legitimate government. Perversely, and host government efforts to crack down on the insurgents often radicalized the citizenry even more, sometimes pushing them even further toward the insurgents.

This brings me to my next point, one that Hammes himself brought up: we must know what sort of fight we are about to engage in before we decide to get involved. That dictum appears to apply in

spades to the United States' current fights in both Iraq and in Afghanistan…that we are approaching that conflict from the classic Western/American/3GW perspective, one that seeks technological advantage in an arena where technology yields victory. Unfortunately, 4GW is a war more about ideas than about whose technologies are superior. Hammes states in his book that the political power an idea generates was crucial to the 4GW warrior. Thus the center of gravity of a 4GW opponent is not how many guns or muj fighters he has; instead, his center of gravity is the idea(s) that rallies more fighters to the 4GW opponent's cause. It is this idea that must be countered, discredited, or subverted, and our current approach of seeking technological military advantage is as wasteful as it is beside the point. It may be worse than that, as Hammes contends that technological advancements, in particular our focus on 3GW technology, have actually eroded our capability to fight potential 4GW opponents. Worse, such technological superiority may in fact may entice us to become involved in situations we do not fully understand nor are prepared to fight in…a sort of technological hubris…because we think our superior (fill in the blank) technology will assure actual combat superiority on the ground.

In addition, I think it isn't enough to fight the insurgent's messages defensively, responding tit-for-tat when presented with a new message attempting to gain the loyalty of the people. So long as they retain the propoganda offense, the government will always be at a disadvantage against the 4GW warrior. Instead, the government must seize the propoganda offense, to find its own message that appeals to the citizenry both at home and abroad and play on that.

Hammes' work appears to dovetail nicely into the theories of futurists such as David Ronfeldt and John Robb, who have postulated that society in general is on the cusp of transitioning from an institutional market-based society (I+M society) into a networked society (I+M+N). While I have posted on these theories here, I see the social fabric moving regressing toward a less ordered, more tribal-like existence, facilitated by the presence of information technology and catalyzed by the disintegrative influence of aggressively atheistic Marxism. 4GW exploits this lack of cohesion in Western countries and turns our weakness into one of their primary strengths. Moreover, this disintegration portends badly for governments struggling to maintain their hold on power…the trends favor the 4GW warriors.

Lastly, I found myself wondering what a 4GW military would look like. How does a country stuck in 3GW thinking recruit, indoctrinate, train, organize, and equip forces in a 4GW or 5GW manner to fight a 4GW foe? One thing appears certain…a tall, risk-averse hierarchy where decision-making power and authority is concentrated at the middle cannot innovate fast enough to keep pace with a thinking enemy that wants to win too.

Overall, this was a good book that well illustrates the challenges we face when fighting a global fourth-generation enemy. Well recommended for anyone who wishes to understand the nature of what we as a society are up against in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The Matriarchal Paradigm is Ascendant

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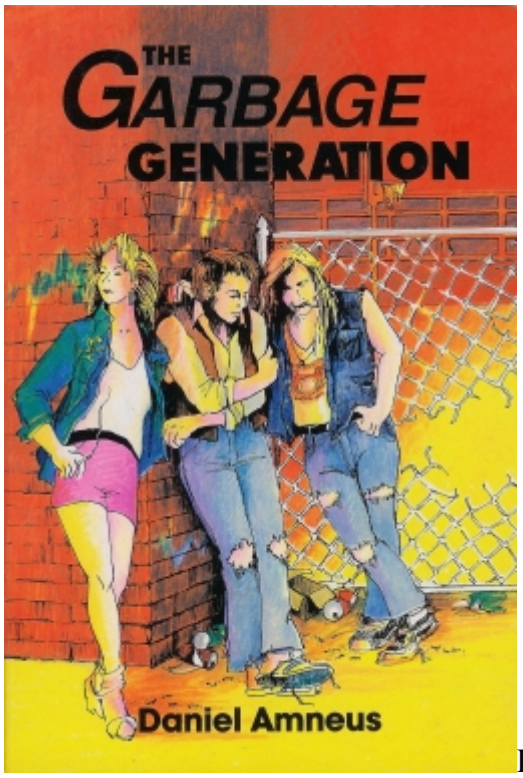

Dr. Daniel Amneus wrote the Garbage Generation in the late 1980's.

It was a seminal indictment of Matriarchy and about the long term, societal results of the feminist platform's loosening of sexual mores and the institutions of no-fault divorce and family court system becoming normalized.

It's now been two decades since he wrote about the inevitable results of instituting Matriarchy to replace Patriarchy. He predicted that the more Matriarchy became ascendant, the more America would resemble the matriarchal ghettos of the inner cities.

We're almost there.

Four in ten babies are born outside marriage in the U.S.

> *The number of children born outside marriage in the United States has increased dramatically to four out of ten of all births.*
>
> *Figures show that 41 per cent of children born in 2008 did not have married parents – up from 28 per cent in 1990.*

Remember this the next time you encounter the "conservative" argument that is passionate about "saving marriage" from the gays.

> *Researchers have concluded that although Christian values still play an important role in American society, public attitudes have changed.*

Hah. Most "Christian" values have changed to accommodate the public attitudes.

> *Having a child out of wedlock does not carry the stigma and shame it once did, they say.*

Anybody remember the huge media brouhaha when VP Dan Quayle criticized the portrayal of single motherhood as no big deal on the TV show Murphy Brown? He was lambasted, ridiculed and had all sorts of insults directed at him.

Oh yes, Dan Quayle was absolutely right.

Let's take a look at some substantial excerpts of the speech that contained the criticism of the TV show that got so many feminists and liberals panties twisted in a bunch…and put it into the overall context of the accurate points Quayle was making.

> *This country now has a black middle class that barely existed a quarter-century ago. Since 1967, the median income of black two-parent families has risen by 60 percent in real terms. The number of black college graduates has skyrocketed. Black men and women have achieved real political power — black mayors head 48 of our largest cities, including Los Angeles. These are achievements.*
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> *But as we all know, there is another side to that bright landscape. During this period of progress, we have also developed a culture of poverty — some call it an underclass — that is far more violent and harder to escape than it was a generation ago.*
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> *The poor you always have with you, Scripture tells us. And in America we have always had poor people. But in this dynamic, prosperous nation, poverty has traditionally been a stage through which people pass on their way to joining the great middle class. And if one generation didn't get very far up the ladder — their ambitious, better-educated children would.*

You can see the exact thing here in Hawaii. I've seen it play out amongst Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Samoan, Chinese and Micronesian families that migrate here. They often live in poverty-laden areas, with 10 family members living in a 2 or 3 bedroom apartment, with the parents working long hours at menial blue color jobs…saving money to put their kids through school. Within

a generation, these families go from penniless immigrants to middle and upper-middle class citizenry, when their educated kids become doctors, lawyers, bankers or small business owners.

This, of course, is a stark contrast to all those families that come here and instead of working hard and saving to invest in their children's future, they opt to go on the welfare, become dependent on hand outs and adopt the matriarchal ghetto lifestyle. I've seen families of all races take one or the other path, with reliably predictable results. The underclass really has nothing to do with race.

Nevertheless, the Black family in America leads the way in manifesting the societal results that occur when you adopt Government policies and laws that offer incentives for single mothers to have children out of wedlock. The black American family was the canary in the coalmine in terms of what happens when you effect social policies that impact the structure of the nuclear family.

As Dan Quayle noted:

> *The inter-generational poverty that troubles us so much today is predominantly **a poverty of values.** Our inner cities are filled with children having children; with people who have not been able to take advantage of educational opportunities; with people who are dependent on drugs or the narcotic of welfare. To be sure, many people in the ghettos struggle very hard against these tides — and sometimes win. But too many feel they have no hope and nothing to lose. This poverty is, again, fundamentally a poverty of values.*
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> *But the underclass seems to be a new phenomenon. It is a group whose members are dependent on welfare for very long stretches, and whose men are often drawn into lives of crime. There is far too little upward mobility, because the underclass is disconnected from the rules of American society. And these problems have, unfortunately, been particularly acute for black Americans.*

> *Let me share with you a few statistics on the difference between black poverty in particular in the 1960s and now.*

> > ** In 1967, 68 percent of black families were headed by married couples. In 1991, only 48 percent of black families were headed by both a husband and wife.*
> >
> > ** In 1965, the illegitimacy rate among black families was 28 percent. In 1989, 65 percent — two thirds — of all black children were born to never-married mothers.*
> >
> > ** In 1951 9.2 percent of black youth between 16-19 were unemployed. In 1965, it was 23 percent. In 1980, it was 35 percent. By 1989, the number had declined slightly, but was still 32 percent.*
> >
> > ** The leading cause of death of young black males today is homicide.*
>
> *It would be overly simplistic to blame this social breakdown on the programs of the Great Society alone. It would be absolutely wrong to blame it on the growth and success most Americans enjoyed during the 1980s. Rather, we are in large measure reaping the whirlwind of decades of changes in social mores.*

Of course, these changes in social mores didn't "just happen."

> ***Unless we change the basic rules of society in our inner cities, we cannot expect anything else to change.***

Indeed.

Instead of changing the basic rules of society in our inner cities, we've adopted them society-wide, which is precisely why we are now living through the decline of Western Civilization and entering into a Brave New World Order: Global Socialism Based on the Matriarchal family model; controlled and manipulated by dependence on the Ruling Elite.

> *For the government, transforming underclass culture means that our policies and programs must create a different incentive system. Our policies must be premised on, and must reinforce, values such as: family, hard work, integrity and personal responsibility.*

But that would be racist, sexist and homophobic!

> *I think we can all agree that government's first obligation is to maintain order. We are a nation of laws, not looting. If a single mother raising her children in the ghetto has to worry about drive-by shootings, drug deals, or whether her children will join gangs and die violently, her difficult tasks becomes impossible.*
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> *Safety is absolutely necessary. But it's not sufficient. Our urban strategy is to empower the poor by giving them control over their lives. Empowering the poor will strengthen families. And right now, the failure of our families is hurting America deeply.* ***When families fail, society fails.*** *The anarchy and lack of structure in our inner cities are testament to how quickly civilization falls apart when the family foundation cracks. Children need love and discipline. They need mothers and fathers.* ***A welfare check is not a husband. The state is not a father.*** *It is from parents that children learn how to behave in society; it is from parents above all that children come to understand values and themselves as men and women, mothers and fathers.*
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> *And for those concerned about children growing up in poverty, we should know this: Marriage is probably the best anti-poverty program of all. Among families headed by married couples today, there is a poverty rate of 5.7 percent. But 33.4 percent of families headed by a single mother are in poverty today.*
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> *The system perpetuates itself as these young men father children whom they have no intention of caring for, by women whose welfare checks support them. Teenage girls, mired in the same hopelessness, lack sufficient motive to say no to this trap.*

That Dan Quayle sure was a stupid, moron, wasn't he?

> *Answers to our problems won't be easy.*
>
> *We can start by dismantling a welfare system that encourages dependency and subsidizes broken families. We can attach conditions — such as school attendance, or work — to welfare. We can limit the time a recipient gets benefits. We can stop penalizing marriage for welfare mothers. We can enforce child support payments.*

Heh. I wrote too soon…note the inherent contradiction in that last paragraph. He first calls for dismantling the welfare system…than immediately makes proscriptions that reform the welfare system, not dismantle it. And in fact, all of those conditions he mentioned were eventually effected with "Welfare Reform" during the Clinton administration. The Daily Mail article now shows us just how effective that was. American bastardy is at an all time high.

They should have ended it, not “mended” it.

This is what happens when you get “compromise” by “conservatives” so they can appeal to the “left” to achieve “bi-partisan consensus.”

> *Ultimately, however, marriage is a moral issue that requires cultural consensus and social sanctions. Bearing babies irresponsibly is, simply, wrong. We must be unequivocal about this.*

Too late, Mr. Quayle. They reformed welfare and normalized babies born out of wedlock. The Matriarchal paradigm continues it’s ascent.

> *It doesn’t help matters when primetime TV has Murphy Brown — a character who supposedly epitomizes today’s intelligent, highly paid, professional woman — mocking the importance of fathers, by bearing a child alone, and calling it just another “lifestyle choice.”*
>
> *I know it is not fashionable to talk about moral values, but we need to do it. Even though our cultural leaders in Hollywood, network TV, the national newspapers routinely jeer at them, I think that most of us in this room know that some things are good,and other things are wrong. Now it’s time to make the discussion public.*

Our cultural “leaders” in Hollywood, network TV and the national newspapers have won that particular debate.

Sounds to me like Quayle was well versed in Senator Moynihan’s report about the destructive effects of Matriarchal policies and programs on the black American family.

No wonder the liberal mainstream media, talking heads and late night comedians had to continually push the meme that Quayle was barely above the intellectual level of retardation because of his dispute with a grade schooler on the spelling of the word potato(e).

Dan Quayle was right, and he certainly was no dumbass when he made the argument that Murphy Brown’s single mother storyline was in fact a glorification of single motherhood, a marginalization of the role of Fathers, and that it would subversively influence the viewers by normalizing bastardy in our culture.

Can anyone now say it with a straight face that Dan Quayle’s predictions didn’t come true?

American University Student Calls for Vigilante Action Against Male Students

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Chloe Rubenstein, an American University sophomore, posted a rape accusation on her Facebook page, naming two male students (April 22 on her wall — view pdf screenshot here at bottom of page), and exhorting students to "take them down." She decided to take this course of action a week after attending a "Take Back the Night" rally following Alex Knepper's editorial in *The Eagle*, a student run publication. Knepper's piece was skeptical of rape accusations made following drunken hook ups at frat parties, and suggested that women bear some responsibility for putting themselves in highly sexually charged situations.

Amanda Hess of the Washington City Paper's "The Sexist" blog, has written a sympathetic article lionizing Rubenstein for outing the two men, who, as far as I know, haven't been charged with or convicted of anything. Rubenstein also admitted to being one of the students who vandalized *The Eagle*'s distribution points in an anti-speech action. She justified the probable crime as a response to an insult:

> The article was insulting to every woman who has ever been sexually assaulted on campus. So it was an effective action…

Rubenstein claimed to have witnessed a date rape in her apartment following a night of drinking cheap vodka:

> Two months earlier, the American University sophomore and a group of her fellow students had gathered to pass the time during the snowstorm. As feet of snow blanketed the city, Rubenstein's apartment filled with friends and one new acquaintance—a male AU student who lived in the same building. They drank cheap vodka and danced. At the end of the night, a female friend left the party and entered Rubenstein's bedroom. Five minutes later, the new guy followed. Rubenstein noticed and followed him in.

Perhaps Hess, who writes for a private publication, knows better than to write that a rape occurred, but Rubenstein has no qualms about making accusations without strict evidence:

> "You're playing with fire when you throw people's names out," admits Rubenstein. "I was aware of the dangers of that. I knew it was a bold move," she says. "But when I told people that I was fully aware of what I was doing, it made them feel a little more fearless. After that, I started getting a lot more support from people."

I don't know whether American University has a policy covering false accusations made by students, but if it does it probably entails nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Just as courts very rarely prosecute women who make false accusations, AU will probably decline to punish Rubenstein if her accusations turn out to be libel. Therefore, there is nothing courageous or heroic about what she has done. If she's wrong, and there's a good chance of that, she's doing immense harm to innocent people.

American University appears to be a very hazardous place to be a male student. It remains to be seen

what, if any, action will be taken to address the female hysteria that has taken hold of the university, which has an overwhelmingly female student body. As I have written before, the only response should be for male students to leave and avoid the school at all costs. Let the Chloe Rubensteins of the world have it to themselves.

Anger Management

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I haven't read every article on The Spearhead, so I don't know if there have been any offerings of fiction before. If not, this will be the first one, though I am guessing that for some Spearhead readers this will read more like a screenplay for a documentary than a piece of short fiction. The original version of this was first published at The Oddville Press, a source of edgy and often quirky fiction that I highly recommend to fans of the craft.

The following is based on a true story. Actually, it's based on many of them.

Tobi Pitts leaned forward in her seat, clasping her hands together with forearms resting on her knees. She looked at Howard with tired green eyes that were sunken into a patchwork of premature wrinkles and thin make-up. Her hair was a mass of bleached, neglected curls that hung to the sides like twists of tattered rope.

"I can't make you say a word, Mr. Franks," she said. "But the court did order you to come here, and I do think it's in your best interest to talk about why that happened."

Howard scanned the room. There were eight other men in the circle, some watching him, others with eyes to the floor. All of them silent; waiting. He looked back at Tobi and found her unblinking gaze still on him, patient as alabaster.

"I see," he said. "My best interest." And the room sank into silence again. Tobi remained fixed.

A man to Howard's left, three seats down, cleared his throat and adjusted his tie. He had the meticulous look of a newscaster, complete with handsome profile. His hair was a highly styled crown of silver-gray perfection. He regarded Howard with eyes that were two striking pools of azure resting behind glasses that that had an executive sparkle.

"Howard," he said, in highly practiced tenor, "Tom Watson here, and believe you me I feel for you. I didn't want to talk when I got here either. But once I got over that I learned a great deal. Today's my last day."

Tom glanced over to Tobi and seemed annoyed to find her still looking at Howard.

"Anyway, I don't mind telling you I used to be a real bastard. I gave my wife so many beatings I couldn't even begin to count them. In here I learned where it was coming from. Power, man, and I am just flat addicted to it. It gave me a rush, a sick rush, to do what I did to her. I'll bet you can identify with that a little."

Howard studied the other men in the group. He noted some smirks and the look of disgust on the faces of others that seemed to deepen with each one of Tom's passing words. Suddenly, without warning, he was rocked by the familiar cascade of grief that seemed to pour from core of his chest. He closed his eyes and braced himself as the other man continued to speak.

"So I hope you open up a little, buddy. Remember, we're all the same here," Tom concluded. He then pointed at Howard with his hand formed into a mock pistol, winked and clicked his tongue.

"Forget that asshole," said a heavyset man. He had a cheerless face, shadows of stubble spread across his cheeks like a dark mood. "If you don't talk they will keep you here longer, and they'll use it against you in court."

Howard pondered that for a moment and finally spoke again.

“They?” he asked, “Don’t you mean, *her*?” And he tilted his head in Tobi’s direction.

The large man grinned without even slightly diminishing the sadness in his eyes. “It’s all the same.” he said.

“No, it’s not,” Tobi interjected. “Mr. Franks, I am a therapist, not a judge. I don’t tell the court anything you say in here. That’s held in confidence. All I do is report whether you have attended and whether you are cooperative. Believe it or not, I am here to help you.”

Howard considered her words briefly.

“And what is cooperative, Ms. Pitts?” Howard asked. “Am I uncooperative if I don’t spill my guts to you, perhaps put on a little dog and pony show?” he said, cocking a thumb back at Tom, whose brow scrunched, as though in feigned indignity .

Tobi swallowed. Her fingers, once woven loosely together tightened and began a slight tremble. A rose hue painted itself across the skin of her face and her eyes hardened. Howard looked at the big man, whose expression now simply pled caution. And silence again filled the room. This time a silence as taut and bloodless as Tobi’s fingers.

Howard raised his hand and bowed his head pensively. The grief passed through him again like a great wave, stirring up the sediment of a thousand other feelings, all of which he was trying desperately to keep in check. He choked it all back down and drew in a great, settling breath. Then he lifted his eyes to meet Tobi’s and spoke.

“Six weeks ago I was a happily married man. Sixteen years with the same woman, Kate, and two beautiful daughters. I had a good business, a decent enough business partner and everything to look forward to.”

“Then my father died. It was not unexpected; he’d been fighting cancer for three years. Kate convinced me that it wouldn’t be best to pull the kids out of school and fly them to Baltimore for the funeral. I agreed and went on my own.”

Howard didn’t notice, but at this point none of the other men were looking at the floor. Each of them leaned forward, studying his face as they listened.

“When I got back I stopped on the way home to pick up some flowers. Just something for Kate, for carrying the weight while I was gone. But my credit card was declined. I called the bank and was informed that all my accounts were closed. All the money was gone.”

Tom interrupted. “Oh man, here come the excuses. I can see it already.”

“Shut the fuck up!” the big man boomed, and Tom shrank back in his chair.

Howard shook it off and continued. “I went home and nobody was there. I found the kids with her mother. And she, she was…” Howard raked his fingers through his hair and took a deep breath. “She was with my business partner. They had taken it all. The money, the business; everything. All gone.”

I caught up to them at his place. She came to the door wearing a silk robe I gave her last Christmas. I just stood there dumbfounded for, I dunno, what seemed like forever. When I could finally make myself speak all I could do was ask her why. Why had she done this? She told me it was because I was a loser. She told me she was a woman with needs and that I never, from the day we were married, met them. She told me the kids would be better off without me and that any more contact with her or them would have to be through a lawyer.”

“Then she told me something else.”

Howard closed his eyes and seemed adrift for a moment in the vacuum of the soundless room. He opened them again and found the group transfixed, as though mesmerized and teetering toward whatever he would say next.

“She told me that she would kiss me goodbye but she didn’t think I’d like the taste of another man’s cock on her lips.”

A single tear slid from Howard’s eye and tracked down his cheek.

“I lost it,” he said, clinching his hand into a fist and beating it against his knee. “I punched her in the face and broke her nose. I just stood there afterward, looking at her on the ground with her face full of blood. It was like I was watching a movie with the sound off. Her mouth was moving and I knew she was crying and saying something, but I couldn’t hear any of it.”

“Of course I went to jail and that’s how I ended up here, as your new assignment, Ms. Pitts. Another statistic of domestic violence.”

Tobi adjusted herself in her seat and gently cleared her throat, as though sensing her opportunity to speak and announcing that she was taking it. She spoke in a soft, rehearsed whisper, beaconing Howard to consider her question.

“Are you saying she deserved to be battered, Howard? That she deserved a broken nose?”

Howard seemed to think for a moment and then replied.

“No, Ms. Pitts. I am saying she deserved the ass kicking of a lifetime.” The entire room seemed to animate in a flash as the men shifted around in their chairs. The circle filled with nodding heads. One of the men muttered “Fucking A right,” under his breath but Howard heard it, and apparently so did Tobi. Her eyes narrowed to slits and she looked around the room at the men, as though wanting to identify who said it.

Nonplussed, she turned back to Howard and started to speak again, this time awkwardly, but he cut her off. “I’m not done.” he said, His tone was final and unyielding. “You wanted me to talk and I am talking. You just listen.” He settled himself for a moment, and then said, “Please.”

Tobi gently bit her lower lip, and then gave Howard a reluctant, almost unperceivable nod.

“You’d think this was the worst of it, but it’s not. After doing flips for weeks to try to see my daughters, last week I was allowed to talk to my oldest, Lisa, on the telephone. I was thinking the whole time that as bad as things were that I could live with it, that I could manage a way to move forward if I could just be with my children. I was so happy to have Lisa on the phone. I couldn’t wait to tell her how much I missed her and that I couldn’t wait to see her.”

“But you know what she said when I told her that?” he said, and then whatever composure Howard had faltered. His will and strength buckled and folded under the brutal pressure of one last cataclysmic wave of wrenching pain. The tears poured forth like two rivers and his breathing came in great heaving hitches as he cupped his hands over his face and sobbed. He had to force out every word, one at a time, to finish his story.

“She said, ‘I can’t see you till you’re better Daddy. Mommy told me that you’re sick.’ ”

An hour later, Tobi Pitts sat in her office at a desk that was a sea of open charts. A dusty picture of two blond haired boys, one a toddler and the other about kindergarten age was taped on the side of

her computer screen. There was no father in the snapshot.

She cradled the phone against one ear and drug a chart into her lap as she talked. “The last one here, Howard Franks. First show today. Pretty typical. His wife had an affair so he thought it would be fine to rearrange her face. Totally in denial.”

She paused for a moment and reached for a pen.

“He could be a problem, though. Smooth talker, that one, and calculated. In his first session the sick bastard had most of my group thinking he was the victim. Not that those morons know the difference. Luckily, I know the CPS worker assigned to his kids. I’ll be giving her a call on this tomorrow.”

A moment later, Pitts hung up the phone and turned to a blank page in Howard Franks chart. She wrote with the steady and dispassionate hand of a surgeon.

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More She-male Trouble

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A few months ago, I wrote a piece for *The Spearhead* about sportswriter Mike Penner, who was struggling with "gender identity issues" and who eventually killed himself. I took a little flak for suggesting that a large number if not a majority of male-to-female transsexuals were mentally unstable, and that feminists and cultural Marxists were doing these men harm by convincing them that they should try to become something that they could never truly be: *women*.

I was amused to find this fishy, tragicomic story today in *The Oregonian*.

Portland man accuses Hawthorne psychic of defrauding him of $150,000 including cash, Rolexes and a Hummer

> Drakar Druella was struggling with wrenching emotional problems last October when he walked into the Hawthorne Psychic Shop in Southeast Portland for a palm reading and met Cathy Stevens. […]
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> Druella, who was struggling with his gender identity after undergoing a sex change, said Stevens told him she sensed his "twin-flame energy," and used Catholic symbolism that resonated with Druella, who was raised Catholic. She connected with him in a way that other spiritual teachers had not.

This story has a lot of potentially interesting angles.

Are lawyers infringing on the religious rights of gypsies? Do professional soothsayers offer *any* services that *do not* qualify as a con? How might a ruling in this case against the defendant impact tony Feng Shui advisers? And isn't a hummer something you're supposed to get at a Chinese massage parlor?

I'm frankly a little skeptical about the doe-eyed, confused tranny thing in this case. The Portland Center for Spiritual Living has a profile for Drakar Druella that indicates he is a "Certified Science of Mind Spiritual Practitioner" who "blends music with the healing art of meditation and prayer in his practice." In other words, he wasn't exactly a tortured soul who wandered off the street on a rainy night looking for answers. He was a pro. Stevens' lawyer claims that the two were business partners. Maybe they were, maybe they weren't.

Either you have a mentally unstable post-op here who was vulnerable enough to give $150,000 to a cheesy gypsy psychic, or you have a gypsy-tranny team who had a falling out, or maybe even a gypsy-tranny con team trying to play the legal system. No matter how this all plays out, it doesn't really do much to validate the feminist, politically correct, "celebrate diversity" public relations line on the transgendered.

File this under "a lot of trannies are a little bit nuts." Many are also apparently wrapped up in the kind of sketchy New Age mumbo jumbo that can mean anything you want it to mean — ask my critic, the Nuclear Unicorn, Quinnae Moongazer.

By the way — I'm up for jury duty this summer.

Pick me, pick me!

EDIT/UPDATE -

So I was just emailed by a female friend of mine on Facebook who knew the transgendered person in question when she (that's right, the papers were being politically correct–Drakar Druella was born female) was first "questioning" a couple of decades ago as a teenager. According to my friend, Druella seemed "deeply troubled" and was clinging to New Age spirituality even then. My friend also suspected that this was a business partnership gone bad, based on her experiences with Druella.

To clarify, Druella is a female-to-male transsexual. This story is *very* Portland, Oregon.

Chairman Mao's Offer

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A couple of years ago, redacted notes of negotiations Mao Zedong had with Henry Kissinger in 1973 were released, and they highlighted an amusing exchange between the supreme leader of China and the great statesman.

Noting that China was a poor country with little to offer, the Chairman suggested that he could ship over Chinese women. First, he suggested sending thousands of women, but after some thought came up with a figure of 10 million.

His reasoning was as follows:

> Let them go to your place. They will create disasters. That way you can lessen our burdens.
>
> Do you want our Chinese women? We can give you ten million. By doing so we can let them flood your country with disaster and therefore impair your interests. In our country we have too many women, and they have a way of doing things…

The talks continued for some time, and Mao kept bringing up the subject of women and the troubles they were causing for China. One of his aides suggested that the public would be upset if the offer were made public, but the elderly Chairman, hinting at his mortality, said: "I'm not afraid of anything. Anyway, God has sent me an invitation."

Envy: The Root of All That Kills

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Pride, envy, avarice – these are the sparks have set on fire the hearts of all men.
~Dante

It's said that love of money is the root of all that kills, but all too often it seems that the problem runs deeper than money itself, which places envy at the root of all that kills. Envy comes in many different forms, some positive and welcome, such as admiration and emulation, but other forms are far darker, to the point of being destructive — perhaps even deadly.

While envy colors human interactions of all kinds, women seem to be especially prone to the most harmful effects envy can bring about. This is clearly on display when interactions between women are observed. Women fight amongst themselves over who is prettier, married to the best man, has children who are the most gifted, or owns the nicest things. There are harsh verbal exchanges even between friends when one friend enjoys success the other has not achieved. Friendships that seemed strong may fizzle over such a happy time as an engagement or a new baby's birth. Envy has the potential to run so deeply in some women that no meaningful connections and relationships can be shared between a particular women and others, including a woman's own daughters. For some *Snow White* is not merely a fairy tale but a realistic glimpse into their life.

Sadly, the destructive nature of female envy does not stop there. Far from it in fact: envy also runs amok in connections between the two sexes, both on the individual level and on a grander scale. All too often women look at men and what feminists say men collectively have and start wanting what they do not have. The idea of male power, greater earnings and careers that are more powerful may all have great appeal, but in the envious pursuit of such things, women neglect to see what it takes to attain such success or what sacrifices were necessary for men to have power in a patriarchal society of the past. They see the man sitting on top as a CEO but can't imagine for an instant the immense burdens on his shoulders by virtue of being the man in charge. They see the newly divorced dad being given partial custody, less of the burden they say, not appreciating the grief that comes with losing an important full-time role in the lives of his kids. They see the warrior receiving a medal for his valor but not his dead and gravely wounded comrades suffering far away from the limelight. A stay-at-home mother may envy her husband's time with adults at work but cannot empathize with the pressures that come with being the sole breadwinner. They see men portrayed as heroes who never cower back in fear but don't realize how many men commit suicide, live homeless on the streets, or suffer from heart attacks and stress related diseases.

Women are missing out on the fact that the privileges that were afforded by masculinity in the past and are claimed by feminists to exist in the present day, came with immense sacrifice, responsibility, and hardship. They weren't gifts that were handed to men, unearned and on a silver platter, but privileges that had to be earned, ones that often came with a heaping helping of responsibility. When these important facts are forgotten, women lose out on the ability to see men as humans, as fellow travelers in the twisting and turning journey that is life. Envy is deadly, for it not only holds back the sufferers but denies them the ability to see others as humans, to feel their pain, care about their burdens, and empathize with their plight. It poisons the deeply afflicted to the point they lose their rationality, the hope of connecting with others, of seeing reality for what it is, and possibly even their humanity if true evil comes to fruit from the seeds of their envy. Until women get their envy in check

en masse and convert their feelings to the starting point for purposeful change and self-examination, the fire of the gender war will continue to blaze with no hope of being extinguished.

Iron Man 2: A Brief Interpretive Analysis

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Went to see Iron Man 2 yesterday. Overall, it was an enjoyable movie, although not nearly as good as the first. What follows is a brief review and interpretive analysis of the movie.

Basic Review. I stand aside and let the pros at CSM have that honor.

Character development. Both movies are technologically excellent and technologically equivalent–the sequel doesn't wow with special effects that the first lacked. What distinguishes a sequel in this case, then, is the depth and development of its characters and their movement along the story arc. This, unfortunately, is the big weakness of the movie. Stark of course remains the sigma he was in the first, only this time around, his ego swells to such Rush Limbaugh, sun-eclipsing proportions that it is almost painful to watch. His buddy Rhodes (played this time by Don Cheadle) sinks from delta to near-gamma-dom (note: I am using Vox Day's game taxonomy here), as the pecking order that Rhodes works in forces him to do some things that he'd rather not do, right before he is converted into Samsonite–that is, baggage–trapped inside a hijacked super suit. The new villain Vanko is probably the character in this movie written and played with the most depth; in fact, Rourke's Vanko would have stolen many of the scenes had it not been for Downey's natural magnetism. The Potts character loses much of her mommy-girlfriend-secretary depth in a flat performance by Paltrow. I find myself wondering why Jackson's Nick Fury character is there at all, other than to confuse the viewer with a reprise of one of Jackson's many other 'bad mutha f*cka' roles as Jules Winnfield in Pulp Fiction. And the Rushman/Romanoff character, which, I'll be honest, is probably the single best reason why male IronMan fans will see this movie (other than the CGI graphics and the super suits, that is), is the stereotypical two dimensional super-woman that we are all have come to expect for female lead and/or supportive characters in action movies.

Themes. I'm really waiting for Hollywood to come up with some new tropes, for the standard bad/neglectful father meme (both the protagonist Stark and the antagonist Vanko have an absent father and an abusive/acoholic father, respectively), the evil corporatist, and the ass-kicker-yet-looks-great-in-heels female lead are getting rather threadbare.

Interestingly, and as the counterpart to the bad-dad meme, the mothers of the two leading male characters figure into the story not at all, leaving this viewer to wonder to what deficit are we to attribute the defects in the Stark and Vanko characters…to ill- or malfunctioning fathers, or to mothers so ineffectual as to be absent from the narrative entirely? Continuing the curious slight against female characters, women are by and large a fashion accessory in this movie–particularly on Stark's arm where they appear happy to be, in a nod to hidden-in-plain-sight female hypergamy and giving lie to womankind's loudmouthed agitations for equality. However, one notable exception to this fashion accessory rule is the Potts character who, while still donning somewhat conservative knee-length dresses and shoulder-baring garb, manages to perform a useful economic function other than eye candy. Unfortunately for Potts, this movie reveals her character to be quite out of her depth as anything other than a combination executive assistant and a nagging mommy/love interest.

Then we have Rushman/Romanoff, the petite yet unrealistically large breasted, ass-kicking, smart-chick Lara Croft archetype so common to mainstream action-oriented entertainment marketed to priapic adolescent males. We see this archetype quite often, which is a shame because, in the absence

of any other model for women, this movie joins the chorus of countless others singing one single, three-pronged tune to the boys and girls who happen to view it: that (a) it is quite okay for a girl/woman to spam the environment with her sexuality via provocative dress (more on that later), (b) that a female can wear high heels and defeat nearly a dozen men twice her size in hand-to-hand-combat, and (c) that given sufficient training, a woman can reasonably expect to best men in physical hand-to-hand combat. None are realistic expectations, and any sane woman would eschew attempting to do lest serious, even fatal consequences result. Yet this movie propagates this theme to an audience of girls and young women who haven't been told much different their entire life. And therein lays the problem.

Social Commentary. This movie is chock full of social commentary if one bothers to look. One of the more obvious editorials is against slimy corporatists personified by Justin Hammer, played quite well in all its disgusting glory by Sam Rockwell. The viewer is invited to hate on evil corporations and the amoral suits that lead them. However, a point that would be easy to miss in this movie is this one: the slimy corporatist defense contractor requires an equally slimy military-industrial complex to survive, thus illustrating the seamy symbiotic relationship between government agencies and the companies they fund. Keep that in mind the next time you, dear reader, are tempted to voice support for government 'regulation' of the private sector of any kind…calls for more regulation are merely a smokescreen for government agents colluding with big corporations to force out smaller competitors, and/or enhancing their power by blurring the line between public and private.

Another sly commentary offered up by the movie, again if one bothers to look beneath the surface, regards women in the workplace. In one scene, after catching Stark repeatedly eyeballing a provocatively dressed Rushman, Potts chides him for oogling her and for thereby exposing himself and the company to a sexual harassment lawsuit. Particularly since the Rushman character works in the legal department. The surface message here is that men are to be rightly punished for noticing that an attractive woman in their midst is wearing a skin-tight sheath to the office and that her battleship guns are slewed prominently forward for everyone's ocular enjoyment. But that was the surface message…the first underlying message for me however, is how retrograde women can be in the workplace, how much potential they have to rob a male office environment of its natural efficiency, and how hazardous it it to employ women in this day and age. Of course, said sexual harassment suit would never be forthcoming because Stark is a sigma; lesser men, say deltas or lower, well I have no doubt had they gazed upon Rushman's platter, they would have been roundly punished. For we all know that sexual harassment is one of the only crimes that is dependent on the feelings of the woman receiving the attention. If she likes it–i.e., the man is within her erotic field of regard, all is well. If she doesn't like it, i.e., the man is a 'loser' or a 'creep' or any other appellation given to a fellow not within her erotic field of regard, well he's about to be on the receiving end of our society's control of errant male sexuality.

This brings me to the second sub-surface message embedded in the Stark-Potts-Rushman oogling scene–the contrast between the libertine permissiveness granted to expressions of women's sexuality in the culture and the legally enforced restraints upon expressions of male sexuality. Call it Victorianism in reverse…whereas female sexuality was limited and restricted in the Victorian era, in the feminist era, male sexuality is suppressed, punished, branded with the proverbial scarlet letter whenever it surfaces. Women can flaunt, but men dare not leer. Women can brazenly tease, but men dare not react. Riddle me this, Black Widow: which sex is oppressed and which sex is the oppressor in the new sexual calculus?

The third piece of commentary that Iron Man 2 offers pertains to the permissible roles of women in the feminist era. Once again, we are treated to yet another installment of woman in film as either the sexpot or the strong, hot, smart, capable Superwoman. What does that say about modern feminism's allowable roles for women when they should aspire to be an unattainable Lara Croft or, failing that, to be arm candy for some polygynous alpha? Where is the role for the old-school woman who built this culture and this society right alongside her man, bearing his children along the way? Where is the archetype of the frontier woman, who worked hard, had grit, helped her husband provide for the family, and was undeniably strong, yet feminine? Nowhere to be found in this movie or in the culture at large is this archetype…the strong woman who shovels the f*cking gravel with dignity, grace, and anonymity. Instead, we are treated to images of blustery paper tigers who are pussies underneath all the *sturm und drang*. That is what our daughters are to aspire to, I suppose, which is too bad. No thanks, says I…my daughter(s), should I be blessed with any, will not be limited in this fashion and instead be taught to be the full woman, the complement to man, that God intended her(them) to be.

Bottom line: Iron Man 2 was entertaining and technologically competent, but the character development was flat and the plot was recycled and unimaginative. A bit of subterranean social commentary in there for those willing to do the spade work to find it.

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French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde: Constant Efforts Required to Realize Women's Power

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One of the things that bothers me the most about putting women in positions of power is that they almost always plainly state that their job is to empower women over men. I can't think of one single female politician or appointed official who has said that she will be entirely impartial in matters of sex, and refuse to favor women over men. Men, on the other hand, always state either their impartiality or their willingness to favor women.

Say an Italian American were elected in New Jersey – not much of a stretch there – and upon assuming his office he declared it his intention to promote people of Italian descent over other Americans, noting all the ways in which they are superior to others. Of course, the guy would be pilloried by the press. He'd be mocked and denounced across the nation. But give a woman a chance, and she'll tell the world how much better women are and clearly state her intent to favor them over men — and the kicker is that she'll be applauded for doing so and given a pedestal upon which to stand and dish out abuse to men.

For a prime example of this, take a look at the New York Times editorial in which Christine Lagarde expounds upon the superiority of females with that pompous, Gallic certitude that we all know and love:

> When women are called to action in times of turbulence, it is often on account of their composure, sense of responsibility and great pragmatism in delicate situations.
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> Audur Capital, an Icelandic private equity fund wholly managed by women, is the only such fund to have made it through the crisis without a hitch. And in February 2009, Iceland's citizens chose a woman, Johanna Sigurdardottir, as prime minister in the midst of the country's financial crisis. At the other end of the spectrum, Muhammed Yunus first turned to women to promote micro-lending. They now account for 97 percent of his 8 million borrowers in Bangladesh. When he launched that revolution in 1976, he knew that women would use their loans to advance projects or purchase tools, while he was wary of what men might do with the money.

For her examples, she chooses some obscure stories from countries that don't matter much at all in terms of global finance. Iceland's economy is smaller than Idaho's, and Bangladesh is one of the world's most impoverished, backward states. Audur Capital, which has about 30 million Euros, is in league with Björk, and has been around for all of three years. Yunus may lend primarily to women in Bangladesh *because it is easier to collect from them*, and because they need loans for dowries.

> The time is long past when women were relegated to discussing world events at tea time. In the economic and political arena they are assuming ever greater power. The current economic crisis affords us an opportunity to impose more responsible, moderate and equitable approaches to finance.

Women are more responsible, moderate and equitable? Where did this received wisdom come from?

> The list of women who hold positions of responsibility is growing daily, and a woman in a

> position of power is no longer the exception that proves the rule. I know, however, that nothing can ever be taken for granted, that the situation remains tenuous, and that constant efforts are required to turn "women's power" into a shared reality.

OK, here's where we really ought to be worried. What are these "constant efforts" that are required? Must men be smashed down on a constant basis to "turn women's power into a shared reality?"

I'm afraid that's exactly the idea.

> Although the compensation gap is closing gradually and universities have enrolled as many women as men, if not more, many boards of directors and cabinet meetings should better reflect the world's diversity and draw on different viewpoints and experiences.

Here we see the familiar, constant refrain of "you build it, we take it over." Do women feel even the faintest bit of gratitude toward men for having developed these institutions in the first place? Does that mean anything to them?

I suppose I don't understand why all of these things that were created by men will be better managed by women. It simply doesn't make sense. In fact, I don't think women will run them as well as men — I think it would be a disaster to hand male-created institutions wholesale over to women. But that seems inevitable, so I suppose we'll see what comes of it.

The truth is that people always make a mess of things, no matter who's in charge. There will be no brave new world with a woman at the helm, guiding us to a better society. With women in charge the mess will probably be worse than otherwise, because the most vital attribute of the state is force, which is expressed by men, and vanishingly few women can effectively command men. It's simply contrary to human nature for men – especially fierce ones – to submit to female authority.

Female power in the West has rested solely on the willingness of men to enforce a chivalric ideal, but that ideal has been turned on its head by its own excess. Now, women will have to pay men cash for their allegiance, and that will prove to be their undoing, because it is also contrary to human nature for women – especially proud ones – to pay men.

Guest Post Guidelines

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We've been getting quite a few reader submissions lately, but unfortunately I haven't been able to get to all of them due to the torrents of email I've been getting lately. I'm getting so much email from readers and others that submissions are simply getting lost in the midst of it all. This is too bad, because I really appreciate guest submissions. They add content and perspective, and readers who may not want to regularly write articles have an opportunity to share what's on their mind with thousands of people.

So, to make things a little smoother, I've come up with a few guidelines that will help me identify reader submissions and make it easier to post them:

- Put "Spearhead article" in the email subject line
- Submit the post as an .rtf (rich text file) if you want me to use your formatting, and I can fairly easily transfer it into the post
- Include links (links will carry over from .rtf)
- Let me know what name/pen name you want me to put in the introduction
- Finally, if you have a blog of your own be sure to plug it at the end of the post (if you want)

That ought to do it.

Keep 'em coming!

Marmot Abuse at American University

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Chris Muir's Day by Day Cartoon. Check it out.

Trans-Fashion

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A reader recently posted a link to a hilarious set of photos in the Sidney Morning Herald. Apparently, there was an Australian fashion show last night in which men wore black dresses and sashayed around in androgynous display. Absurd gender bending has become the norm as popular culture metastasizes into grotesque parody.

I'd post more of the photos, but they're owned by the local Getty Images co., and I don't think they'd be happy about that, so if you want to feel both amused and sad at the same time, follow this link.

When you see this kind of stuff, it's pretty hard to deny that our society is a farce. If I were some Taliban mullah in Afghanistan and I saw these photos, I'd be very optimistic about defeating NATO.

HT Globalman

Witch Sacrifices Man, Then Cries Rape

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This guest post was submitted by *Meistergedanken*

I don't know if reading the Spearhead has opened my eyes wider and sharpened my senses when it comes to detecting the misandry lurking beneath the surface of American life, or if society is just getting progressively wackier, but these news articles just keep popping up, and every time I think I've heard it all, something comes along to prove me wrong…

> **Cops: Wiccan listed victim as 'sacrifice' in phone**
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> ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – A self-described Wiccan had a man's phone number programmed in her cell phone under the word "sacrifice" before she stabbed him to death, then claimed he had tried to rape her, authorities said Thursday.
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> She told police she stabbed Leyba three times in the stomach after he tied her up and tried to assault her.
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> But police say Leyba was stabbed 11 to 13 times, and a detective reviewing Sanford's cell phone found the nickname "sacrifice" instead of Leyba's name.
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> "It makes us absolutely confident there was something more here than her claims of self-defense," said Patrick Davis, a spokesman for the Bernalillo County district attorney's office.
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> She told police Leyba attacked her, tied her hands with her rope belt, took the dagger from her pocket and made sexual gestures.
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> Sanford told investigators that to keep from being raped, she let Leyba think she wanted to seduce him. She stripped to her underwear and persuaded him to lie down, then knelt above him, grabbed the dagger and stabbed him three times before fleeing.

Many would say the woman in question is plainly insane (the pagan aspect of the case sure doesn't help, I mean, who really believes in that stuff?), but leaving aside the fact that she purchased this ritualistic dagger and conveniently had it on her person during a date, she clearly had the presence of mind to know that an accusation of "RAPE!" would afford her an excellent chance of getting off scot-free. If she hadn't actually listed the hapless male as a "sacrifice" on her cell-phone, she might have even escaped the murder charge altogether.

Is this incident freakish and titillating because of its unusual trappings? Yes. But on a personal note, this story speaks to me because of an experience I had when I was online dating, 5 or 6 years ago. I made the [brief] acquaintance of a woman on "Yahoo personals" who was a clear 9, if the profile pictures were anything approaching reality. At it happened, she was rather coy about the particulars of her relationship status, and directed me to her personal web page to find out more about her. A cursory search did not find it, but did find numerous entries of someone with the same username on a satanic website. After reading some of the posts under that name, I was convinced that this was the same woman, as the avowed Satanist lived in my area and employed a few of the exact same phrases

that she had used in emails to me. Furthermore, it turned out she was in an “open” marriage and boasted of having an underground vault with a stone altar upon which she practiced bloodletting ceremonies, some of which were capable of summoning demons! I was appalled, yet, truth be told, perversely fascinated. I emailed her with my findings and hit the ball in her court, interested to hear whatever bizarre explanation she could supply, but she never replied again. Upon further reflection, I can’t help but think: What if I had arranged a date with her? Would I have even made it out alive?

Obviously, up to this point men have been directly responsible for far more murders than women, and no doubt this will continue, despite the increased propensity for violence that modern-day women are exhibiting. I can sense the trolls gearing up now, “What? Do you know how many women are killed by MEN every year?!!!”, etc. That’s not the point. Though she told hikers at the scene that she had been raped, she modified her story to the authorities, no doubt to account for the fact that there was no physical evidence of sexual trauma. Note the subtle distinction here: the justification is not even that she killed him because she was supposedly raped. It’s that she killed him because he might have raped her if she didn’t kill him. Ms. Sanford was actually seriously advocating murder as a now acceptable means of rape prevention!

Ironically, a lot of the Yahoo comments on the article consistently addressed the Wiccan angle, saying, “well, she’s not a real Wiccan if she murdered someone”, or even “most Wiccan’s aren’t like that!”, a dim echo of the standard female apologist line heard so often in this venue. It goes without saying that these neopagan and allegedly pre-historic practices are primarily gynocentric, with the earth, moon or nature viewed as a female goddess figure. Such spiritual world views would be very appealing to feminists, just as the patriarchy codified within traditional Christianity is distasteful to them.

In this particular event, the authorities were smart enough to call her out on the blatant B.S. emanating from her story. But it begs the question: if false rape claims are now a standard weapon in the feminists’ arsenal, are claims for potential rape going to now be popularized to justify further misandric crime?

Conservative Misandry

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The evils of misandry and feminism are oftentimes believed to come packaged in one particular way, the leftist branch feminism that immediately pops into mind when the topic is mentioned. While this may indeed be the most visible type of anti-male streak running through our culture today, this is not the only form, nor the type of misandry that is most harmful. There is a strain of feminism, one I've dubbed "conservative feminism" that is typically comes packaged in sparkles, ribbons, and bows. At first glance, this form may seem innocent, but upon pondering certain ideas and stereotypes floating around out there, one will quickly realize that something sinister is flying around the conservative religious world that proclaims their hatred for feminism.

Any belief system or idea that attempts to elevate women above men or proclaim femininity better than masculinity is feminism. In both leftist and conservative feminism this is done, often using the same wrongful ideas about men, just spinning them a bit differently for their intended audiences.

As you will see below, in conservative feminism, we find hatred of men in many ways:

***Men As Wallets-** In every part of society, men are now treated as walking breathing wallets. It is their job to hand over money to state through child support and alimony when marriages go wrong. Men are still expected to cover the bill for dating and they typically bear the burden of breadwinner even in two income households.

In the conservative world, the burden of work takes an even more troubling turn as woman are taught they have a right to stay home with their children and if their husband cannot afford to provide the standard of living that makes this necessary, then he is out of God's will, a sinner, or backslidden. When the talk turns to Titus 2 or other other verses used to support this women's right, there is not an admonishment to wives to be frugal, to be industrious and start a home business, a garden for cooking and canning, or so forth, just a strict requirement for men without a rule of cooperation on the part of women. Staying at home is simply her right, with no responsibility to aid the burden of breadwinning.

Men are not allowed to express their anxiety, anguish, or upset about this rule and expectation, but are made to suffer in silence, carrying their burden alone. In fact, men's fear is so poorly tolerated that should a man express genuine concern over not being able to have more children, for fear of feeding them in tumultuous economic times, his worry will be brushed aside and said to be the sin of "not trusting the Lord". The poor man is simply to worry himself to a heart attack, work more hours and miss out on the lives of his children, or risk having his worst fear–that of being a financial failure–come true.

***Men As Expendable-** Our culture sees men as disposable. We have yet to establish an Office of Men's Health, do not provide the same amount of funding for diseases that primarily effect men as we do for women, and we collectively expect men to perform the most unpleasant and dangerous of jobs, from coal mining and logging to law enforcement and serving in the military, without so much as an ounce of appreciation for putting their lives on the line for the enjoyment/protection of us all.

Conservative feminism takes this a step farther by expecting men to take on the responsibilities of modern day chivalry. Some ministries have publicly expressed contempt for men at Virginia Tech who did not take bullets for their women classmates when the tragic shooting occurred on the campus. Others preach that it must be husbands who do the dirty and gross jobs around the house,

that is must be husbands who check for the bumps in the night, and that should there be an emergency of some sort, it better be the husband who is operating the fire extinguisher or hammering the boards before the hurricane arrives. There is no talk of women humbling themselves and learning to help alongside their husbands, if this is what their husbands would like, or being prepared to be their own heroes should a situation warrant this. On the contrary, in many instances, anything labeled as "mans work" will be considered a feminist activity and thus inappropriate for a wife to do, even if she must (as in the case of the wife of a deployed soldier like myself) or if her husband encourages her to help him with such tasks. There is not even admonishments to be appreciative of men for taking on chivalrous duties, but rather an expectation of such special treatment is taught.

***Fathers As Optional-** We all know in what low regard fathers are held in today, and sadly this reality does not end at the church door. The contempt had for fathers may not be as open as it is in mainstream society, however, it's well and alive despite being a bit more hidden. We often hear talk about how much small children need their mother at home, how they cannot grow and thrive without them. We'll see motherhood elevated to the highest levels, being considered the most important and difficult job in the world. While this isn't a bad thing, the lack of high praise for fatherhood, or even mere mention of a father's importance, is striking. Yes children of all ages need their mothers, but they need their fathers just as much, from the bittiest baby to the teenager entering adulthood.

When traditional women bemoan women being in the military, the typical reason named is because the children miss and need their mothers. The reality of fathers deploying and leaving behind children is absent, not thought of at all. This is the same when the Titus 2 mandate is discussed. The importance of having mothers spending quantity time with their children is raised to the level of the highest importance, yet the reality of fathers perhaps working two jobs or more than 40 hours work week, and thus hardly seeing their children at all, does not warrant a mention. If fatherhood was being held in the high position it needs to be, this stunning disregard for daddies wouldn't be uttered without objections and dissent.

***Men As Perverts-** "All heterosexual sex is rape" the leftist feminists proclaim, and while the conservative feminists may take the gross crime of rape off the table, a respect for healthy male sexuality they do not bring. In the conservative world, there are numerous harmful stereotypes floating about when it comes to sex. For starters, all men are not seen to be potential rapists but potential adulterers. There exist books and advice is shared that encourages wives to use sex as a means of manipulation. Women are being advised they need to be intimate with their husbands not because they love them and desire to be close to them, not for the bonding experience, not to celebrate this special gift God has given to married couples but rather to prevent their husbands from straying. What could be a beautiful expression is lowered to the level of deceit and manipulation just like that.

Perhaps not quite as sinister but still problematic is the contempt had for the male sex drive. A man's sexual desire is at best merely tolerated and at worst, looked at as a perverted dysfunction for he is not "normal" like a woman. Cruel jokes are often made by woman, both in mixed company and not, about a man's sex drive, remarks about how husbands always want it, laughter about denying one's husband, and many other words to pathologize healthy male virility.

***Men As Immoral Uncivilized Brutes-** The Victorian "angel in the house" is still alive and well in today's world and nowhere does this appear to be more true than in the churches today. Never pausing for a brief moment to consider that the cherished idea of chivalry and men as soldiers allows women to live in a civilized world with special perks, the declaration of women as the more civilized

& moral sex is shouted from many a pulpit today. (And nevermind that it is women who have initiated 70% of divorces and killed millions upon millions of precious babies, neither of which are moral or civilized by any definition…) Typical male traits, such as courageousness, justice, fairness, and take charge initiation are denigrated so that female nurturing, passivity, openminded love, and modesty can instead be elevated as the correct way to be morality. The reality of an important balance existing between these two types of morality, making both worthy of celebration is never mentioned and becomes all the more downplayed as churches feminize further, pushing men from their pews.

***Men At Fault-** Men are blamed for much in today's day and age, both in and out of the church, but the most disturbing fault I have ever heard placed on men is that of their wife's willful rebellion and self chosen sins. There are people preaching the heresy that if only men led their wives better, these women would never sin, commit adultery, or do anything of this sort. If men were taking charge correctly, their wives would submit to them and never do wrong. In some denominations and churches, this is taken a step further, not merely placing the burden of a wife's sin on a husband here on earth, but for all eternity as well. Lessons are being taught that state a man will be held accountable to God for the decisions his wife made, including those that went against his wishes and directions. Actions of which the husband had no part. This is outrageous.

***Men As Unfeeling Robots-** This final idea about men should be perfectly obvious with all the terrible ideas that are allowed to circle around about men and masculinity, for if we cared about men's feelings, these lies would not be allowed to spread. In our culture, we have a very narrow view on male emotional expression and are quick to judge a boy or man who does not fit into this stereotype. "Man up" and "boys don't cry" starts on the tot lot playground.

We expect men to be able to hear the most cruel of words and not take them to heart. Men are expected to put themselves on the line for others with no appreciation and no way to seek emotional support to ease the many burdens placed upon their shoulders. All men are expected to handle trying times without help or support and some men–especially law enforcement, firemen, soldiers, and others we'd see as "tough guys"– are expected to hold in all the terrible sights they have seen, man up and keeping going on. Men from all walks of life are told to toughen up all the way to a suicide, heart attack, or breakdown. And even then, we'll collectively feel for his family more than we will for him. "Oh his poor wife and children, I wonder how they are handling this tragedy."

We also expect men to express their anger at real slights in a feminine way, so we women feel most comfortable. Women seek to tell me how to feel. They seek to own the experiences of men. They attempt to tell men how masculinity should be lived and what they experienced. Men are not allowed to own their emotions, life experiences, or masculinity, for this makes women uncomfortable. Our culture attempts to silence them, to appease those who are scared of men being men on their own terms.

***Woman As Children-** For my final note on conservative feminism, women as children is the topic I must bring up. Just as is the case with leftist feminism, the conservative strain does not seek to help us mature into capable adult women who can be true helpmeets to our husband and mothers to our children. Instead, it seeks to keep us as children forever.

The Christian principle of male headship is often twisted to mean that women do not need to take responsibility for anything in their family for this falls in the husband's duties. A husband must provide the paycheck, the discipline for children, and all the hard work around the house while the

wife stays home with the children and doesn't truly work at home. Wives are not encouraged to ask their husbands what they need to best help them, to form a healthy type of cooperation in which a marriage and children can thrive, to help bear the load with the men with whom they are supposed to share and build a life with. The talk is most often exclusively on privilege rather responsibility, leaving husbands with a lopsided bargain which adds far more the his plates of responsibility than to his wife's.

Misandry and women-first ideology come in many forms, not always from the left-leaning bra-burning side of the political sphere.

The Church's Own Teachings Create Broken Homes

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[Author's note: this post first appeared over at *The Elusive Wapiti* on July 3d, 2008. It remains as timely now as it did then]

Joe Carter's post titled "Don't Marry a Proverbs 31 Woman" got me thinking about how today's church inadvertently reinforces traditions that run counter to scripture–often conflating human traditions passed down through the years with scriptural directives–and creating suffering and misery as a result. Simply because things are done a certain way for a certain amount of time does not mean that tradition is ordained by God or is reinforced anywhere in scripture. Yet the Church does just that.

For instance, take the "men as provider" paradigm that Christian men are supposed to aspire to. Yes, men are to care for their families and others who depend on them (1 Tim 5:8, et al). But that is not their only function–they are to "provide" in other ways as well, such as instruction of their children (women as primary/sole teachers of children is a *very* recent phenomenon in Western Civ), provide covering to their wives, and provide leadership to the family. The problem here is that the Church propagates a role for men in keeping with the post-Industrial Revolution paradigm. This paradigm reinforces a strict specialization of duties within the home along sex lines–it specifies that men are to sell their labors outside the home for wages with little involvement inside the home, while women are to labor only within it. I contend that these sex roles fall well short of the Biblical roles for men and women in the family.

Prior to industrialization, when the economy was more agrarian, men worked within or very near to the home, often with their children (and their wives) at their sides. However, industrialization tore men away from the home to exchange their labor for money in locations distant to the home and family. This left their wives behind to assume the full burden of domestic duties. Over time, those elements of provision performed by men within the four walls of the home–such as instruction and leadership of the home–were abdicated to women entirely as the men simply weren't there to perform the full range of their God-given duties, and unfortunately contemporary Christianity has assimilated this culture. The modern church teaches that man is to provide financially for his family; little mention is made of the other roles that men used to perform within the family. The traditional family model employed by the West for thousands of years was forgotten over the span of two centuries. The Church enforces this truncated conceptualization of male provision its membership, thus leading to sin and inflicting suffering and harm on the Body, particularly the children of the Body, which I will address in a moment.

But it isn't just men who are artificially limited by this teaching of sex roles–women are limited as well. Yes, women are equal heirs to the Good News. Yes, they are to be help meets. Yes they are to focus their efforts primarily on the home. But an objective read of Proverbs 31 provides many examples of women working outside the home–including income-generating activity–to support and even complement the husband's effort to provide for those that reside within it. Yet the message from the church is that a woman's place is in the home, never in the paid employ of another, or even herself. Again, this stunted view and legalistic of the proper female role in the family leads to sin and misery.

This brings me to my critique of the church's promotion of overly restrictive and counter-scriptural

sex roles for men and women. The error of the Church's erroneous prescriptions is expressed in many ways. First is that men are defined by the money they earn or the job that they have; their contribution to the family is solely a financial one, with the result that the family is deprived of male headship, a father's guidance, a father's teaching, and a fully developed masculine role model. Over time, the family is deprived of the husband/father entirely through elevated male mortality, as men literally work themselves into the grave providing money to their families when what that family needs more is his leadership.

Second, women are burdened with responsibilities that aren't theirs to bear, while being told by the Church that they can't work outside the home if they are to be Godly women. The result is incomplete teaching of children, exhausted mothers, unhappy wives married to ghosts, and women given a disproportionate share of responsibility and authority in the central building block of society…the home.

The third way that the error of the Church is expressed perhaps comes to a head most poignantly during a divorce. Since men and women are taught that the man's job is to provide income for the family and the woman is to be in charge of everything else pertaining to the family, the Church's teachings cast the woman as the head of the family, if not in law, at least in practice. This inversion of God's intent greatly multiplies the divorce rate as well as putting men at a decided disadvantage during a divorce, where the secular culture, having assimilated the Church's teachings that a man's only duty to the family is to provide an income stream to women and children, maintains the status quo and continues to limit him to the role of visitor-banker after the marriage is dissolved. Once again, the Church reinforces the Industrial family paradigm: it lectures men about their financial responsibility to children who live with their ex wives, while failing to see value in the man's involvement with the children, or how the Church's own teachings lead to exactly the situation that religious leaders tut-tut about.

As a result, some of the people who are the biggest obstacles to family law reform and shared parenting are Christians, evangelical and otherwise. They cling to distorted notions of male and female sex roles, and in doing so, deprive children of the example of appropriate paternal and maternal involvement in the home. They simply cannot conceive of a role for men in the family beyond that of a walking bankbook, and a role for women beyond that of caring for children. Thus, in a post-divorce environment, they strongly reinforce the mother-custody, father-pays model to the long-term detriment of the children and society in general.

Unfortunately, in the West today, we are harvesting the rotten fruit of this grave misinterpretation of Scripture. Dads weep bitterly at the loss of their children before dying at a premature age. Moms groan under the burden of both providing and keeping the home. Children wonder why everyone is so unhappy and reject both marriage and the Church. And those concerned about liberty grow increasingly alarmed at the scope and size of the government Hydra that grows more and more heads when the atomistic family disintegrates.

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BMI Standards Mask Western Women's Growing Weight Problem

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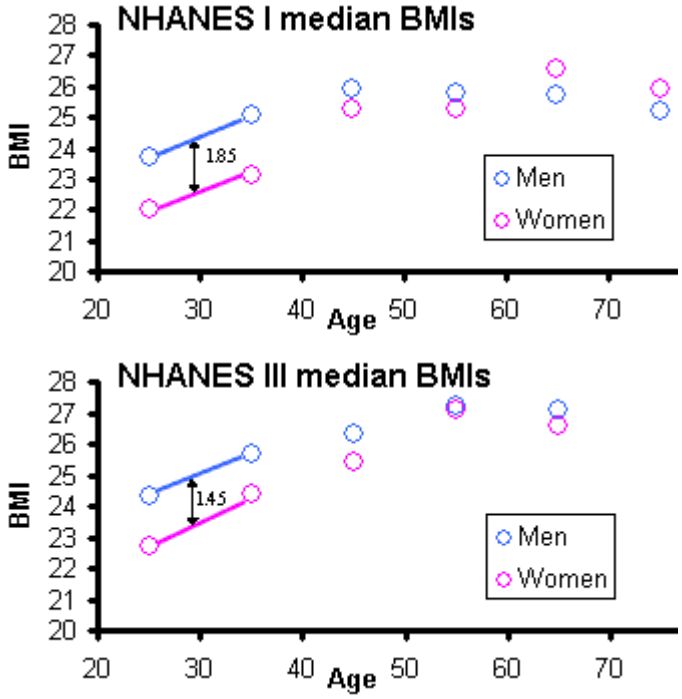
I've long wondered why men and women have both been assigned the same BMI value for being overweight, because it's obvious that if you take your average, normally-built man and woman of the same height, the man will be heavier. Despite this fact, the CDC and WHO use the same Body Mass Index (BMI) threshold for both men and women to determine whether they are overweight.

Exactly why these organizations choose to do so has not been explained, but it may be because Western women have grown increasingly fat since the 1960s. In fact, in a fifteen year period from the early 70s to the late 80s the BMI difference between men and women narrowed by nearly a half a point.



Does this mean that larger women are more natural? Was it the evil patriarchy that was keeping women thinner, healthier and more attractive?

Probably not, but the refusal to honestly address the fact that today's women are significantly fatter than men probably has a lot to do with the rise of female power. The last thing women want to hear is that they are fat. No, they'd rather Dr. Phil tell them how beautiful and special they are from his pulpit on TV as they gobble down cookies and ice cream. If some mean old government agency suggested they had a weight problem there'd be hell to pay, so the figures are manipulated to assuage their self esteem.

Fortunately, I found a doctor who is willing to set the record straight. Steven B. Halls, who runs a simple website with a number of health charts and calculators, has written an article discussing the problem with assigning the same BMI standards to men and women:

> Statistical fairness
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> One problem with the current CDC & WHO threshold of "overweight" at 25 kg/m2 is that it

> is unfair to men. It labels a larger percentage of the Male population as overweight. If the male threshold were higher, or the female threshold were lower, then the proportion of overweight men and women would be more equal.
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> A Danish study6 used a purely statistical method to define alternate BMI thresholds for overweightness, with equality between men and women as an important statistical criteria. It suggested a BMI of 27.2 kg/m2 for men and 25.0 kg/m2 for women, as overweight thresholds. The “gap” between these figures is 2.2 kg/m2.

So, in the interests of equality, there should be a gap. However, it’s unlikely that this change will be made because, after all, equality would favor men in this case, and suggest that our women are fatter on the balance than men.

Facebook Accusation Lands Woman in Jail

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Zoe Williams, a British woman who accused her ex-boyfriend of rape after they broke up in 2007, has received a four month jail sentence for her lies. Her ex-boyfriend was investigated and briefly jailed when he declared himself innocent.

Ms. Williams, who was angered because she thought the police were skeptical of her accusation, faked a Facebook threat to make it appear that her ex was interfering with the investigation by warning her to drop her complaint.

In all likelihood, she was only jailed for trying to fool the court rather than trying to destroy a man's life, but her punishment is at least a step in the right direction. When the damage done to men by these false accusations becomes a factor in punishment, then we'll know that justice is starting to reform and take a hard line against women who use their power to accuse for evil purposes.

HT Robert

How to Build a Man Bomb

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We have seen it through the ages countless times before. Whether in the French Revolution, or the dense and decaying inner city enclaves of Los Angeles and Detroit, the suppressed outrage of marginalized populations can erupt into mob violence, setting buildings and entire cultures ablaze.

The same precursors are always there, though by tradition, and perhaps by design, we ignore them. The discrimination, oppression, bigotry and other human failings we justify or disregard are the tools in the Great Societal Bomb Making Kit; a kit that has been a permanent fixture in human civilization. It is as though the occasional burning city, streets littered with the dead, or even toppled governments are every cultures proof of human authenticity. And we ignore the ticking down of the timer until the body bags begin to fill.

Until it is too late.

And now, in keeping with the annals of our rigorously ignored history, we are setting about the business again of orchestrating a future catastrophe. After a bloody revolution for our freedom, the scourge of slavery, an even bloodier civil war, and a civil rights campaign that we handled with police dogs, riot guns and water cannons, we have put ourselves right back on the course of an inescapable social crisis.

This time we are building a man bomb. And when this one detonates it could make the American race riots look like a Thanksgiving Day parade.

The misandric Zeitgeist, the system of feminist governance that most are sill loathe to acknowledge is about to head toward its inevitable and ugly conclusion, and the results of that will inflict another deep wound on the psyche of the western world.

In the men's rights community, a minority in its own right, we have long lamented the cruel and destructive war that has been waged against men and boys for the past half century. We've shouted endlessly at a deaf world that we were on the path to destruction, and we have watched our predictions of men being reduced to indentured servants to a malicious matriarchy come true, even as society continues to dismiss and humiliate us for speaking.

The buzz words and catch phrases have gone largely unchanged. They are now part of the common lexicon for those no longer blinded by the wool of a matriarchal matrix being pulled over their eyes. VAWA, child support, Title IV-D, false allegations, family court corruption, paternity fraud, male bashing, assumed guilt, man bad/woman good paradigm, phony wage gap, phony DV stats, media bias, etc., etc., etc.. All these terms and more are familiar to men and women who have seen through this transparent culture of hate and into an awareness of the problems we face, but do not acknowledge; problems we suffer from, but from which there is no relief.

Some have reacted with anger, some with hate, some with righteous indignation and others with resignation and hopelessness. But during these dark years there has been little public outrage, thanks to the benefit of human denial. For many men, it is always the other guy who gets raped in family court. It is someone else that lands behind bars on a false rape charge; some other unfortunate loses his career and reputation because the culture and the legal system assumes he must be guilty of whatever claim is made against him by a woman.

We have been a culture of head shakers, quick to say "tisk, tisk," and move on about our business,

blind and indifferent, because it is not happening to us.

But there are forces in play today that will almost certainly unleash a fury that few can comprehend, and that nobody wants.

A recent Wall Street Journal article, *Meet the Unemployable Man*, predicts that over the next several years, one in six men between 18 and 54 years old, or 18 million, will be unemployed, and *unemployable*.

That is 18 million men who will look for work and find none; millions of others who once carried briefcases or hammers and nails, but who will, in the days ahead, push brooms make French fries. There will be 18 million men who become the other guy. And that is in addition to the millions of other guys that are already walking among us.

In other times, this would just be a run of economic bad luck which would pass with better times. But all the indicators are that better times will not find these men.

The typical escape route from poverty is education. But that route, too, for men, is being cut off by the very forces that are the source of the problem. Men are now only 40% of college students, with the indicators pointing to even more drastic reductions in the future. College, like employment, will soon be a woman's world.

And the 18 million men with nothing to do but worry and stagnate cannot be expected not to notice. And they may well begin to notice a great many things that they never did before, because they were happening to the other guy.

The ticking should be as thunder in our ears by now.

Oh, but wait, some might say. We can fix that. We can address what is happening to these men before their being marginalized and disenfranchised results in problems that no one can ignore.

We can, but it is not likely we will. Look at how the educational establishment is reacting to the proposed male studies initiative, an idea that actually would seek some answers. Men's studies activists like Michael Kimmel and American Men's Studies Association President Robert Heasley, are doing everything in their power to ensure men remain in trouble. These feminist ideologues appear roundly offended that any amelioration of these problems would come to men, and are proving it daily in word and deed.

The ranking members of the matriarchy, like social terrorists, are partnering with and guiding government toward the inevitable explosion, and when it goes off they will be the first to point the finger at men, even at MRA's, for the fallout.

It won't help them, though. Because whatever tragic end this comes to, it will not be at the hands of MRA's, but in spite of our efforts to prevent it.

If the streets erupt again, as they have so many times before, they will be filled with average men who never heard of the men's rights movement. They will just be poor men, many of them young and fatherless due to the current system, acting our their rage against a world that includes and idealizes women, but that treats them like social pariah.

They won't be thinking of VAWA or domestic violence hypocrisies, because they will be in large part the same men who have denied these problems all along.

We may see them in a tax revolt, or at tea parties gone violent at some point in the future when things are much worse than they are now. Or they may not have any political affiliation at all. But one thing is certain, that many desperate and hostile men are not going to remain silent. They will act as men

have always acted in similar circumstances throughout history. And during the process, they will be looking again at many things they have ignored in the past. There will be volumes of information, long ignored, that will suddenly make devastating and dangerous sense to them.

It is a testament to men, and an exposure of lies perpetrated against them by gender ideologues that we have come this last half century without blood in the streets. It has always been in men's nature to take care of others better than themselves, and they have proven that with their silence in the face of so many constant abuses. Betting on that silence to continue when men are hungry is foolish.

It is possible that none of this will come to pass. I do not pretend to be a social prognosticator and I do not have a crystal ball. But I can add two and two and still get four, even in this crazy world. And I know that anyone, even men, if backed into a corner and kicked long enough and hard enough, will come out swinging. The 60's were not just peace, love and dope. They were cities on fire and bodies on the ground.

And because of that I write this genuinely afraid. The men's movement, the only bomb squad we have, had better catch on in grand fashion, I think. And even if it does, we better hope it happens before the society we live in finds itself at ground zero when the clock ticks down.

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Tea Party Feminist?

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So asks Slate, which quotes statistics that suggest that more women than men are involved in the Tea Party movement, and points to the fact that most national and state coordinators are women:

> If the Tea Party has any legitimate national leadership, it is dominated by women. Of the eight board members of the Tea Party Patriots who serve as national coordinators for the movement, six are women. Fifteen of the 25 state coordinators are women. One of the three main sponsors of the Tax Day Tea Party that launched the movement is a group called Smart Girl Politics. The site started out as a mommy blog and has turned into a mobilizing campaign that trains future activists and candidates. Despite its explosive growth over the last year, it is still operated like a feminist cooperative, with three stay-at-home moms taking turns raising babies and answering e-mails and phone calls. Spokeswoman Rebecca Wales describes it as a group made up of "a lot of mama bears worried about their families." The Tea Party, she says, is a natural home for women because "for a long time people have seen the parties as good-ole'-boy, male-run institutions. In the Tea Party, women have finally found their voice."

Well, if this is all true I suppose that explains why I haven't found the Tea Party all that appealing — or even interesting for that matter. However, perhaps we should take note, because this is a truly strange trend. Now that we have a party that has been firmly in favor of feminist goals for nearly 40 years in power, all of the sudden a number of women are up in arms.

What is driving all this feminine discontent? For all the cheering about the "women's nation," the female takeover of higher education and the successful destruction of a number of traditionally male industries, you'd think women would be happy with those in power, but instead we have Sarah Palin barnstorming around and whipping women into a frenzy.

Maybe part of what's going on is that men have been disenfranchised to such an extent that younger men have pretty much dropped out of politics. Young white men in particular, who would be more likely to support a right-leaning movement, are so routinely vilified that they might think they should simply keep their mouths shut and stay out of it all.

Are men finally dropping out of politics as well?

A guide of the denizens of the Wild, Wild Internet.

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No matter the subject, the participants don’t change.

They are the Flame Warriors.

Bonus points for identifying as many of the commenters as possible.

-Gx1080

Justice is Our Responsibility

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Too often, when something terrible happens to people, others justify it as somehow the victims' fault. African slavery has been justified as necessary due to black laziness, the liquidation of European Jewry due to Jewish provocation, and the desolation of 17th century Ireland because of Papist savagery. This attitude only guarantees that people will commit atrocities and resort to inhuman measures again, because such callousness is the foundation of injustice.

If one faction feels that another approves of and may have participated in a calamity inflicted upon them, they often will not hesitate to return the favor, and thus grievances are perpetuated. It may be an unavoidable part of the human experience that people face tragedy and hardship, but where it is in our power to prevent it, we should. To avoid doing so by simply blaming others is a form of moral laziness. In fact, it is more honorable to simply say "I don't care" than it is to attempt some justification of misery by pointing to the flaws of others.

Unfortunately, many men in our society prefer to abandon their responsibility to fellow human beings by doing exactly that. Even as the numbers of entirely disenfranchised men grow beyond a double-digit percentage of the population, some are content to sit back, smug and content in a feeling of superiority. Perhaps they tell themselves that these others are genetic losers, or they are lazy and stupid, or even that this is necessary to keep markets competitive. What they don't realize is that the growth of a class of discontented people will eventually come to have a negative effect on everyone. Not only the helpless and forgotten and their families, but even the content and powerful will face growing instability and a measurable decline in standards. For example, in Latin American countries with a huge gulf between the privileged and desperate, we find a very high murder rate, kidnappings, insurrections and civil war, powerful criminal gangs, and people living in either garbage dumps and favelas or communities surrounded by walls topped with barbed wire.

Here in the West, the lot of ordinary men has always been closely tied to the more egalitarian society we have come to idealize as a better way to live. As we lose any consideration for the ordinary man, that society is slipping away, and once gone it may not come back for centuries, if ever. In that case, we can expect women to suffer, too. More daughters will go into prostitution, more mothers will live in poverty, and in the absence of domestic stability, violence as a solution to problems will inevitably become a cultural norm.

The men who deny that there is a problem – those who insist everything is OK because their own tiny corner of the world is healthy and prosperous for now – are in fact our biggest obstacle. With their myopic view of the world they can ignore the big picture, fiddling as the rest of the world smolders around them. Today an insurrection is playing out in Bangkok, tomorrow, perhaps Mexico, and then one will follow another; finally, there will be one here as well.

If we don't do anything to address imbalances and restore justice, then whose fault will it be when that happens?

Mom Busted Teaching her Daughter to be a Ho

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Lashawnda Sharmaine Potts, A 29-year-old Seattle woman, has been charged with sex crimes for making sexually explicit videos with her daughter, who is 13 years old. The video showed them both dancing nude as the mother directed and instructed her daughter in the fine art of sexy dancing.

The mother was visiting the girl in violation of a court order during the incident, and has also been accused of having her daughter drive her around while she bought drugs, probably crack cocaine.

If convicted of the sex crime, Ms. Potts would face a mandatory minimum sentence of 3.5 years.

Events such as these confirm the emergence of the society envisioned by Roissy, who predicts that women will encourage their daughters to use their sexuality to gain maximum advantage in a chaotic society wracked by feminism and other associated degenerative trends.

Sticks and Stones

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It strikes me that in our contemporary culture there is a basketful of negative stereotypes about men from which people can pick and choose and subsequently hurl like stones at the hapless scapegoat for family and social ills. There's the "deadbeat dad," "abusive husband," "batterer (or wife-beater)," "couch potato," "unromantic husband," "stalker," "predator" etc. A number of fathers' rights and men's activists deplore the negative stereotypes, condemning their use as unfair and hurtful. Sure, these are harsh characterizations, and largely unearned, but it is typical of modern American men, encumbered as they are by a useless, vestigial chivalry, to demand only that others "play fair" (this is, however, a democracy, where chivalry is about as useful as an extra pinky).

Nasty slurs such as deadbeat dads were deliberately crafted as a weapon to persuade society that dubious methods of extortion are legitimate when used to force men – abandoned husbands in many cases – to pay the mothers of their children. Terms such as stalker and batterer served to rush along the suspension of due process in the Violence Against Women Act. In the meanwhile traditional terms of opprubium targeting irresponsible or misbehaving women were dropped as politically incorrect. Hooker and whore are out; "sex-worker" is in. "Slut" is sexist, as is "nag." Some claim that the overtly sexual nature of terms of abuse concerning women proves that women are disproportionately victims of sexism. Let's examine a few terms applied to men, such as "jerk," "perv," "prick," and "mother——." Aren't those overtly sexual? Words of abuse, whether directed at men or women, are very frequently expressed through sexual imagery.

It is characteristic of power to make attempts to block and erase smears, whether verbal or otherwise, on its shining facade. Ridicule and demeaning words are real threats to political power, and as feminists have so stridently declared, they can also be used to encapsulate and demean the less powerful — in our current case abandoned husbands and dispossessed fathers. Men, all of whom are imperfect and most insecure to some degree or another, are relatively easy targets in this new age of material irrelevance of husbands and fathers. Being called a batterer or deadbeat – regardless of the truth of the accusation – is a real threat to a man these days, when divorce could strike at any time. When such terms are incorporated into laws and the lobbying efforts attached to said laws, they become instruments of state oppression. When words alone from a hostile partner, absent due process, can remove a man from his house and children and potentially result in a violent arrest, they become a form of terrorism directed at a segment of society.

As is common in arguments for slavery, men are portrayed as both threatening and indebted, i.e. they must be controlled physically as well as forced to provide materially for others. Men's civil rights are entirely ignored, as they are held to be subordinate to their wives' and children's welfare. This is a real dilemma for good men, and for thinking men, because there is no doubt that one's children's welfare should be of the utmost importance. However, consider the brilliant manner in which feminists frame the debate: what's good for women is good for children. This allows for a huge latitude in behavior on the part of women due to the very subjective nature of one's concept of good. Fathers are faced with a far more limited range of options: pay up whether your status as father is respected or not or go to jail.

What is entirely absent from debate is the question of men's welfare, and whether it has any benefit to society as a whole. Is men's welfare less or more important than women's, or is it equal? Does a man's social and legal status have any influence on his children's well-being? Perhaps the most relevant question is what implications men's civil rights have for society in general. Clearly, a society that is generally happy and industrious is a much better place for children than one that is contentious and expends its efforts in strife. Isn't it likely that when men's rights are respected equally the greater good is served? Creating an entire class of individuals with fewer civil rights simply for having reproduced may be expedient to some single mothers (although it appears that the neediest frequently derive no benefit whatsoever; rather, it is the more affluent who reap the largest reward), but overall it creates a polluted social atmosphere with negative consequences for child development.

Perhaps the best response, one that worked in the Great Depression – last major crisis of fatherhood – is the social rehabilitation of the American man. Instead of the recent approach of beating and shaming him into submission, which causes him to flee fatherhood and social responsibility, man must be offered a redeeming role — one that fits current social and economic realities. Punitive, coercive laws and social censure are hardly a just reward for the majority of adult, American men, and will likely result in a defensive reaction. The reaction has already begun, but we still do not know what form it will ultimately take. Perhaps we shall catch a glimpse of it during the presidential election, as Joe Biden, a contributor to the unjust and unequal "Violence Against Women Act" – which greatly enhances punitive, coercive and often violent state measures against men – comes under greater scrutiny.

An Example Of How Women Deal With Unemployment

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As the Mancession continues the mainstream media finds new ways to avoid talking about how men have had to deal with 80% of the job losses from the current economic downturn. This article from the New York Times talks about clerical jobs lost due to technological advances. This means secretaries, "administrative assistants", and the like so the New York Times profiled Cynthia Norton, a 52 year old woman living in Jacksonville, FL who was an an administrative assistant. While the article tries to paint a picture of (a subset of) women being hit hard by the economic downturn, the fact is for every Cynthia Norton there are four men unemployed. However, it does show us how women deal with unemployment. Here are some excepts from the article:

> Ms. Norton is reluctant to believe that her three decades of experience and her typing talents, up to 120 words a minute, are now obsolete. So she looks for other explanations.
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> Employers, she thinks, fear she will be disloyal and jump ship for a higher-paying job as soon as one comes along.
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> Sometimes she blames the bad economy in Jacksonville. Sometimes she sees age discrimination. Sometimes she thinks the problem is that she has not been able to afford a haircut in a while. Or perhaps the paper her resume is printed on is not nice enough.
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> The problem cannot be that the occupation she has devoted her life to has been largely computerized, she says.

Notice how this woman blames anything and everything else other than herself. It must be misogyny (which is blaming men) or age discrimination (which is code for blaming men). It has to be the paper she used for her resume or her inability to "afford" a haircut. If the problem is simply paper or a haircut that get paper or get a haircut. How much is she paying for a haircut that she "can't afford" it now? The paper a resume is printed on doesn't matter that much anymore since resumes are sent over email now and scanned into a computer system when received on paper.

> Ms. Norton has spent most of the last two years working part time at Wal-Mart as a cashier, bringing home about a third of what she had earned as an administrative assistant. Besides the hit to her pocketbook, she grew frustrated that the work has not tapped her full potential.
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> "A monkey could do what I do," she says of her work as a cashier. "Actually, a monkey would get bored."

If this job at Walmart is so terrible then why not quit? There are lots of unemployed men right now who would love to have it.

> Ms. Norton says she cannot find any government programs to help her strengthen the "thin bootstraps" she intends to pull herself up by. Because of the Wal-Mart job, she has been ineligible for unemployment benefits, and she says she made too much money to qualify for food stamps or Medicaid last year.

> "If you're not a minority, or not handicapped, or not a young parent, or not a veteran, or not in some other certain category, your hope of finding help and any hope of finding work out

> there is basically nil," Ms. Norton says. "I know. I've looked."

This is what men have always been dealing with. There are no government programs for men (outside of very limited categories like veterans). Welcome to the real world, Cynthia Norton.

> Ms. Norton, for her part, may be reluctant to acknowledge that many of her traditional administrative assistant skills are obsolete, but she has tried to retrain — or as she puts it, adapt her existing skills — to a new career in the expanding health care industry.
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> Even that has proved difficult.
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> She attended an eight-month course last year, on a $17,000 student loan, to obtain certification as a medical assistant. She was trained to do front-office work, like billing, as well as back-office work, like giving injections and drawing blood.
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> The school that trained her, though, neglected to inform her that local employers require at least a year's worth of experience — generally done through volunteering at a clinic — before hiring someone for a paid job in the field.
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> She says she cannot afford to spend a year volunteering, especially with her student loan coming due soon.

It wasn't the job of this school to do research into this field for her. I doubt that volunteering at a clinic would conflict with her job at Walmart. Even if it did then she could go on unemployment and qualify for all those government programs she didn't previously qualify for a year and then get a job.

She blames her student loan, but even that is a solvable problem. While student loans can't be discharged in bankruptcy, they can be deferred. Several types of deferments are available including economic hardship deferments and unemployment deferments. Norton will qualify for one of those types of deferments. All of this ignores how taking out a $17000 student loan for just an eight month course is a bad idea. (Of course, Norton should be thankful that she isn't in as dire straits as Michelle Bisutti who ended up with a student loan bill of $555,000.)

There are people who would say that I'm just kicking a woman when she's down by writing this post. The fact is I have been laid off and unemployed. But I also was able to get employed again without worrying about the paper my resume is printed on or about getting a haircut. It's not the job of the government or educational institutions to wipe your ass. Again, for every Cynthia Norton there are at least four men who lost their jobs during this economic downturn. Unlike Norton, these men understand there will be no one to bail them out.

Coins Have Two Sides

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This is the pilot of the “Lone Nut” comic by Carl Walch and Patrick Roberts. Check out Patrick’s site, and feel free to provide some feedback here.

PTSD

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Authors note: I have spent over twenty years protesting the way men are maligned. During that time I have been accused more times than I could possibly remember of either being ignorant of or indifferent to the experiences of some women. It is pretty common to the MRA life.

Like most men, and most MRA's, I have seen a lot more of life than the ways men are harmed. I don't focus on those things because advocacy for them abounds while men drown in the worlds indifference. Just the same, from time to time, I find some things need to be spoken, even in a place like this from a man like me.

Amy sat across from me in one of the two Queen Anns. She looked vacantly at the floor and her shoulders slumped, as if ready to collapse under the weight of a hard life. She used a pale finger to absently toy with a strand of hair that hung by her cheek, and was silent save the sound of her breathing. She was the third of four assessments I would do that day. Clients came in waves in residential treatment and that day I was surfing.

I had read her intake notes, a page of dispassionate scrawls from the admissions nurse, and was already sketching a brief history in my head before I asked her any questions.

22 year old white female, complaint of cocaine dependence. Patient admits to alcohol and poly-substance abuse since age 11. Began using intranasal powder cocaine 3 years ago and has been using I.V. intermittently for the past six months in amounts averaging from 1-2 grams daily while binging.

I didn't need the chart to tell me she had likely been supporting her habit with dancing or hooking or both. It came with the territory.

She was a pretty girl, or once was, even with the dark bags under her eyes that looked like bruises against her wan skin. But it was a beauty turning hard and fading, much like whatever was left of her innocence.

She shivered, but remained silent. I went to a linen closet and got her a blanket. She wrapped herself in it without speaking.

I would get past the preliminaries with her as quickly as possible. Like all addicts, she had a story that went past her drug use. That story was my job. The rest, the drugs she used, how much and when and for how long was just the requirements for documentation; an insurance matter; the perfunctory gathering of details to justify payment. Even when a life is circling the drain, it all goes back to the money.

I wish I could tell you that my work is like breaking a great and mystical code; that it requires a combination of high intellect and finely honed skills. I can't. One look at her and most people would have a pretty good idea what the story was. Something, somewhere in her life had caused her enough pain, enough trauma, that she would stick needles in her arm to keep from thinking about it. Something, likely someone, had robbed her of enough self worth that she could smile while crawling naked on a dirty floor, scraping up the money for her habit from a crowd of drunken lechers.

The only trick was getting her to talk about it, even though there were no assurances it would help. Addictions have no memory and no conscious. They are like an ancient feud that continues to draw

blood long past the time that the reason for it is remembered. But when things forgotten are killing you as surely as the drugs, the only thing that makes sense is to get it out; to conjure up the demons of the past and talk them down. It's not a cure, but it's a chance. And sometimes a chance is as good as it gets.

And talk she eventually did, though it didn't come easy. She sat through most groups as though cloaked in a shadow, responding to queries with short, sometimes monosyllabic answers designed more to fend off other questions than to give up information. In her individual sessions she would talk a bit more, focusing mostly on her drug use, but quickly withdrew when I nudged the conversation a little deeper.

At two weeks into her treatment, and more importantly with only two weeks remaining, I tossed in the towel on tact and strategy and asked her the question.

"Amy, did someone sexually abuse you?"

It was the most animated I ever saw her. Her eyes went wide in surprise, like two blue saucers. Her mouth opened and froze in place. Her skin color, which she had regained with two weeks of abstinence and regular meals, drained from her face and was replaced by a bloody flush. Tears pooled and teetered on her lower eyelids, but didn't fall.

"Can you talk about it?"

She shook her head slightly.

I waited a moment, then leaned forward and spoke to her as softly as possible.

"I understand," I said. "But I want you to consider putting it on paper. You don't even need to show it to me. You may find at some point you want to show it to someone. And maybe whoever you show it to can help you understand that it wasn't your fault."

I let her go early from the session and called the nursing station to have her put on close observation. Tapping in to peoples pain sometimes has tragic results.

When I got to work the next morning I found a blue folder that had been slid under my door. In it was Amy's story, in Amy's words, and each page I turned cut through me like hot, cruel blade.

It was her father.

He started touching her at age six. That progressed to other things as he continued grooming her; using her.

And along the way he taught her, in his own way, what all fathers are supposed to teach their children; her worth as a human being.

For him, her hand was worth five dollars. Her mouth twice that much, even more if she "finished." Other parts of her body had their value, too. And he paid for, owned, all of them.

For ten years.

He trained her well enough. Eventually, when she wanted money or other things, she came to him. She would tell me later that it made her feel special, even powerful.

But that illusion of power eventually played it's way out, and you could see the crippling toll in all its unvarnished ugliness as the facade was finally lifted. Every degradation she ever suffered had traveled through a spike and up her arms. Every violation of her childhood had become a prescription for being passed around in a dope house by some carbon copies of her father. Her humiliation and abuse became a deviated septum and hepatitis C.

Every needle mark was a sea of unshed tears.

That power? That lasting gift from her father? It had lead her, no, dragged her, to my office. She had the skills to talk a man out of his wallet, or to offer her body in exchange for it, if it was for drugs. But she was unable to look me in the eye or even to tell someone, anyone, that she was cold and needed a blanket.

The one necessity of my work is detachment. You get too close, too involved, you are helping no one, and you run the danger of causing harm. Anyone in this field will tell you that the ground rules mean doing the best you can and letting go of the results. That was no longer an option for me. I wanted Amy to make it. Part of me selfishly needed her to, as though her resurrected life would lend some meaning to my own. And of course, I wanted her bastard father dead. But treatment centers are full of unfulfilled wants. They are scattered like tombstones in a graveyard of broken dreams.

The rest of Amy's time there was spent much as it started. A cat and mouse game with trying to get her form a different bond than life had afforded her before; trying to earn a trust she was past giving to anyone.

I found her in the hallway a couple of days before she left. She was sitting on the floor with her back to the wall. An assortment of family photographs was scattered across the tiles at her feet. She was sifting through that collection of memories as though it were a puzzle. Her face was cheerless, even more than usual, and her fingers trembled as she stopped to take a longer look at a particular picture.

"You O.K.?" I asked.

She looked up and seemed to notice me for the first time. She hesitated, then tilted her head to the side in an invitation to sit with her. It was the most intimate gesture she'd made to me since her arrival.

I took a spot on the floor next to her and looked at the picture. It was her at about eight or nine years old. The camera had caught her in a smile, but she carried a sadness in her eyes that remained with her till that day. I started to say something, then remembered that one of my most valuable tools was knowing when to keep my mouth shut. I just sat with her, joining her in her silence and we studied her picture together. After a few moments she cleared her throat and spoke.

"I used to love horses," she said. "I used to day dream that like a prince or something would come and take me away on a horse and I would be happy and safe my whole life."

A tear fell down her cheek and she laid the picture down on the floor. She rubbed her eyes and tried to offer a half-hearted smile. When she saw I wasn't buying it she turned away.

I spotted a tablet on the floor. 'Amy's Artwork' was written calligraphy style across the cover. I pointed at it and asked, "Do you mind?"

"Sure, I used to draw, some." she said, her tone confirming her mind was elsewhere.

I opened the tablet and my first reaction was simply being impressed. But as I turned the pages my reaction went from just impressed to startled, then to disbelief, then, finally, to complete awe.

The subjects of her drawing were people. Not just faces and features, but emotions and states of mind. She went far beyond the simpler interpretations of anger, sadness and joy. She drew curiosity into the eyes of a child, contemplation in an old woman; brief hesitance in the expression of a man; and of course, despair in a young girl. She drew the depth and subtlety of human emotion with the deftness and clarity of a great master.

In her work, done with merely pencil and paper, she demonstrated more understanding of the human

soul than most therapists would gain in a lifetime. Each page I turned was another awakening, another breathtaking revelation of the genius that sat next to me. Suddenly, I felt as humbled and inept as I ever have in my life. I reached up and wiped my eye, then looked at the tip of my finger, now moist with one of my own tears.

Two months after she left treatment, a month after her father began serving time, I got the call that she was dead. It was an overdose, of course. They found her splayed out next to a dumpster. Whoever she was using with just dumped her onto the pavement amid the garbage to avoid problems with the law.

I'm sure the coroner's report cited cocaine as the cause of death. But that was just the interpretation of cold science. The coroner no more knew what caused her death than I knew how to help her live. What I do know is this: Amy's death was a homicide. Her father murdered her when she was six years old.

It just took her 16 years to figure it out.

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What is Domestic Violence?

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[Today's guest post was submitted by Hughman]

Domestic violence, the catch-all nuke from orbit excuse feminists love to use.

But what is it?

"Domestic violence is any threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between adults who are or have been in a relationship, or between family members. It can affect anybody, regardless of his or her gender or sexuality.

The violence can be psychological, physical, sexual or emotional. It can include honour based violence, female genital mutilation, and forced marriage." – British Home Office

Now, the majority of people (in my personal anecdotal opinion) are under the impression that domestic violence is something that happens to purely women, from their male partners. Seems sensible really –- men are larger and more aggressive, and feminists are happy to admit to this. Yet note what the Home Office says. "…it can affect anybody." Hmm, interesting.

So, I dug around through various government and university websites and pdfs. And lo and behold, the truth:

DV Myths

· According to the FBI, a woman is beaten every 15 seconds – The FBI a) does not collect statistics on domestic violence, and b) has never said such a thing

· 4,000 women each year are killed by their husbands, ex-husbands, or boyfriends [in the USA] – The stats just don't add up to this. Total homicides of women is at about 5000, which means 80% of murders are from DV, which doesn't seem right. Looking through and adding up all cases where the husband or partner was the murderer, there are about 1500 incidents. And this is counting all of them as domestic violence (some may well be related to gangland violence, retribution/crimes of passion etc etc). Either way, the figure is much smaller.

· All women, of all races, creeds, incomes and educations, are just as likely to be recipients of domestic violence – true at the baseline, but adjusting for income and education levels has not been done. Those from African or Middle Eastern nations, those below the poverty line and in the age range 18-30, are more likely to be a victim of abuse.

Domestic Violence 'Acceptable' Truths

I am not going to totally piss on feminism's parade. There are some truths in their assumptions. Namely that men are more likely to commit sustained abuse on women (though it is hard to adjust for men, who may be more likely to leave abusive relationships, but that is speculation). Serious injury and fatalities are more likely to occur to abused women as well. The figures range from 2 to 10 times increased risk, depending on the report, and I will go with the Bureau of Justice's report 'Intimate Partner Violence Has Declined', which puts it at about 3 times. (on a side note, in 1975, chance of injury and homicide was almost equal between genders. I wonder why this difference has opened up. Genuine, cooking the books, who knows)

Inconvenient Truths

· The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report says : “In nonreciprocal violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70% of the cases. Reciprocity was associated with more frequent violence among women, but not men.” [Source: Whitaker, Haileyesus, Swahn and Saltzman, Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence, American Journal of Public Health, May 2007, Vol 97, No. 5, pp. 941-947]

· Cal State Psychology Professor Martin Fiebert has assembled a bibliography of 175 scholarly investigations: 139 empirical studies and 36 reviews and/or analyses, which demonstrate that women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners.

· Of all persons who suffer an injury from partner aggression, 38% are male. [Source: John Archer: Sex differences in aggression between heterosexual partners: A meta-analytic review. Psychological Bulletin, Vol. 126, No. 5, pages 651-680]

Why Feminists can ‘claim’ there are ‘no abused men’

According to the National Family Violence Survey, female victims of DV are nine times more likely to call the police than male DV victims. These are the percentages of victims who called the police in response to the assault, with 8.5% of women calling the police, and only 0.5% of males.

Blind surveys where anonymity is preserved shows equal rates of domestic violence between the sexes.

Conclusion

Domestic Violence is serious, and very much exists. But what I am trying to get across is that women are not angels. They are just as likely to engage in abuse, and from the statistics that show men are more dangerous in their actions, one can conclude women are more verbally abusive and psychologically manipulative towards their male partners. And I haven’t even touched on homosexual DV.

You would think feminists would jump at equal DV ratios to ‘prove’ men and women are the same. But in this situation they are happy to highlight the ‘differences’ for their own benefit.

And that just sum up the orthodox feminists – total and unapologetic hypocrisy. Actually, they do not even admit to having double standards.

Can Men Thrive as Independent Operators?

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Recently, I've been thinking about the issue of economic survival in these lean, politically strange times, and I noticed that a few of our commenters have been discussing the idea of independent businesses as a solution to men's problems. So many men have been pushed out of the work force that I find the idea appealing, but the overwhelming number of regulations and convoluted tax laws has severely hampered the common man's ability to operate as an independent contractor/businessman. Additionally, legal issues have the potential to take men down at any minute.

It would be interesting to see the opinions and experiences of readers who have run their own businesses, both large and small, and to get some hints for how to do this in the most efficient way possible. I support the idea that men should try to do business on their own if at all possible, as our position as employees is a tenuous one. Men have very little in the way of protection if they are discriminated against at work, and there is almost nothing they can do about it if falsely accused of sexism or sexual harassment. HR will gladly sacrifice a man to avoid even a spurious lawsuit, so unless a man is in a very secure position or willing to completely submerge his masculinity at work he can be terminated at any time.

Anonymous Protagonist suggests networks of independent contractors, which seems plausible to me, because I've seen something like this in action in the creative community in Seattle. In fact, women do it, too, and are very open about supporting each other as women through electronic lists such as Digital Eve.

Could men develop something similar?

Dressing in Drag at Work Now a Civil Right in NY

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Although I've often countered the saying that America is a free country by bringing up the fact that the typical American workplace is one of the least free places on the planet, it appears that the interests of certain groups – if sufficiently abnormal and bizarre – can trump even the capitalist mandate.

American Eagle Outfitters, which is one of those trendy brands that sell second-rate sweatshop apparel, had a policy in place that stated that employees had to wear "gender-appropriate clothing." The rule probably applied mainly to the male employees, because women generally get a free pass to wear whatever they want, and also because cross-dressing men are not always as convincing as they think they are.

Evidently, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo got involved in the issue after Make the Road, a New York activist group, raised a fuss over the language. Cuomo strong-armed the company into dropping the rule against dressing in drag at work and forcing sensitivity training on non-trans employees, who will be instructed as to which pronouns to use when addressing gender-ambiguous co-workers.

The settlement is the first prompted by a new section of New York's Human Rights Law that prohibits employers "from discriminating against applicants because of their gender identity."

In the strange world of contemporary America, gender is now a "choice," and making this choice a civil right that is granted more protection than speech and political views. In a way, it seems that prioritizing the absurd might be an effective way to trivialize the fundamental rights envisioned by America's founding fathers.

Feminist "Spy" Languishes in Iranian Prison

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Sarah Shourd, who describes herself as a "teacher-activist-writer" who "loves fresh broccoli, Zapatistas and anyone who can change her mind," has been locked up in solitary for nearly a year in Iran, accused of being an American spy. In July of last year, Shourd and a couple of her friends came up with the idea of going for a hike in Iraqi Kurdistan, right along the border with Iran. This hike occurred shortly after political unrest in Tehran that shook the Islamic Republic to its core, which was blamed in part on Western interference.

I suppose one can only draw a couple reasonable conclusions about the three young Americans who apparently strayed in Iranian territory: they were either spies or profoundly careless and thoughtless. Let's try to look at this from the Iranian perspective. Say some well-educated, privileged Iranians happened to wander through the Sonoran Desert from Mexico into US territory and were picked up by ICE sporting cameras and some communications equipment (let's assume at least one of the American hikers had a cell phone with GPS). We can even burnish the comparison by imagining that Mexico was occupied by Iran at the time, and Iran had been threatening military action against us. In such a case, the detention of the young "activists" would hardly seem out of the ordinary. In fact, in George Bush's America they probably would have been flown to Gitmo for some Inquisition-style torture and held for years before given any hope of release.

So we have to admit that what the Iranians are doing with the three is not out of the ordinary by our own standards, and is probably even somewhat less severe. However, this does not mean that they are actually spies any more than a few years in Camp Delta meant a detainee was necessarily a terrorist, as opposed to, say, a very unlucky goatherd. But if they aren't spies – and we can't rule out that possibility – what are they?

From all indications, they are a couple of herbs and a clueless feminist who thought the world was her playground. On a website dedicated to freeing the hapless hikers, Shourd is described as "a women's rights activist who, earlier in her career, was volunteers coordinator working to help stop the femicides in Mexico." As a supporter of Zapatistas, Shourd is decidedly left-wing – to the point of being on the radical fringe – and the use of the term "femicides" only confirms this. If there was any doubt of her politics, she wrote a piece for Brave New Traveler in which she expresses shame about her country:

> At that very moment, amidst all the commotion, it dawns on me that this is my first time sitting around a table with Iraqi people. I tell them that everyday I feel ashamed at what my country has done to their country.

Shourd is beginning to sound rather like Rachel Corrie, who confronted a bulldozer in Gaza and lost her life in the process. This highlights the irony of her captivity in an Islamic nation, which is probably using her as a hostage pending negotiations with the United States, and underscores the profound foolishness of the feminist worldview, which holds that all evil proceeds from Western patriarchal imperialism, and that women of sufficient holiness are needed to sally forth and save the world.

Usually, young Western women who insert themselves into foreign politics and culture quickly tire of this mission – particularly when they realize that the deal they've got back home is actually pretty

sweet – but from time to time it ends in some spectacular tragedy, as in the cases of Rachel Corrie and Amy Biehl. Shourd, despite her current predicament, may eventually have the opportunity to realize just how lucky she was that her thoughtless foray across a frontier in a war zone didn't have a similarly deadly outcome. Whether she does eventually come to that conclusion is another matter.

One might wonder what it is that encourages these young women to sacrifice themselves in vain for people who really could give a damn about them, and don't have the slightest bit of respect for Western feminist values. The answer is that the blame falls squarely on the shoulders of the radical feminists who have carved their pound of flesh out from academia. Parents send their idealistic, ambitious daughters to college in the hopes that they will find nice, restrained and responsible young men, but quite a few of them end up victims of the cult of campus feminism, and some even lose their lives for it.

As an American, I hope Ms. Shourd is released soon, but what I'd really like most is for Western men and women to learn a lesson from her folly. Unfortunately, given past incidents, that seems unlikely.

A Modern Day Don Quixote

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Scott Farrell, a renaissance fair enthusiast, is making a one-man effort to resurrect chivalry. To spread the word to the masses, he has set up a website and business where he offers podcasts and seminars to businessmen and children.

Mr. Farrell is a bit of a kook if he thinks chivalry has any relevance whatsoever in our feminist, secular society, but he can blow his horn into the wind all he wants. However, I do take issue with the idea that boys should be forced to be chivalrous toward girls, who will likely crowd them out of universities, shove them out of jobs and tax the money out of their pockets, not to mention divorce them and ruin them financially and emotionally in a number of cases.

White Knight Today

It is abusive in this day and age of legislated male inferiority to demand that boys bow down to women and act as their chattel. It is, actually, inculcating a slave mentality in helpless children. It's also severely damaging their chances of getting any action from women when they get older — no matter what they say, there's nothing women despise more than a white knighting chump.

I have no idea how successful Farrell's chivalry enterprise is, but I think we ought to label it a harmful endeavor that won't do any good for the men who take him up on one of his seminars. In fact, the guy's a feminist who insists that King Arthur had females sit at the Round Table as knights. If anything, that proves that the man is a straight-up liar who feeds falsehoods to children. He might argue that King Arthur was legendary, so he can say whatever he wants about the Knights of the Round Table, but none of the original myths said a thing about women being knights.

Although some of the themes Mr. Farrell touches on, such as honor and morality, are valuable and relevant, there is nothing moral about teaching children to act against their interests and sacrifice their well-being for a thankless, entitled class of people who would gladly take advantage of them and cast them aside.

It's time these guys pushing the socon line that boys have some duty to defer to girls who are anything but ladies were outed and identified as a harmful influence.

Entitlement Complex Lands Girl in Jail

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The Smoking Gun has a funny report up on a girl who got loaded at her prom and attacked police and paramedics. Jessica Halter, the intoxicated promster, repeatedly banged her head against a chair, spat blood on the police, and refused to walk to the patrol car.

According to the police report, at one point she said: “This is my fucking prom, this is bullshit. You are fucking bitches, this is my prom, I’m not drunk.”

Halter, who appears to be fairly hefty, put up quite a fight and eventually had to be carried away.

Although this kind of extreme behavior may be more characteristic of a young person who can’t hold her liquor, women are acting out in other ways throughout life. Domestic violence perpetrated by women, extramarital affairs and female crime are all on the rise. Unrestrained and empowered, women of all ages are increasingly likely to display poor behavior and aggression.

Good Old Girls Club

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In the New York Times, Adriana Gardella blogs about women doing business with women, and how they help each other out. Perhaps we could learn a thing or two about how women network to do business with each other. Of course, as some of our readers have pointed out, men and women don't do business in the same manner, but that doesn't mean we can't use some of the same tools.

So how do women do it?

Here's a hint as to how women's networking operates:

> You raised important points, many of which relate to topics that will be considered in future posts. Among them is the issue of women doing business with other women. For example, Janet commented:
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> "One of the things I have noticed is that a lot of my work comes from other women. It's not that I consciously focus on women as prospective clients or colleagues, but somehow that's what tends to happen. I wonder whether other women business owners have had similar experiences."

It seems that women deliberately favor each other in business and referrals. They have a *network*.

In fact, Gardella's blog itself, which she calls "She Owns It," is intended to be a networking platform:

> With this blog, I hope to highlight the challenges and successes of women who are business owners and entrepreneurs across industries and disciplines, and at many different stages in the growth of their businesses. I think the women we highlight will be sources of information, inspiration and connections to your peers. She Owns It is intended to help you reach your business goals, whether that means getting your tech start-up financed, earning a spot for your consumer product on Costco's shelves, making your first hire or conducting less painful layoffs.
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> Most important, it will be a conversation. I want to hear from you and provide a forum in which you can connect with other owners. This blog will be what we make it, and I look forward to beginning this adventure with you. Please share your thoughts in the comment section below, or, if you prefer, by e-mail (adriana.gardella@nytimes.com) and please follow me on Twitter, where I hope we can connect and work to develop the stories that are most important to you.

There's nothing revolutionary here. Networking is how you do business. It's very difficult for anyone – man or woman – to get off the ground without connecting with others. It might even be impossible.

I'll let you all in on a little secret: I use women's networking lists, and have made money off them. I simply subscribe to the lists (it would be illegal for them to exclude men, and I'd simply use a gender-neutral email in that case anyway), and look through them from time to time for leads. You'd be surprised how many companies post to these lists looking for services.

Companies might not do the same for a men's list, but guys could easily post leads and tips, helping each other out and passing info along.

I think someone ought to start a men’s version of Digital Eve, or something along those lines.

The “Right to Feel Sexy”

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Feminists are always coming up with new rights. Anything they want suddenly becomes a “right,” and therefore the very term loses its meaning. Feministing, which is struggling to remain relevant in our postfeminist society, has a post and video up on street harassment, and asserts that women “have the right to feel safe, confident and sexy when [they] walk down the street.”

Actually, nobody has any of those legal rights under the Constitution, because it was written by men, and reality – not how people “feel” – was the legal standard, but hell if they won’t try to legislate them anyway.

So now the feminists have come up with “Hollaback,” an anti-street harassment campaign, that seeks to stop men from saying mean/dirty things to the poor, frail little virginal creatures on the streets of America’s cities. The following videos are actually kind of amusing, because the only harassment I can imagine most of these women being on the end of is humor at the expense of their unfortunate looks/weight:

Some guy must have been really hard up to go for this one:

“Hey baby, want some of *my* hamburgers?”

I guess there are some really sick men out there:

Men comment on woman’s hairstyle, she flips out and yells “SHUT UP!”

These hollaback videos actually are pretty funny. They would make an awesome Saturday Night Live skit.

Time for Men to Abort Fatherhood at Will

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Abortion is baby killing.

Only in the reality averse *feminism-is-about-equality* mindset is abortion anything but the termination of a human life.

Technically speaking it can't accurately be called murder, since technically speaking, it's legal. The baby is no less dead, though, for that paltry distinction. But since it is a lawful action in which men are completely voiceless, and looks to remain that way, there is only one appropriate response.

It's time for men to be allowed to legally abort fatherhood during the same period of time a woman is allowed to do the same by visiting her local clinic.

It's time for a man to have the unfettered social and legal backing to look at a woman whom he has just impregnated directly in the eye and say, "See ya, wouldn't want to be ya," and to stroll off whistling a tune, to enjoy less inconvenient relationships, without his wallet being any lighter or his conscious any heavier.

If you are waiting for a punch line or some well placed literary device to put this into a different perspective…don't. There isn't one coming, nor should there be.

In the spirit of calling abortion what it is, let us examine the motives behind the decision to get one with the same unblinking candor. Abortion, in most circumstances, is not a decision to avoid pregnancy, but to avoid motherhood. In fact, the term *reproductive rights* is a misnomer; a postmodern guise to cover the real issue. It isn't "My body, my choice," it's "My *lifestyle*, my choice," even if it means killing a baby because it gets in the way.

In many, many cases, it is about choosing personal freedom and a social life over life itself. But what the heck, it's 2010 people, and grrls gots to have choices.

But with that in mind, you will have to excuse me if I yawn at any outrage over the idea of a man being given the same options, especially given that men have already been aborted from the decision making process. That suits a lot of people and any idea of changing things will anger some as well.

The traditional male, from atop his white stallion, will scoff at the very idea of men's choice, of course. His indignation will be echoed by his twin sister, the gender feminist. Somewhere, in the midst of sorting out responsibilities, both will invoke the "your baby, you pay," catch-all, one of many shared attitudes that make these ostensibly strange bedfellows more like two peas in a pod when all is said and done.

But in their rush to ensure that she is given the role of sole arbiter, they will both adamantly deny the major flaw in their position.

There is no reason at all to use the expression "your baby," when talking to any man in western culture, any more. Because when push comes to shove, as it often does, it is not his baby, it is hers.

He is a father with her permission and approval only. His genes, in the form of another human being, have become her property, lending new meaning to wearing the pants in the family, phonetically speaking.

And if the man is "fortunate" enough to be allowed access to his child, it will often be just enough involvement to ensure him the status of glorified visitor, and the opportunity to watch powerlessly as

the child's mind is poisoned against him.

There is no one to stop her. Indeed, there is the full force of the legal establishment at her disposal to ensure she gets away with this and that he keeps his mouth shut while it happens.

She will also be the master of where the father's money goes, and when. She can spend that money, confiscated for the supposed benefit of the child, at the grocery store, a department store, or at a crack house. It is all up to her. More choices for women in a world full of them.

If he refuses to pay, whether from defiance or from poverty, it will land him in jail. He can stand behind her, or sit behind bars. Such are the other worldly of choices for fathers.

So when we look at a man and say "your baby," we need to practice doing that with a straight face. And it might be better if we didn't say it with an air of moral authority. Anyone who understands how hollow that morality and authority are will find any haughtiness quite laugable.

If you want to really understand how the western legal establishment sees men, take a trip to the nearest retail shopping center. Find some poor guy there, the one we call the *modern mall mule*. He will be the one walking behind a woman carrying her packages as she shops; her only burden being the weight of his credit card.

There's your legal model of masculinity, and it bears out in court nearly every time you see a man pitted against a women for pretty much any reason. Nowhere is this more evident than when a child is involved.

If you have a car, but have to ask for the keys from someone else who always holds them, it isn't your car. It is just something you get to borrow, even if you're the one making the note, paying for repairs and buying the fuel.

And speaking of the note, this will also be a matter of contention from fiscal conservatives. I am sure the cringes from some of them reading this are intense as they imagine the massive spike in welfare and other entitlements stemming from walk away fathers who ought to be paying for their own choices.

My reaction to that?

Who freakin' cares? I sure don't.

The government is currently operating with 100 trillion in future liabilities, half of which are unfunded. Yes, that is 100 trillion dollars, and that is from just *two* entitlement programs. And now the same government is selling us the lie that we can climb out of a cavernously deep recession with a non producing service based economy, fueled only by credit based consumerism, by simply printing more money every time a failed bank proves that the system isn't working.

The lunatics and liars are already in charge, so what is another hundred billion or so in entitlements?

And as long as the voting public has seen fit to shape a government that ignores its own constitution, stealing from some of its citizens and giving it to others (minus the big skim, of course), then who should deny them?

And we have been on this track for well over a generation. A change in administration won't make any difference in the age of Obamabush.

And at last some will be asking "Hey, what about the baby? What about what is best for the baby? Are we really supposed to support men for the right to walk away from the children they create and shun all responsibility?"

The answer is yes. First, equality, for those that can stomach it, is a cruel master. Deal with it. Second, if 'What about the baby?' isn't allowed to be asked before one is cut out of a woman's womb and thrown into a garbage bin, then anyone asking the question now should just shut up.

We don't care about what is best for children in this culture, we care about what is best for women or whatever they happen to say is best for them at the moment. More than anything else, it is about giving women their way. In pursuing that we regularly kill children or rip their lives to shreds in a hundred other ways. And people want to ignore all that and start drawing lines here?

Please.

Suddenly engaging in a fit of concern and morality when it involves a walk away father may be instantly popular. But let's face it; we all know the legal system is not seriously going to allow men to stop women from using children to siphon off their finances to support unilateral decisions any more than it is ever going to stop abortions.

But we also know that things will continue this way because we live in a parasitic matriarchy, and that any sense of real justice that gets it the way of its operation will be simply removed, as easy as an unwanted baby.

If a man wants to walk away from that, no one should fault him.

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Execution of Adulterers: Women's Rights Issue?

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I've long wondered why execution for adultery – usually by stoning – was considered a women's rights issue. The stoning of adulterers is an exactly equal punishment, after all. Theoretically, for every single male adulterer who is stoned to death, a female adulterer should get it as well. Maybe that's the problem: it is real equality in both punishment and accountability, and that is contrary to women's rights. In feminist logic, men should be punished far more severely and more often for the same transgression, and that is "equality."

I'm not advocating stoning for adultery; that would likely eliminate nearly half of the adult population of the United States, but this issue is one that perfectly underscores the hypocrisy of "women's rights" activists. I doubt that stoning male adulterers bothers feminists much at all, but the idea that women might receive the ultimate punishment in equal numbers to men for the same crime scares them out of their wits.

Of course, we all know that women have no real problem with stoning:

How Women Are Shooting Themselves in the Foot

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I've written before about the decline of the matriarch, and how women used to have a high-status role within the family in traditional societies after they reached a certain age. This role of matriarch was, of course, partly dependent on the status of the husband (but not entirely), and therefore created a vested interest in cooperation between husband and wife throughout the many years of marriage. For example, if a man and woman got married while young, the husband would strive to work his way up to a position of stability and prosperity, and the wife had an interest in helping him do so, because she would share in that.

This is one reason homewreckers – younger women who used their youthful allure to steal older, more prosperous husbands – were held to be one of the worst examples of womanhood. Women who did this were cheating by leaping over all the hard work and dedication to jump directly into a position of affluence and comfort.

Today, however, women's well-being has been severed from their husbands' prosperity by government programs and family law. Although many women may see this as a liberating victory, all they are doing – in most cases – is trading in future stability and status for a short-lived power trip during their youthful, attractive years.

Some men may strike it rich while still young, but this is rarely the case. For the large majority of successful men, making their way to the top requires decades of uninterrupted dedication to their career. In their 20s and 30s, a lot of them are on a knife's edge, and only well into middle age do they finally get a chance to rest on their laurels. All it takes is one misstep in the long path to success to derail them, and having a supportive, helpful wife throughout that journey is immensely helpful. Unfortunately, most wives no longer foot that bill. They are a dangerous liability rather than a rock of support. At any moment they could blow the entire thing apart and send the family and man's career spiraling down in flames. Rather than partners, women have become land mines buried under the path to success.

The result of this is that the homewrecker type has become more and more the norm, as evidenced by the rash of scandals involving married, middle-aged politicians and single women. Rather than hanging in there for the long haul, women are going for the hail mary shot at the big time while they are still fertile and attractive. This has a lot to do with the lack of success younger men, who are still relatively unknown quantities, are confronting. Women figure that they have over a decade to keep shooting for the big time that could well be wasted on some guy who isn't by any means sure to do well in life. In their minds, they are making a rational choice.

This contemporary reality is exacerbated by the fact that while young, women often make more money than men. In fact, in many parts of the country men's and women's salaries equalize in the 30s, and only in middle age do men begin to substantially out-earn women. Women's greater social power when young and attractive does translate into higher salaries, but this boost wears out after the steep decline in fertility of middle age. Perhaps this explains why women are most likely to leave their husbands in their late 20s, when they feel that their status is higher than their husband's.

Unfortunately for the women who pursue this strategy, it often doesn't work out as well for them as they imagine. Nailing Mr. Big is out of the reach of most women, and although they may have a few

passionate nights with those kinds of high-flyers, the successful men who fool around with ambitious women are usually smart enough to avoid entrapment, and very rarely marry a de facto tramp. Instead, these women end up having a string of relatively short relationships with men who know how to act the part of the alpha male, and when they hit their Wile E. Coyote moment end up in a decidedly lower status position than they would have had they married young and stuck with it for the long haul.

In coming years there will be a lot of washed up women out there working low-status jobs, unappreciated by any men, and without any financial support except their own. Men have been paying the price for a few decades now, but that isn't going to last forever; we will adapt to the new reality and learn to avoid the walking bombs in our midst. No amount of shaming language will trump self-interest and economic reality, so cultural change is inevitable. My bet is that when the boomers start to lose power and economic clout, their outdated views will be rejected with alacrity, and there will be a return to normalcy in domestic relations. It's a shame that they will have left so much wreckage in their wake, but human societies are known for fitful progress and reckless defiance of nature, or God if you will.

Older Women Starting to Catch On?

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I sometimes watch these court shows on TV for lack of anything better (I don't waste money on cable), and I've noticed a few changes regarding how women are portrayed. Just a decade or so ago, you'd never see women cast as the "bad guy" in a domestic case. It was all straight-up Steve Wilkos type TV, with men as monsters and women as innocent victims.

While shows hosted by men still almost never take a hard line against women, a few female hosts are starting to rip into the entitled, spoiled and manipulative younger women who are pulling strings to kick their husbands, ex-boyfriends and other men around.

Below is the second part of a Judge Judy show in which Judy gives the third degree to a young woman who swore out a TRO on her babbydaddy after coming to his house at 4AM and kicking down the door:

I think we're seeing the beginning of a cultural recognition that things have gone too far. It's pretty sad that men are refusing to say or do anything about the abuses and it's left up to older women to make the point, but perhaps that's simply the nature of politics.

In any event, at least people are starting to wake up. When you see it on TV, you know it can't really be swept under the carpet any longer.

Frontier Feminism

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Conservative female columnists have gone gaga over Sarah Palin. She's a "conservative" feminist…aka a "pro-life feminist" that still believes women were oppressed by men, didn't have "equal rights" and that suffrage and the social engineering that has propelled women en masse into what was once the male sphere of gender roles are all still "good" things.

Left wing, or right wing, "feminism" is still an ideology of female pedestalization…female superiority. It promotes the same myths of female "Strength and independence."

One "conservative feminist," Townhall columnist Maggie Gallagher, wrote about a recent Palin speech she attended, in a column entitled Sarah Palin's Girl Power:

> *Palin understands that she is building not just a new political movement, but a new cultural identity. She dubbed it "frontier feminism," and it was the theme she carried through from beginning to end.*

Well isn't that special. Palin is not just a feminist…she's a FRONTIER FEMINIST.

> *She speaks emotionally as a mother, from the heart of motherhood, and she makes it what it should be: a source of power, not an admission of weakness or dependency, and a bond, the deepest bond among women.*

See…"conservative" women are no different. The appeal of herd bonding through the sharing of emotional experience is a "source of power." Note how dependency is associated with weakness.

This association is precisely how the feminists appealed to the solipsism of the female mind to get them to embrace the ideological platform to destroy the dynamics of the Patriarchal nuclear family.

Sickening. Oh Maggie, you are just as much the useful idiot for feminist's goals as any left wing abortion fanatic.

Marriage is supposed to be a partnership…and what is a partnership but a relationship based on CO-DEPENDENCY? Where one partner is weak the other partner's strength meets the need. That's a complementary relationship! Dependency is a hallmark of any successful relationship…not a weakness.

Maggie than quotes a particular passage from Palin:

> *And I thank the SBA List, too, for being a home to a new conservative feminist movement, is how I look at this. It's an emerging conservative feminist identity. Far too long, when people heard the word 'feminist,' they thought of the faculty lounge at some East Coast women's college, right? And no offense to them, they have their opinions and their voice, and God bless them; they're just great."*

Do Pro-Life conservatives get that? Palin says the left-wing, abortion supporting feminists are just great!

> *"But that's not the only voice of women in America. I'd like to remind people of another feminist tradition, kind of a western feminism. It's influenced by the pioneering spirit of our*

> *foremothers, who went in wagon trains across the wilderness, and they settled in homesteads. And these were tough, independent pioneering mothers, whose work was as valuable as any man's on the frontier. ... They went where no woman had gone before."*

How in holy hell was a pioneer woman a "feminist" tradition? I must have missed reading about all those women that INDEPENDENTLY braved the travails of settling the wild west. This is pure, revisionist bullshit by Palin. And so-called "conservative" women eat this shit up.

Tough? Hell yes. The pioneer women were indeed tough…they had to be. But "independent?"

Hardly.

The pioneer women were absolutely dependent on their men…just as the men were dependent on their women! It was a tough, rigorous and dangerous life…and each played their role in building a new life so that their next generation could succeed. IT TOOK BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN THE HARSH ENVIRONMENT OF THE FRONTIER.

The right wing version of feminism is just as subversive as the left. Note that the implications of Palin's line of thought is just as divisive of men and women as any left wing version of feminism. After all, isn't this the logical conclusion of the idea of "Independence?" An "independent" woman doesn't *need* a man. Hah.

Maggie than summarizes Palin's speech, while quoting an especially egregious line Palin used:

> *A speech that began with women as "mama grizzlies" defending their children's economic interests ("My kid is not your ATM") ends with a call for a new kind of feminism:*

My kid is not your ATM?!?!??!??!?!?!?!?!

That's right….Palin, why don't you just go ahead and say it…that you agree with your left wing sisters (they're great! God bless them!) YOU, the unfortunate sperm donor for MY kid is MY ATM. Child support for 18 years BAAAYYYYBBBBEEEE!

> *"As an Alaskan woman, I'm proud to consider myself a frontier feminist like those early pioneering women of the West."*

LMAO. Why yes Sarah…your 21st century experiences in Alaska, your experiences are JUST LIKE what those frontier women of the West!

> *She proceeded to thank one of the largest and most effective pro-life organizations in the country, the Susan B. Anthony List, named for a key 19th-century leader who opposed abortion. "I'm grateful to have a place like this, full of sisters who are not put off by a gun-toting, pro-life mom of a fun, full family — never dull."*

Ah yes. Now "conservative" women are hailing that wonderful Susan B. Anthony, the primary change agent to institute women's suffrage. Just because she was "anti-abortion" means Susan B. Anthony is an "acceptable" feminist icon for "conservative" women.

What a farce.

Here's what Susan B. Anthony wrote about abortion:

She blamed men, laws and the "double standard" for driving women to abortion because they had no other options. ("When a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is a sign that, by education or

circumstances, she has been greatly wronged." 1869) She believed, as did many of the feminists of her era, that only the achievement of women's equality and freedom would end the need for abortion.

Hahahaha…the jokes on you, Susan! We have more abortion now than you probably ever thought possible in your time…but I'm sure, now, just as back than, this is all the fault of "men," right?

But I digress…

Back to Maggie Gallagher's finishing paragraph:

> *Women can do anything.*

Right. Try writing your name in the snow with your piss.

We can bear children under less than ideal circumstances.

Hilarious. When you are pregnant, your biological directive will make you go into labor whether the circumstances are ideal or not. This is like being proud of the fact that women can take a shit in less than ideal circumstances. GIRL POWER!

But Maggie's last line is a real hoot:

> *Like Sarah and her "strong and independent" daughter Bristol.*

Why yes….she's so strong and independent, she's still living at home with mommy and daddy helping to raise her little kid…and her parent's are filing a lawsuit to get Bristol's baby's daddy to pay child support. Now THERE'S strength and independence for you!

> *"2010," Sarah Palin announced exuberantly, is the year "when commonsense conservative women get things done for our country."*

Frontier Feminism and commonsense are an oxymoron…and Sarah Palin, you are no "conservative."

Headlines and Headwear

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Another Lone Nut comic.

Feedback welcome.

Over the Mountains

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Some years ago, not long after I got married and about nine months before my son was born, I took a trip to Britain and Ireland with my wife. Of course, she wanted to go to Europe as most American women do, but I had a different sort of motivation and goal to fulfill.

As a little boy, there was nobody I was closer to than my grandpa, and he was passionately attached to a land he'd never seen. His mother, Mary Price, née Kennedy, came from An Daingean in County Kerry, and he was fiercely attached to the land of her birth. He knew a few fragments of the Irish she spoke, and the stories she had told him as a boy animated his view of that distant land throughout his life.

So when I got the chance to go to Britain, I made sure that I could spend some time in the land of those ancestors. I figured that it must be a place loaded with significance, and resolved that I wouldn't miss it.

After landing in London, we took a train to Wales, from where my first American ancestors sailed 400 years ago to Virginia. It was early spring, and Wales was dark and somber. The people were laconic and sincere, and its shadowed green hills and grey coasts had a familiar severity, reminding me of the overcast half-light of my home in the Pacific Northwest.

Soon, we took a ferry across the Irish Sea from Anglesey to Dun Laoghaire, staying in Dublin for a couple days before heading out by rental car across Ireland. It was all strangely familiar, but still foreign enough to keep me from dwelling on my roots. Still, there had been a few eerily familiar experiences. While on the ferry from Anglesey, in the sunbreaks, I'd seen a handsome, middle-aged man who looked very much like my uncle Lindy, my mother's brother. I looked at him intently, amazed at the resemblance. His blondish hair and Gaelic features stood out in the slanting sunlight against the glittering waves and spray, and I wondered at it. Who was this man who bore such a strong family resemblance? It is one of those things that plays games with us American outcasts, scattered as we are from such faraway places.

Dublin was friendly enough, with the old men drinking beer in the pubs in the morning and the coldness of the rooms when I'd get out of bed reminding me of home. However, it was nice to leave and set out across the island for the other side.

It didn't take long to drive across Ireland — it is a small country after all. However, cresting the Kerry mountains brought out feelings that I hadn't anticipated. After driving up and over the weathered hills on a relatively narrow highway, suddenly we broke out of the clouds and saw the wide sea shining beneath us. I knew we had arrived at the land my grandfather had always known but never visited, and suddenly I was filled with memories and regret. As I remembered my grandfather and all of the love I felt for him it all came pouring out of me in a flood of tears. Such a beautiful shining place, and finally I was there, but he was gone. It was a bittersweet moment, and I was overcome by love, joy and an aching sadness that he wasn't with me.

I think that may have been the beginning of the end of my marriage. My wife was appalled by my emotion. In her woman's heart, she saw the depth of my emotion as a fatal weakness and flaw. It must have inspired contempt, and she must have seen it as a fatal vulnerability. Despite her disapproval, I still see this kind of love and devotion as a strength, but I'm not sure women can

understand that. All they see is loathsome weakness. To a woman, poetry without fame and public accolade is contemptuous. A man's love is suspicious and hateful — better that he is as cold and unfeeling as a stone.

Of course, without that male passion we never would have made our way out of the caves, but this doesn't matter in the hard calculus of female desire and judgment. It is because of this truth that I am more and more convinced that we men need our own society, safe from the judgment of women, where we can love, wonder and create, safe from the ruthless disapproval and contempt that women employ to crush our dreams and punish us for our very humanity.

A Middle Aged Man's Manifesto

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[Today's guest post was written by Jourdan]

I apologize in advance for what is going to appear to many to be a depressing post. However, I would ask for you to consider for at least a moment what I have to say here, if only by way of a basic explanation—understanding is something that I have long felt is out of the question.

When I was a young man, I found myself—for reasons partly of my own making but also in no insignificant part for reasons of the making of unthinking and heedless men whose leadership positions expected more of them—in a very bad situation. This came hard after a horrific teenage era, which saw me suffer deep rejection, coolly, calmly and wickedly delivered, at the hands of the girls I found so beautiful and magical and those of my male peers. A heavy blow under any circumstance but made all the worse by the total failure of my hapless father to provide anything by way of guidance, of governance, of expectation, of benevolent leadership.

The end result of this twin blow was me, broken and helpless, unable to so much as shave without supervision lest I try to hurt myself with the blade.

It was during this time in hospital that I met, purely by chance, a scared and wild-eyed young women, who I spoke to again and again, trying to help. She killed herself a few weeks later when our masters weren't looking.

A short while later, as I began to recover back home in Los Angeles, I took a long walk in the evening. It was one of those evenings only Southern Californians know: a cool, luminescent orange-blue sky, a soft and refreshing ocean breeze, bright green grass, the city lights twinkling on around me. And I found myself thinking of that poor woman, and of myself, and I made a vow then to myself.

Not just some random vow, not some low-rent version of a New Year's resolution, but a real vow, an oath, a sworn undertaking. I vowed: that should I ever reach the point in my life where that woman found herself, that instead of taking that dark path I would, as an alternative, as a means of escaping a situation which has become unbearable, simply walk away from my life to date and attempt to build a new life elsewhere, far away. No matter how bad things got, I could not willingly walk away from the beauty of this world, of such skies.

Have I reached that point? This is where the explanation gets tough, because, yes, but, no, I didn't fulfill that vow.

On the one side I have a wife who loves me, three almost divinely beautiful children and a job that many wish for and only a few get.

All of this is true. But what makes this all the more sad and difficult is that due to what happened to me as a young man I was broke and beyond repair before I even met my wife, before those children were conceived, before that job offer came my way. Because I did not heretofore realize this in any real way (hints, always, hints, but never the cold hand of reality intruded upon my daily thoughts), I did what any apparently healthy man in my position would do: I assumed that my situation would better as I matured and began to succeed through hard work and effort. And, so, I married, went to law school to better myself, succeeded beyond my hopes, even owned my own home and, of course, had those three souls that convinced me beyond all other available evidence that God, indeed, must

exist.

Despite such apparent success, the underlying reality of my condition never really changed. I was a broken man by 24 and I remained a broken man even as I became a whirlwind of productive, socially-sanctioned activities. I remained a broken man even despite my wife's smile, despite my oldest son's sweetness, despite my younger son's hugs, despite my daughter's twirling in the sun.

It is not in spite of such things but because of them that I have come to realize the terrible and full scope of the problem. Any normal man, any healthy individual should be able to derive a sense of purpose, of human satisfaction from such work and such a wonderful and beloved family.

And yet, I remain a fundamentally broken man, whose heart aches with a poisonous mixture of regret and a deep longing for the past, whose mind seethes with ever-present anger about what happened to me when at some point in Junior High we were placed in the "winner" and "loser" baskets, and, above all, about my own people's judgment that everything that I love and find dear and worthy of honor and veneration is hated and despised. From then to now, women continue to hold me in deep contempt, a clear sign that I have failed in some deep and fundamental way that is beyond any ability of mine to correct.

The result—despite a mighty effort on my part that has taken me from penniless on the streets of Berkeley to success by any conventional measure—is that I as a man have been effectively dead since around the age of 25. A gate closed in me, a road was barred, the sense of growth and possibility ended for me at that point.

So, the vow was broken as soon as it was made, for the maker had already passed from this world to a shadowy simulacrum.

I say, dead, but am I not 45? What has this dead man been doing for the past two decades?

Until recently, the answer would be: pulling myself up by my boot-straps, overcoming a poor start to life, learning the hard way what I should have been taught, finding success despite a starting handicap in the race, being the best husband and father I can be.

Today—of all days, today—circumstances, hard, cold and uncaring circumstances, objectively compel me to answer quite differently: I have been only acting out of an overwhelming sense of duty, like a man on a military mission who knows he has but a short time to live and yet feels compelled to do his duty lest he let his comrades down. I have never (or, to be more precise, have only momentarily) allowed myself to give up that sense of duty.

This duty allows this dead soul to keep moving.

I write this not to scare or to depress, nor, God forbid, to seek pity or, worse, help. Instead, I write this in the hope that my example will or can serve as a warning to young men out there in this modern world. We are taught—above all in America—that what happens to us or what we do as young people doesn't matter.

It does matter. It matters deeply.

Young man! Seek the guidance of an older man, a man brave enough, experienced enough and manly enough to ignore the fog and noise of our poisonous culture, to ignore the dead hand of political correctness. (Note that this rules out, completely, college professors.) Find out the truth of your situation: about what it is and means to be a man; about how to ignore the romantic songs and movies and know the true essence and unforgiving judgment of women; about the full and real value of true education; about duty; about honor; about what competition really means; about what work and

career actually are in the real world of real men.

Young man! Arm yourself not with degrees and credentials, but with wisdom!

Young man! Be ever watchful, be ever careful, assume you have been misled and misguided and proceed cautiously from there.

Lest one day you find yourself deep in middle age and decades dead.

Astonishing Logic

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[This guest post was written by Dirk Johanson of The Balls Monologues]

The New York Times ran an article today on the authors of a new book, "Three Wishes: A True Story of Good Friends, Crushing Heartbreak, and Astonishing Luck on Our Way to Love and Motherhood." The book consists of the joint memoirs of three women, at ages when they were on the brink of losing their fertility, who, intending to become artificially inseminated, passed a vile of sperm between them. Before any of them used it, they each got knocked up and had babies with guys the "old-fashioned way."

The Times quotes one of the women, Carey Goldberg, stating, "Every time we told someone our story, they said you have to write it down." I don't think I'm going out on a limb here by stating that its safe to assume that most if not all of the "[e]very time … someone[s]" were their girl friends.

Of course, its perfectly natural that a woman who has gone to the lengths of buying sperm would consider the expense, hard work, and social impact that having a child on her own would entail, and decide to get less hypergamous on the eve of making that leap. Women like Lori Gottlieb have been spreading the word – after the fact, of course – about their own tales of woe trying to be a responsible mother on their own. In fact, Gottlieb has turned her belated revelation into a career. The contempt these women – who had planned to use sperm from a guy 6′5″ tall - have for the saps who became the fathers of their children is palpable in the article. All three "bristle[d and fidgeted] at the suggestion that theirs is a Cinderella story times three, with men coming to their rescue." Goldberg added, "my happy ending *began* when I became a mother."

There's nothing – let alone "astonishingly" lucky – that a lot of women would settle rather than purposely confront motherhood on their own. It would seem like pure logic.

Then again, since when are more than the most minute slice of womanhood logical?! The coincidence that two women (the third woman ended up with the married guy who was cheating with her) who were connected by a mutual friend all came to the same logical conclusion about something *is* truly astonishing!

Wow! The astonishing nature of the coincidence which forms the core of this book cannot possibly be understated.

Then again, it could just be that the three women aren't being candid about their opportunism. Just sayin'.

Judge Ignores Father's Plea, Child Dies

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Little Ethan Stacy's life was torn apart by a divorce in which his mother had run off to Utah to be with Nathan Sloop, a man who has allegedly murdered the boy. His mother, Stephanie Stacy, was described by Joe G. Stacy, the boy's father, as "unstable" and likely to disappear with the child.

Last November, Mr. Stacy informed the court of his fears, but judge Maura T. Smith claims never to have read the filing. Mr. Stacy also said that Ethan had expressed reservations about leaving to visit his mother in Utah.

Nevertheless, Mr. Stacy complied with the court order and sent Ethan to stay with his mother in Utah, upon which Mr. Sloop immediately began abusing the boy, locking him in his room and beating him about the face and head. Soon, Ethan began suffering from symptoms of a brain injury, but despite his grave condition Mr. Sloop continued and escalated the abuse.

When the boy's mother and her boyfriend went to get married, Ethan was locked in a room in which the doorknob had been removed because his mother and her boyfriend didn't want anyone to see him in his battered condition.

During this time Joe Stacy tried to call his son on a daily basis, but the boy's mother made up excuses as to why he could not speak with the boy. Finally, on Mother's Day, Stephanie found the little boy dead in his bed, upon which she and her new husband drove his corpse up to a mountain, where Nathan Sloop took a hammer to the child's face in an attempt to render him unidentifiable.

After Stephanie reported her son missing the next day, police began to search for him, and in the meanwhile her story fell apart under questioning, and the tragedy was revealed.

This is every parent's worst nightmare, and it is made all the more tragic because the judge could have paid closer attention to the fears of Ethan's father.

When women accuse fathers of violence or neglect, judges almost always take it seriously. Men are forced to attend classes and seek "treatment," even in cases where they have done nothing wrong. Where men are concerned, the system prefers to err on the side of caution. Perhaps this explains why children are significantly more likely to die in the custody of mothers than biological fathers.

The free pass and benefit of the doubt given to women in our society can have deadly consequences for the most vulnerable among us. Assuming that women are always a safe choice has been a grave error, as has removing paternal oversight of children. Most fathers care about their children, and will protect them if given the chance. Unfortunately, courts all too often sever that protective influence at the behest of mothers who would rather exclude fathers from their children's lives.

Ethan paid for the errors of the American family law system with his life. It is time we started holding those in power accountable for the countless tragedies – both large and small – that play out every day in the fractured families of America.

Sarah Palin: Feminist or Not?

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Now that Palin has made her way to celebrity status and is basking in the glory of all the attention, the female commentariat is engaged in a passionate debate over whether not she can be called feminist. Most contributors to *The Spearhead* have already come to the conclusion that, whatever she calls herself, her actions have spoken for her, and Palin is a feminist of the "conservative" variety.

Now, apparently, Sarah Palin herself has taken to using the word to describe herself, so as far as we're concerned the cat's out of the bag. However, some of the left-feminists are having a hard time giving up their exclusive rights to the term. According to them, it isn't enough to call oneself a feminist:

> So, simply declaring oneself a feminist is all that it takes to be a feminist? Methinks not. Under this standard of feminism anyone – a racist, a misogynist, etc – could be a feminist just because they identify as such. Ridiculous. Daum's argument also presupposes that it took "guts" for Palin to identify as a feminist, something that's so often maligned in U.S. culture.

You'd think that even the Marxist nutjobs behind Feministing and such would see these decalrations of feminism a victory, but maybe, as feminism becomes the National Ideology of the United States of America, they are embittered by the resulting marginalization of the fringe radicals that got it started.

As men, perhaps we can take some comfort in the fact that whenever conservatives embrace an ideology, that means it is usually on its way out.

Splitting the Chores?

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Earlier this month a study was released from the London School of Economics that concluded couples who split the housework enjoy more stable marriages than those who don't….or so they do if wifey acknowledges the work her husband does.

This conclusion was interesting for several reasons. As most of us know all too well that many issues in marriages today boil down to how the wife feels about this or that and if she is willing to humble herself and accept the responsibility for her own faults and failures rather than blaming her husband. With this knowledge in mind, it's not at all shocking that women who care enough about their husbands to appreciate them would have more stable marriages. Treating others with respect and being realistic tend to be qualities that bring peace, not conflict into a relationship.

The fact that men contribute to the chores in ways that are seldom classified under the traditional "housework" label is also essential to consider. Work need not take place in the four walls of the home to be essential. Mowing lawns, yard work, taking out the trash, handling car repairs, and keeping tabs on the finances are just as important as marketing, cleaning, and laundry. In many families this work is handled by the husband and is far too easily forgotten when an argument arrives over which spouse does what work. I've listen to many rants at women-only social functions about men who don't fold the laundry or put their socks in the hamper but who get the oil changed in the car and never forget to take out the trash.

More interesting is the fact that this is yet another study and resulting discussion that fails to highlight what might be the most important point in this debate. In many homes it is the man who pays for the mortgage or rent. He is the one who provides the place to cook, clean, and raise the children and the necessary tools for women to engage in "domestic drudgery". Without his financial contribution, there would be no chores to do and for this reason providing the money for the check is arguably the most imperative housework of all.

An objective look at chore splitting should make a woman consider all of these points and more, but ultimately the attitude change must go farther than this. Women need to see not only what their husbands do for them, but the big picture their own domestic labor is contributing to. Scrubbing floors, laundering sheets, and cooking a casserole on a busy night are not glamorous and exciting work, but this work is important nonetheless. Such tasks are what builds a home that shelters a family from the world and provides a warm and caring environment in which children can thrive. The little jobs are the building blocks of domestic life with a family and the privileges that come with having a husband and children to take care of. They are bits of selfless service and ways to turn love into a verb.

Much as this study concludes an attitude check and grateful heart need to be cultivated for lifelong marital success for a sour outlook on the contributions of husbands and domestic work tend to have harmful results. Much reality needs to be acknowledge when it comes to marriage and the tasks required by family life.

DV Dog

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Bonus joke from the irony file:Â Domestic Violence Lobbyist Murders Her Husband

This comic is based on an idea by Lone Nut reader “Q”.

Husband and Friend Arrested in Suspicious Beating

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In Issaquah Washington, a suburb of Seattle at the base of the Cascade foothills, a couple of men have been arrested in the severe beating of a man who is accused of raping the wife of one of the arrested men.

So far, the up-to-date police version of the story is that:

- Woman leaves bar and heads to friend's house
- Accused rapist, who knows woman and people at house, goes back to house
- Accused rapist allegedly has sex with woman
- Woman calls friend and tells her about it
- Someone tells husband and his friend
- Husband and friend go back to the house where alleged rape occurred
- Alleged rapist is sleeping on the couch
- Husband and friend arm themselves with a brick and mallet
- Man wakes up, husband and friend beat him unconscious
- Police are called and rape accusation is made
- Police arrive, find accused rapist bloody and unconscious, and arrest husband and friend
- Police do not advise woman to seek medical treatment and rape test

Now, nobody knows exactly what happened, but the events look pretty fishy to me. Would a rapist simply go to sleep after a rape? Would he rape the wife of a man he knew to be within walking distance – and a man he in fact knew personally – *and then go to sleep in a place where he knew the husband would return?*

This is either a case of an incredibly stupid rapist or a woman who made up a story. Or, perhaps, the guy was set up, but I kind of doubt that given the improvised weapons.

In any event, the accused rapist is in a coma, and obviously can't answer any questions.

Personally, I've got no pity for the guy even if the wife is lying about rape and just had consensual sex with him, but it isn't even clear that he had sex with the woman at all. If he did, and it was consensual, well, that's what you ought to expect for sleeping with your buddy's wife. Screwing married women should properly be a dangerous thing to do, and has only become a safe option because women have demanded that their "right" to adultery is protected by law.

If it turns out she was lying, the woman should be the one charged with first degree assault — not her husband and his friend. I'll be interested to see where this one goes. It certainly smells rotten.

One Morning in Baghdad

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Baghdad, Iraq, Spring 2004

“49 weeks down in this desert” said Ian to Elliot as they walked through the rail station on one of their last days of work before handing the reins over to their replacements. Just three weeks until their boots hit the soil in the States after a year spent in the heart of Baghdad, helping patrol the city and training Iraqis to assist Coalition forces with certain tasks in the city. Of all the experiences he and Elliot have shared through their years of friendship, this deployment at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom was hands down the most intense. The tents they shared as Boy Scouts in middle school were just the beginnings of a special sort of friendship that developed through the years. They’ve done everything together. Built fires, tied knots, stood in line for the latest greatest video game, and chased girls in high school. They even went into the recruiters office together, signing on the dotted line to join the Reserves when they were seventeen, barely in need of razors, barely able to drive, barely turning into men. And here they were, several years later, a part of history, wrapping up a year long deployment to Iraq at the beginning of a controversial war.

Walking into work, the conversation turns to planning for their first weeks back to the US. “I say we have a Stargate SG-1 marathon and then ride down the Oregon Coast. Our last boyish hurrah before you get married Elliot” suggests Ian. Elliot nods, liking the plan very much, adding “this winter we’ll have to be sure to go snowboarding again. Man, it’s been too long since we had a fun weekend trip like that.” Heading into their respective offices, the friends end their jovial conversation until break time when they plan, like always, to meet out front.

The morning was like so many others: mundane, routine, nothing out of the ordinary. Signatures were necessary here and there. Paperwork had to be done to tie up loose ends before the hand off to the replacements in just a matter of days. As the morning dragged on, lunch time was becoming all the more enticing. Around break time, Elliot set his papers aside and got ready to join his buddies outside. As he stood up to leave the room, he noticed something in the window. It looked as if the sun were rising, but this wasn’t the right time of day. “Oh fuck” Elliot managed to blurt out, right as the window shattered and the glass came flying at his face, cutting him on all exposed skin and clinging to his uniform. Grabbing his weapon, Elliot took off outside, not fully comprehending what had just happened but on high alert, primed with adrenaline for fight or flight.

When he arrived outside a large number of the Iraqi men who had been outside working were nothing but blood and guts strewn across the ground. The remnants of a vehicle was ablaze and was clearly the car that had held the bomb. Debris was everywhere and the officer in charge was freaking out and panicking, unable to gain composure and issue orders. Time seemed to stand still, yet it passed quickly all the same. The chaos was loud but inside his head was a deafening quiet. Elliot could hear his heart beat clearly with yelling outside his head jumbled and unclear. One of Elliot’s soldiers followed him and once they made sure everything was clear, that the danger was gone, they began to offer medical aid to the survivors of the blast. There were too many people who needed help for them to adequately tend to everybody, and some were too far-gone to offer anything beyond comfort and an ear to listen to their precious last words as they died outside under the hot desert sun. The men who could be moved to safety were flung over shoulders and carried away until more help could arrive. The soldiers stopped bleeding with torn up pieces of their own clothing, cleaned and bandaged

wounds, provided IVs and treated shock with whatever makeshift blankets they could make, and kept traumatically injured men breathing and alive until transport arrived.

As Elliot and his soldiers ran around assessing the damage, locating those who were still alive and those who needed immediate care, he heard a familiar voice cry out. He looked over to the side of the building where the noise was coming from. Elliot couldn't see much in the bright sunlight, made all the more confusing by the surrounding chaos, but then he saw a peek of camo around the corner. He ran over and realized right away who it was: the man on the ground was Ian. Bloody and gravely wounded, but his friend all the same. Desperately, Elliot applied pressure on the worst of his friend's wounds, ripping off part of his clothing to serve as tourniquets to stop the bleeding. As he worked frantically, Ian told him to stop, "The pain is leaving. I'm going to die, aren't I?" Before Elliot can answer his buddy, Ian gives him a message to bring home.

"No NO NOOOO!"

Elliot desperately screamed, demanding his friend hold on, but it was too late. He'd lost too much blood. He was hurt too badly to hold on. There was nothing left to do. "I love you, man" said Elliot as his best friend, the closest thing to a brother he had ever had, slipped away to the other side. Ian was just twenty years old. He was intelligent, talented, extremely gifted in the sciences, and had a world of opportunity awaiting him at home. So many plans for the future, so many dreams left unfulfilled. All gone in just a second as he left this world too soon.

With his DCUs ripped, torn, and covered in blood, with bits of debris lodged into his helmet and even stuck on his body armor, it was only then Elliot realized he was injured and could attend to his own medical needs. Bits of shrapnel from the bomb, bone fragments from the people who had died, and gravel from the ground were lodged in wounds all over his body and he realized he had been treating patients, bloody patients, with his wounds unprotected. He might not only be injured but could have been exposed to HIV, hepatitis, or any number of other diseases. After returning to camp, he went for medical treatment and returned to his tent where he could finally let the events of the day sink in. Thirty five men had been killed. Men who were simply trying to feed their families were murdered for being involved with the Coalition Forces. Some of the soldiers he worked with were dead, and his tent was now empty except for the ghost of his best friend, the laughs they shared inside just this morning nothing but a cherished memory now. He looked over to the cot across the tent, the one that no longer had an occupant, a friend gone in just a instant… Elliot just sat there and stared for a while. How much time he'll never know but it felt like a lifetime. Unsure of what to think or how to feel, he lay in his cot, listening to mortar attacks around the airport until he finally awoke the next morning, groggy and numb, and called home to connect with loved ones for the first time since the blast. One voicemail said, "there's been an accident, but I am okay."

Two weeks later, when his boots hit ground in the USA, the homecoming was not the joyful celebration originally imagined, but rather a dark and somber occasion. They were home with three fewer men than they left with last spring. They'd said goodbye to three brothers in arms just about the time they thought they were safe and danger was over. Elliot kept his promise to Ian and visited his friend's parents to share the message he had been entrusted with. This wasn't all, he said; far from it in fact. He had an apology to offer for these people who were nearly family. With a guilty survivor's conscience he offered an apology for not getting there in time, for not being able to save their son. They were supposed to come home together. They always did everything together.

Arlington National Cemetery, Spring 2010

Six years since the blast and Ian still lives on in hearts, in love, and in memory. Once again Elliot traveled to his grave in Arlington, as he does whenever the opportunity has arisen, to place a wreath on the grave of his lost friend. This time is different, however, as he doesn't go alone but brings his little girl along. Ever curious, the little one asked why they are here. Elliot told her that he wants her to know a special man, a true American hero, somebody who was brave even when it hurt. His little girl doesn't yet understand death, but she does know what it means to be brave and serve in the Middle East. She remembers well when her daddy was gone for a year. With the innocence only a child can posses, she lays her small American flag on Ian's grave and offers a salute for "being Daddy's bwave fwend." This she repeated as she and Elliot walked away, her tiny fingers clasped in her daddy's strong, but trembling hand.

Life And Times in Old Peking: The Expats (Part II)

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It's been a while since I wrote my first installment of the China experience, so I thought I'd better get on to the next one.

As a Westerner in China, I was part of a relatively small group of people. During the Cold War, China was host to very few foreigners, and the mere sight of a white or black person would attract a great deal of attention. By the time I arrived in 1997, the novelty had begun to wear off a bit in the capital, but remained anywhere outside of major cities. And even the citizens of Beijing had not fully come around to the idea of living in an "international city," so foreigners were viewed with a mixture of curiosity, suspicion and envy.

Because we were still outsiders – known as "laowai," which means something akin to the German term "auslander," to Chinese – we foreigners tended to stick together in our own little digs. Many lived in entirely foreign enclaves, but these were pricier than even apartments back home, so the younger and poorer among us, such as myself, lived in Chinese housing, which put us in a legally ambiguous position.

The vast majority of foreigners at the time – probably upwards of 90% – were men. China was not a very attractive destination for Western women due to the socio-sexual dynamics of the place. Not only is Chinese culture very patriarchal, it is also a very easy place to find a girlfriend for Western men. Being a foreign male – but especially a Westerner – gave one a certain cachet among the ladies. Guys from America, Britain and Europe were spoiled rotten by the hordes of young women chasing them at every opportunity. Even 70-year-old American men had no trouble finding girlfriends. Needless to say, this was not a favorable environment for Western women, as their sexual market value was markedly lower in this situation.

American and European women suddenly found that their brassy, mannish behavior and pushy attitude would see them all alone in no time. Those who couldn't handle their new, lowered status usually left quickly. Those who stayed often became uncharacteristically sweet and feminine. I have never seen American and European (i.e. white) women as humble and sweet as they were in China. Even so, that didn't do them much good; many of the Western men in China carried a chip on their shoulder from the treatment they'd received as men back home, and I witnessed some plainly hostile behavior toward Western women from time to time. In one characteristic instance, a young American woman was saying something nondescript to a Canadian man I knew, and without any prompting he simply said, "That's nice — I'm not interested. Why don't you go home?"

However, amongst the men there was generally comradery and mutual goodwill. We'd swap tips on this or that new pub, tell hilarious stories about adventures about town, and occasionally gripe about the inconveniences of life in a developing country. As we did so, we generally drank a great deal of beer, shot pool and watch the girls parade by as we spent our few nights a week at the pub.

Most of the expat pubs in Beijing were in Sanlitun, which is a festive street on embassy row that would liven up with music and raucous partying every night. There were bars for every flavor of expat, and of course I generally went to the British and American ones. However, my favorite bar of all was the Lido Holiday Inn's sports bar, which featured darts, billiards and an island bar in the middle. It was a great place to hang out with my British and American friends after work and have a

couple cold beers during happy hour, then shoot some pool. It also happened to be relatively near my apartment, so I could simply walk home at the end of the night.

The Lido was built with expats in mind, so it features a few restaurants, bars and a bank that specifically cater to foreigners — Americans in particular. It was like a little outpost of America in the middle of the overwhelming vastness of Chinese culture and civilization. Needless to say, it was a relief for me, and I spent a good deal of time there. However, it still had its own quirks. The Pig and Whistle, an English themed bar in the hotel's interior, was notorious for the hookers, about half of whom were Mongols. I could never quite figure out exactly why the Lido was stocked with Mongol women, but I assumed the Chinese security – who appeared to be the de facto pimps – thought it was appropriate that foreign prostitutes should serve the foreign clientele. It also may have been due to the fact that Mongols generally despise Chinese, and the girls preferred non-Chinese clients.

For the most part, the hookers avoided the sports bar, but they were thick in the hotel disco and "The Pig," as we knew the Pig and Whistle. The Mongol girls not only "dated" Western men, but most of them kept an African boyfriend on the side. It was an odd situation, so I advised the Western guys I knew personally to avoid them, as I was suspicious about the chances for the spread of HIV, which I knew to be prevalent in some of the countries their African boyfriends called home. It turned out that my suspicions were warranted — a few years after I left China there was a scandal in which some Mongol girls went back to Ulan Bator infected with HIV, and the entire urban Mongol population turned on the few Africans who happened to be unfortunate enough to be in Mongolia at the time. Of course, the women were as much to blame, but that seldom enters people's minds — even in Mongolia, I suppose.

One of the side-effects of living in what was an overwhelmingly male environment was that we Western men became much less guarded about what we said. Our language was a lot more candid, and we didn't worry much about offending people. For the most part, the Chinese couldn't understand us, and even if they did know English we salted our conversations with so much slang and, in many cases, such a drawl, that they simply had no idea what we were talking about. Chinglish – a mixture of Chinese terms and English – became the norm, and grammar suffered accordingly. It was all great fun, and our speech evolved (or devolved some might say), into a lively creole that was only competently understood by our little Anglo-expat community.

Some of the characters I remember from our community included a widowed Texan wildcatter named Ray; Duffy, a weatherbeaten old Canadian jockey from Alberta; George, a man-of-Kent (or Kentish man?) with a distinctly bourgeois English character and a penchant for cognac; Francisco, who was a Canadian of Chilean descent; and Cliff, a retired American engineer with a wife in Hawaii and a girlfriend in Beijing.

There were many more who came and went, including some more memorable for their habits and appearance than their company. One fellow who we called "red," because of his atrocious toupée, would spend all of his time with various women and rarely utter a word in our presence. If I needed proof that *any* guy could get some action in China, old Red provided it.

Of course, there was occasional rivalry – unfortunately often over women (men are incorrigible in that way) – but in the end we almost all grew to have some affection for each other. Across ages, nationalities and occupations, our common bond as Western men pulled us together. For example, there was one fellow named Ian, who worked as a technician or engineer in some firm or the other and was engaged to a Chinese woman named Sue. Ian, who was British, was a bit ornery, and seemed

to dislike me for one reason or another — he probably thought I was an arrogant young American punk. I was always polite and did my best not to let his sarcastic remarks or skepticism get under my skin, but for some time he remained the same. However, when his son from a previous marriage back home (a common source of affliction for expats), a handsome kid who was close to my age, came to visit and I ended up showing him around town and having a good time with him, suddenly I was just fine and dandy in Ian's eyes, and when he eventually relocated to Singapore we parted on affectionate terms.

China really brought a number of us men together, and I look back on the fellowship as one of the best aspects of my trip there. I still have a friend I ran into in Beijing – he practices law in Minnesota now – with whom I speak on a regular basis. And this isn't even to mention my Chinese friends, with whom I continue to correspond.

It is curious, although considering that I married an American woman after returning home perhaps not surprising, that I still stay in touch with several men on a frequent basis, but of all the women I knew over there – and there were many and diverse women I knew there from all over China and the world – there is only one I continue to correspond with from time to time, and she's a married professor in Metz, France.

I certainly spent more time with women than with men in China, but the only lasting benefit I can honestly say that I obtained from them was a higher level of proficiency in spoken Mandarin, which is certainly something to be grateful for, but in any event could have been achieved in another manner with less trouble. But alas, I was very young, and young men are hopeless in such matters. But enough of the women for now; I will get to them in another installment.

There are dozens of stories I could tell about the adventures we had over there, but this being a blog post rather than a book, I'll have to save some of them for a more thorough treatment of the Wild East of the late 90s. Without the men I met and befriended in China, my stay in that faraway country would not have been nearly as memorable as it was. From the dangerous to the absurd and bizarre; through the good times as well as the bad; and amidst all the loneliness and sometimes sorrow that characterize the life of a man far from home, there were men to share it all and offer support, wisdom and indispensable company. I will never see most of those men again, but I certainly won't forget them.

Political Choices

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Unfortunately for men these days, we don't have much of a choice when it comes to politics. Vanishingly few politicians will support men's interests, especially where family law is concerned, while plenty of them will actively bash fathers and men in general. Essentially, we've been reduced to choosing between the lesser of two evils in almost every case.

I know we don't all have the same politics here on The Spearhead, so I think we ought to break down the issues to a few things everyone here ought to agree with.

Some would be:

- Equal father custody
- Elimination of alimony
- Elimination of discrimination against men in education
- Ending debtor imprisonment of fathers/ex-husbands
- Imprisonment of women who make false accusations
- Reforming domestic abuse laws to prevent their use as a tool in civil cases
- Parity in health funding for men and women
- Revocation of affirmative action for women
- Removal of women's divorce incentives
- Repeal of VAWA
- Repeal of IMBRA

Of course, there are many more issues (feel free to add to the list in comments), but there's no way we'll find a politician who would support us on all of these. In fact, given the excessively androphobic nature of our society, we'd be lucky to find one who supports us on even *one* of these issues, but if we find one that does we'll have to give him (or her — we might actually find a fair woman out there) our support.

Most likely, however, rather than supporting a champion of men's issues, we'll find ourselves opposing someone who is a truly awful, feminist man-hater.

I have the misfortune of living in Washington, a very feminist state with two female senators who have been intimately involved in two of the most androphobic bills ever passed in the United States — IMBRA and VAWA.

We have Patty Murray, who was visited shortly before assuming office by Gloria Steinem, and Maria Cantwell, one of the sponsors of IMBRA.

This year, Patty Murray is up for reelection, and she is being opposed, unfortunately, by Dino Rossi. Rossi has lost in the governor's race twice, defeated both times by Democrat Christine Gregoire. He's a lawyer and real-estate trader, and not particularly charismatic. He's a pretty typical Republican, which doesn't make me all that enthusiastic. I have no idea where he stands on men's issues, but he can't be any worse than Patty Murray, so I may have to give him my support.

For those out there with the time and inclination, I think the summer's political campaigns might be a good way to bring some men's issues to the surface. If a candidate is a particularly nasty feminist, like Murray, hammer them on it if at all possible. Start a blog, write letters to the editor, support their

opponent, and make some noise about it.

I've noticed on newspaper discussion boards that a lot of men have started to wake up to what's going on, so I'm pretty confident that people will be out there listening. Given the mancession and the blatant discrimination against men, this really is the right time to start making some noise in defense of men.

Uncle Sam's Predator: How a Woman Games the System by Snaring Soldiers

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Bobbi Ann Finley has been taking young soldiers for all they're worth for years, draining their bank accounts, getting pregnant with their children, and marrying multiple men at once. The system set up by feminist family law has made her job a lot easier, and armed with false identification she targets one victim after the next, making off with benefits, cash and their progeny.

Bobbi Ann has at least 9 children and has been married to at least 11 men, but the hapless young men keep falling prey to her scam. It seems outrageous that she can get away with what she has, but one must keep in mind that every military base is surrounded by attorneys and services for soldiers' wives — even if these leeches don't offer a thing to the soldiers themselves.

America's feminist political climate has opened the door wide to this kind of abuse, and it was only a matter of time before Bobbi Ann and the like learned the game and started consuming young men.

Finally, one of the young men's mothers has caught on to her and launched a campaign to bring her to justice. She may be facing some punishment, but if she is caught it is sure to be light, and the back child support from the many men she has snared will be a payoff that should keep her going for quite a while after any short jail sentence she may serve. Evidently, she lies to the police, too (big surprise there), and has even taken that so far that she was arrested for giving a false statement.

Here's one young soldier's experience:

> Cheeseman says he married Bobbi Ann on a Monday and she was gone the following weekend. When she took off, Shane's credit cards were maxed out and his bank account was empty. It wasn't until months later that he learned he wasn't the only victim.

Ms. Finley has been at large for almost a year. Anyone who knows her whereabouts should contact local authorities and do their part in bringing her to justice.

Feminism and the S.A.D.

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(NOTE – This is not a review or a fisking of Orbach's book…but it is an attempt to point out that FAT is most certainly a Feminist issue – just not in the way Orbach thinks…)

The connection between feminism and the Standard American Diet (appropriately referred to as S.A.D.), may not seem apparent to most. Bear with me in this rather long piece, as I belabor to make the point in showing this connection, and how it's contributed to so much ill health in America today.

Laura Wood, The Thinking Housewife, wrote a short post in which she quoted a Salon.com feminist's reaction to a great article by Michael Pollen in the New York Review of Book, The Food Movement, Rising.

The feminist's complaint?

> *Michael Pollan blames the movement for our fast-food culture. What about untold men who've never tied on an apron?*

Laura Wood responded to the feminists complaint humorously:

> *Men have been doing nothing all these years while women slaved away in the kitchen. Here's an all-points bulletin: Do not accept a dinner invitation from anyone named Anna Clark. Unless you like chicken nuggets.*

While I found Laura's quip in response hilarious, these two articles have a lot more content worthy of consideration. Pollan's first mention of how the feminist movement changed the food culture of America was to tie it to the rise of fast food:

> *Besides drawing women into the work force, falling wages made fast food both cheap to produce and a welcome, if not indispensable, option for pinched and harried families.*

Of course it did. Women who chase the chimera of "having it all" live in denial of the fact that their are only so many hours in a day, and when you invest your time in one area – like your career – you simply don't have the time to dedicate to the other areas of your life, like homemaking and cooking. This is common sense. Than again, no one would accuse feminists for having an abundance of that particular virtue…

Many anti-feminists correctly recognize that feminist ideology is essentially a cult-like belief with articles of faith that are accepted at face value without question…and if any facts or evidence is presented that contradicts a feminist tenet, than the facts or evidence must surely be wrong, falsified, or just not relevant. The standard method of dealing with the cognitive dissonance of reality contradicting feminist doctrine is to simply shift the focus of debate.

Note the Salon feminist Anna Clark is a self-described fan of Pollan's work:

> *I'm a fan of the journalist who has become the food movement's top chronicler. I pass on copies of "The Omnivore's Dilemma" and "An Eater's Manifesto" like it's my job. I social network the living daylights out of Pollan's articles.*

That is of course until Pollan dares to skewer one of Anna's sacred cows…note her reaction:

> *So while reading Pollan's latest piece in The New York Review of Books, I was nodding along as he articulated how the local food culture manifests the good kind of movement fragmentation — threading together diverse interests to create a powerful force. I was nodding, at least, until I got to the part where he discusses Janet A. Flammang's new book, "The Taste of Civilization: Food, Politics, and Civil Society." Pollan writes:*
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> > *"In a challenge to second-wave feminists who urged women to get out of the kitchen, Flammang suggests that by denigrating "foodwork" — everything involved in putting meals on the family table — we have unthinkingly wrecked one of the nurseries of democracy: the family meal."*
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> *Pollan chooses not to challenge the assertion that second-wave feminists are responsible for "wrecking one of the nurseries of democracy" because they urged women to explore possibilities outside of cooking the family meal. Nor does Pollan question the notion that feminists are to blame for "urging" women to leave the kitchen, when one might imagine that those who left the aprons behind were thinking beings who made their own choice to leave, regardless of the persuasions of feminists and family alike.*

Now why would he challenge or question those assertions? The second-wave feminists did in fact demean the role of the American housewife…this is indisputable. And is it really a stretch to say that cooking and feeding the family was one of the primary chores the housewife role entailed, for which the feminists so bitterly attacked? The famous feminist description of the domain of the housewife in her domicile as a "comfortable concentration camp" comes to mind…

Note that instead of recognizing the truth of Pollan's indictment, Anna does what all lefty femi-nazis do when confronted with the truth – blame men!

> *My take, as a feminist and local foodie? Blaming feminism for luring women out of the kitchen, stealing the ritual of the family meal, and thereby diminishing "one of the nurseries of democracy" is both simplistic and ridiculous. It's true that shared meals are powerful spaces for building relationships and "the habits of civility." But if we're going to talk about who's to blame for our current culture of processed food, why not blame untold generations of men for not getting into the kitchen, especially given Pollan's characterization of the family meal as having a meaningful role in cultivating democracy? If it's so important, why is their absence excusable?*

Because those "untold generations of men" were out working to earn the money to pay for the house and the appliances and the food that the women were cooking for the family to eat, you deluded dolt! Feminism preached that women should get out of their "concentration camps" and get into the workforce and compete with the men…equality bayyybbeee!

This didn't result in the mass exchanging of gender roles…it just made life harder and more difficult for *both* men and women. But I digress…

Pollan concluded his article with some points I wish to expand upon:

> *...perhaps the food movement's strongest claim on public attention today is the fact that the American diet of highly processed food laced with added fats and sugars is responsible for the epidemic of chronic diseases that threatens to bankrupt the health care system. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that fully three quarters of US health care spending*

> *goes to treat chronic diseases, most of which are preventable and linked to diet: heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and at least a third of all cancers. The health care crisis probably cannot be addressed without addressing the catastrophe of the American diet, and that diet is the direct (even if unintended) result of the way that our agriculture and food industries have been organized.*

As I've covered before, there is an almost synergistic relationship between feminism and the industrialization of our food supply. The industrialization of the food supply was every bit as important for the cultural-Marxist, social engineers that carried out the long march through western institutions, as was the advent of feminist ideology to subvert and destroy the Patriarchal nuclear family. The two have gone hand in hand, and we've all suffered for it in both our physical, spiritual and mental health…it literally affects every area of our modern lives.

That being said, I have a small bone to pick with Pollan's conclusion:

> *the American diet of highly processed food laced with added fats and sugars is responsible for the epidemic of chronic diseases that threatens to bankrupt the health care system.*

While this is technically correct, the distinction between the *types* of fats that are added has a lot to do with it as well. This topic is fast becoming a pet peeve of mine, as I notice so many people that regurgitate the lipid hypothesis-based memes regarding "fat" as the primary culprit in causing heart disease.

Not all fats are equal.

More precisely, one of the primary contributors to ill health is the ratio of Omega-6 and Omega-3 fatty acids in your bodies cells…and the Standard American Diet contributes to a massive imbalance in the average person, with way too much Omega-6 fatty acids and not enough Omega-3's. This is why you sometimes hear about the need for eating more fish from some health "experts," to increase your Omega-3 intake.

What most people don't know, is that eating more fish won't make a bit of difference in your Omega-6 to Omega-3 ratio if your diet is still heavy in Omega-6 fatty acids…and the S.A.D. which is largely composed of the Federally subsidized grain and seed oil crops is THE single biggest source of Omega-6 in the S.A.D.

So why do the health "experts" always talk about fish as the necessary food to boost your Omega-3 levels?

One scientific researcher, Susan Allport, did extensive research into the differences between Omega-3 and Omega-6's and the role they play in human health. She wrote a book entitled The Queen of Fats: Why Omega-3s Were Removed from the Western Diet and What We Can Do to Replace Them.

While I've yet to read this book, I've read an excellent interview (pdf) she conducted in promotion of this book, in which she gave some eye opening insight into the topic.

First, she discussed the major difference between these two essential fatty acids and why they are related to our biology and the changing of the seasons:

> *We finally began to understand that the **omega-3s are predominantly concentrated in the green leaves of plants** and the **omega-6s are concentrated in the seeds of plants**, and that*

> *basically what we're talking about here is two families of fats that allow us animals to prepare for the changing seasons, to either speed up, get ready for times of activity and reproduction when green leaves are available and abundant — or to slow down, hunker down, get ready for times of survival — when the fats of seeds are more prevalent.*
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> *It's really a cool system. Plants use the changing light as the Earth makes its orbit around the sun — they adapt to the changing light, and then we adapt to the change in plant food. It really is an amazing thing, but it's not generally understood. We just think, oh, we'll eat this food, if we eat enough fish we'll be healthy. There is a much bigger story than just how much fish we need to eat, or which seed oils to eat.*

Two important points regarding the distinction between the two – your not going to get enough of the Omega-3 you need by eating a bunch of leafy plants. This is where animal foods play an important role in getting enough Omega-3 in your diet. To put it succinctly – in plant form, Omega-3 fatty acids are largely in the form of ALA — alphalinioleic acid — for which the human body's digestive system is very poor in using. Our bodies need docosahexaenoic acid and eicosapentaenoic acid…aka EPA and DHA.

While the human digestive system doesn't do a good job of converting ALA into the needed DHA and EPA that we need (it will do it somewhat…but nowhere near as much as we require), other animals are very good at it…cows eating grass (the leafy greens rich in ALA) and convert it into DHA and EPA and store it in their meat and fat. This is precisely why free range, pastured cows (and other ruminants like buffalo) contain Omega-3 fatty acids while the feedlot produced meat and dairy contains almost none.

Feedlot ruminants are predominantly fed Omega-6-rich grains. Same goes for factory farmed chickens and pork. The quality of food products that come from animals raised on feedlots versus open pasture is affected dramatically.

From The Health Benefits of Grass Farming.

> *When cattle are taken off grass and shipped to a feedlot to be fattened on grain, they lose their valuable store of LNA as well as two other types of omega-3 fatty acids, EPA and DHA. Each day that an animal spends in the feedlot, its supply of omega-3s is diminished.*
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> *When chickens are housed indoors and deprived of greens, their meat and eggs also become artificially low in omega-3s.*
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> *Eggs from pastured hens can contain as much as 20 times more omega-3s than eggs from factory hens.*
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> *Switching our livestock from their natural diet of grass to large amounts of grain is one of the reasons our modern diet is deficient in these essential fats. It has been estimated that only 40 percent of Americans consume a sufficient supply of these nutrients. Twenty percent have levels so low that they cannot be detected.11 Switching to grass fed animal products is one way to restore this vital nutrient to your diet.*
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> *The CLA Bonus: The meat and milk from grass fed ruminants are the richest known source of another type of good fat called "conjugated linoleic acid" or CLA. When ruminants are raised on fresh pasture alone, their milk and meat contain as much as five times more CLA*

> *than products from animals fed conventional diets*

This is why we are told to eat more fish (but not too much…mercury poisoning!), or to take fish oil pills to boost our Omega-3 intake. It's not because fish are the only source…just the only source left in the S.A.D. that still eats leafy greens at the base of their food chain. (Which, of course, brings to mind the difference between farmed fish versus wild caught fish…).

As Allport noted:

> *All the omega-3s in seafood come originally from plants. Fish are so important to us because they're one of the last animals in our food supply that still eat greens. That is one of the reasons why fish have become so important.*
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> *Another is that because they live in water, they require more of those omega-3s in their tissues in order to move around in that much colder environment, under pressure. So they require omega-3s in their diet, and because we now feed the majority of our animals grains instead of grasses, they're one of the last animals we're eating in any kind of quantity that eats greens.*
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> *Eating fish is one way to correct this imbalance of 6s and 3s in our food supply. But it's not the only way, and it is not the best way. We have to eat 10 times as much fish to get a really healthy balance of those two families of essential fats is we would if we were eating healthy amounts of the omega-6s. If our omega-6s were at healthy levels, we would need just tiny amounts of fish or omega-3 enriched eggs or cattle that have been raised on grass.*

So we now understand why American diets are so deficient in Omega-3's…because most of our meat and dairy comes from animals fed Omega-6-rich grains. Why is the ratio between Omega-6 and Omega-3 so important anyways? Allport explains:

> *These two families of fats compete for enzymes, for positions in our cell membranes, which don't care whether they get loaded up with omega-6s or omega-3s. They don't care for a reason — because they're built that way so that they can change with the changing seasons and the changing food supply. They're meant to go through these seasonal changes, slight seasonal changes. The reason we've run into problems is because* ***we eat this high omega 6 diet year round.***

So we know why the S.A.D. doesn't have enough Omega-3 in it because of the Omega-6 rich feed for our food animals…but that's not the only reason why we the S.A.D. has such a dramatic imbalance in Omega-6 vs. Omega-3's. Thanks to the marketing efforts of agricultural corporations and their incestuous relationship with the US Government to promote propaganda like the USDA food pyramid and the whole "saturated fat causes high cholesterol which causes heart disease" meme, Americans began shying away from animal fats and began using o6 rich vegetable oils instead.

> *From the vegetable oils that have replaced butter and lard, from other fats in our diet, from the processed and packaged foods that use vegetable oils as a convenient and inexpensive fat, from the process of partial hydrogenation, which specifically eliminates omega-3s, turning them into 6s as well as trans-fats, from the fact that our livestock are no longer fed grass and other greens but are fed grains, which are much richer in the omega-6s. . . . I don't know how many ways! We wouldn't need to eat as much fish if we'd stop eating those high omega-6 vegetable oils.*

So what vegetable oils specifically? Corn, soy, sunflower, safflower, peanut, cottonseed and canola are typically the most widely used oils in the SAD. Not only is most manufactured, processed junk food made with these oils, but so too are most fare cooked in restaurants (fast food and slow food alike), and many Americans have also responded to the USDA/Pharmaceutical industry propaganda by substituting "non-fat' and "low-fat" cooking oils and margarine instead of the traditional oils like butter and lard in their own cooking.

So what specifically are the long term effects of having an Omega-6 rich diet year round? Remember Allport's initial explanation regarding the seasonal role of these two essential fatty acids: Omega-3's are kind of like a lubricant, meant to get things flowing and operating at a higher metabolism on a cellular level – which is why fish living in cold, dark water are so dependent on Omega-3's to move about – while Omega-6's slow down your metabolism, and promote inflammation. It's this overabundance of Omega-6 that contributes to inflammation on a cellular level. Over a long period of time, this inflammatory condition begins to contribute to a whole host of degenerative diseases. Allport expands on this, here:

> *Remember, we're talking about every cell in the body — and we're talking about these fatty acids first winding up in the cell membrane, every cell, which is why every day you see a new disease that's being linked to this imbalance.*
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> *The last one I saw was Parkinson's disease. I've seen recent reports on autism, obesity, Type 2 diabetes, macular degeneration, all of those. OK, so you're picturing every cell, and every cell likes a certain amount of polyunsaturate in it,*
> *and that's what keeps it moving optimally, right? But that amount can be made up either of omega-3 or omega-6 fats, so it's got that discretion, which is meant to work with the changing seasons.*
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> *The rest of the fats in those cell membranes will be fats of the saturated and the monounsaturated families. Those are fats that we make ourselves, depending on what we need. So, given anything that we eat, we can make whatever saturated and monounsaturated fats we need, but the polyunsaturated fats we need have to come from the diet, and each different cell type is going to want a slightly different*
> *ratio of polyunsaturated than the others, but the family that it comes from depends upon what you're eating.*

As detailed earlier, we know what kind of polyunsaturated fatty acids predominates in the S.A.D….Omega-6.

And this effect of having way too much Omega-6 and not enough Omega-3 in the body?

> *Let's say that omega-6s are a little stiffer, and omega-3s are a little looser. That looseness enables all those enzymes in the membrane — and that's where most enzymes live, in cell membranes — it enables them to go about their business that much faster. You can imagine it is kind of a WD-40 for the entire body, or you can think about doing jumping jacks in the air versus doing them in a thicker medium like water — that's what the difference is. You have this slowing-down effect when the omega-6s have replaced the omega-3s, and that fits in with that hunkering down for times of leanness and survival. You're putting on weight, and you're slowing down.*

> *These two families have different overarching effects. They are also snipped out of the*

> *membrane and used to make important cell messengers called prostaglandins. The first thing that we knew about these two families of fats was the fact that they made very different cell messengers. The ones made from the omega-6s are highly inflammatory, highly likely to promote blood clotting or increased blood pressure — they affect all kinds of bodily processes linked to diseases such as heart disease, obesity and diabetes. The omega-3 messengers are far less likely to promote inflammation.*

So remember this the next time you read, see or hear someone blaming high fructose corn syrup for the American obesity epidemic. Yes, HFCS definitely contributes…but it's not the only thing behind the epidemic of obesity, diabetes and heart disease. You have to factor in the chronic inflammation caused by too much Omega-6 in the S.A.D. America's too fat, because we eat too much sugar AND too much inflammatory Omega-6 fatty acids.

And of course, lets not forget the pivotal role the feminist movement had in creating the society wide demand for fast and convenient foods, which have now become the mainstay of the S.A.D. Since Feminism was one of the primary cultural and political drivers of promoting the types of foods that promote Omega-6 fatty acid imbalance in our diet, one could say that feminism has certainly been inflammatory in more ways than one.

How “Uppity Sistas” Make Life Harder For All Black Women

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Regular readers of The Obsidian Files will know well my epic struggles with commenters Deery and Jamila, two Black Women who seem to delight in disagreeing with me, LOL. That I don’t mind, actually: if everyone agreed with my take on various things, life would be very boring indeed.

But, as some of my readers have noted, there is a bit more going on than mere disagreement with these two, a kind of “meta message” that both seem to be transmitting, just under the radar, in Game parlance, what we would refer to as “subcommunication”; some have suggested that these two ladies seem to want to “put me in my place” as a Black Man, one who they deem isn’t as smart, sophisticated or urbane.

And to my mind, these astute observers would have a strong point indeed — it has long been known in the Black community of the existence of such Women. In fact, a goodly part of the long-running historical tensions extant between Black Men and Black Women, finds much, by no means all, but much, of its basis in this fact.

I’ve seen the likes of Deery and Jamila all my life. They are often the most haughty, snobbish and bigoted people around. Recently in my post about writer Lori Gottlieb, I argued that I had experienced MORE discrimination and outright bigotry from Black Women than I ever have from Whites, and I stand by that statement today, because it’s true. In another post where I outlined how and why Women were MORE wedded to the notions of a “double standard”, I made the case that Women, taken as a group, were far and away MORE snobbish than are/were Men. Deery and Jamila are Exhibit A & B respectively, on these fronts.

For example, I’ve said before that, based on her comments made here, that Deery not only sees herself as one of the Black Elite, but actually holds lesser Blacks in a goodly bit of contempt-especially Black Males who don’t come from or necessarily aspire to become one of the landed gentry. This was borne out in a discussion where she mentioned her disgust at her own brother’s decision not to continue his formal education and instead chose a more modest life. While I have refrained from publicly commenting, either way, on Deery’s views in this regard, I will now break my silence to say only this: I have four siblings, and at no time did it ever occur to me to hold them in contempt for not doing what I THINK they should be doing with their lives. So long as they were happy and weren’t a net drain on society-not a criminal, having 3 and 4 baby daddies, in jail or on relief forever and a day-so long as they were contributing to the local tax base-I was perfectly cool with whatever they
wanted to do or be in life, be that a corporate raider, or working in a pie factory. My love for them didn’t change one bit.

So, to hear Deery talk about her brother in such acerbic terms, was to be frank, quite painful to me. But it was also quite illuminating, too. In so many ways, Deery values social climbing more than blood.

We saw this in a discussion where I asked whether Axe cleaning products was seen as lowbrow; Deery went to great lengths to suggest that it was, despite the fact that a majority of female commenters were quite clear that what mattered most was that the Man in question smelled clean, regardless if the soap that took to make that happen came from the dollar store or Macy’s.

We saw it again just recently, with a discussion about my take on SCOTUS nominee Elena Kagan; during the conversation, Thomas Sowell's name came up, and Deery's reaction to said name, was, again, quite instructive. Although I could immediately see that Deery's real opposition to Sowell was the simple fact that he's aligned with the Conservative Right, I decided to let the convo run until it became clear to everyone else what her personal biases were, and the gambit worked. I'll have more to say about that in a moment, but the point I want to make here is that, aside from his being a Black Conservative, another thing Sowell has gone on record with is his suspicion and disdain of *The Elite* — the very thing Deery is wedded to. It then makes perfect sense why Deery would have the reaction she did at the mere mention of Sowell's name, now don't it?

Jamila is no better. Despite her own personal failings, glaring cognitive dissonance and blatant contradictions among her own stated beliefs, still she manages to find a way with which to impugn Black Men as a group; Y, a regular reader here at the O-Files, called it a "Black Men ain't shit" meme. Indeed, it is, but I'd like to take it a step further-it's a "Black Men ain't shit" meme in pseudoscientific drag.

This is because Jamila, in her own sordid attempt to backward rationalize her own mis-steps in life, does so by giving aid and comfort to HBDers like Planet Grok (whom she finally pulled back from, only when he began to get a bit too familiar for Jamila's tastes) and known and avowed "academic racists" like Michael Levin, a regular speaker at Jared Taylor's American Renaissance conferences. Initially, on her recent blog post entitled "Why Race Matters"-which is the title of Levin's 1997 book-Jamila attempts to use Levin's arguments as to why BLACK MEN were so bad at marrying and being baby daddies. ONLY WHEN I noted that it took two to tango, did Jamila had to admit that, if Levin is correct, it would have to mean that both Black Men AND Women, weren't too sharp cognitively. She agreed.

But when I then stepped up the Socratic Questioning, asking her that, given the events of her own life would she still agree with Levin's analysis, she balked. Instead, she blames her own failings not on being fundamentally dim-witted, but rather taking a page out of WEB DuBois' book(s), and says that her predicaments past and present are the result of her being forced to sharing breathing space with more dimmer Black folk.

Woman, thy name is Cognitive Dissonance.

It got so bad, that even other Black Women readers/commenters could see what was going on; commenter Terry asked Jamila whether she felt this way about the very people who loved and fed and clothed her; in another post, Terry asked how Jamila's seeming unquestioned embrace of the HBD position jibes with her own self-professed Christian beliefs and worldview. Y, having extensive familial relations in Nigeria, West Africa, demanded proof that Black people and Black Men in particular, were somehow genetically predisposed not to pair bond with Women. Even Chic Noir, who has thus far defended Jamila, had to question the latter on her views, since Chic also has extensive family relatives, this time in Ethiopia-a far sight from Nigeria.

Would it surprise anyone here that Jamila has yet to respond to either of these Sistas?

Chic continues to defend Jamila nonetheless; Terry continues to pray for the gal; Y left in disgust.

And the beat, as they say, goes on.

A little while back I posted up an article written by Psychology Today regular Satoshi Kanazawaa, about why really smart people say, do and believe in really stupid things. He argued that in evolutionary terms, such people are novel, and they use their smarts as a way to signal to others,

particularly potentially mates, that they have a kind of extra feather in the cap. The problem with this is, that they're misapplying their smarts-the vast majority of situations, problems and the like that most of us face in life, don't require a 130-plus IQ; indeed, far from it. For most people, most of the time, simple commonsense will do.

But for the smarties of the world, they simply cannot bring themselves to grips with the fact that it ain't that deep — very little of life is. Hence we see these folks do, think, say, really dumbass stuff. They should be FEELING their way through much of life, instead of trying to show everyone how big their brain stem is.

This creates real problems for Women like Deery and Jamila, all up and down the social foodchain, but especially when it comes to relationships. This is because Black Women are already up against it when it comes to their love lives as a group, and being what some would call an "uppity Sista" can only be a bane, not a boon, to their existence. Instead of merely relating to others on an emotional level, Sistas like Jamila and Deery instead attempt to find some overwrought, overarching paradigm that both demonstrates their smarts, and as well explains (read: justifies/rationalizes) their position. Instead of merely saying, in the case of Deery, "I don't like Sowell because he's a Black Conservative", or in the case of Jamila, "I made some personal mistakes and now I'm gonna do better", instead these gals have to go through all these mental contortions to explain, defend and justify, their FEELINGS.

This is why Deery can't discuss ANYTHING without a sliderule or a flowchart, and this is why Jamila can't discuss ANYTHING without copiously quoting from whatever flavor of the month author she's reading.

And to many Men, regardless of color, such a thing is really, truly, one. Big. Turn. Off.

Of course, such Women get very defensive when they read/hear such things, for reasons I've indicated elsewhere in the forum, but it doesn't change the facts on the ground. The vast majority of guys simply aren't interested in what your ACT score, or SAT score, or your GRE score, or your LSAT score was or is. Most guys walking around don't consider matriculating through a top tier uni that big a plus, or a dealbreaker if you didn't go. Most guys really ain't interested in debating a chick over something that is bleedingly obvious to like, Stevie Wonder. And most guys HATE having smoke blown up their ass, and when Smarty Women like Deery and Jamila do the kind of things I noted above, that's when a lot of guys vote with their feet.

So long as you're not breathing through your mouth and write and speak in complete sentences, for most guys, you're good to go. There, I said it.

Much has been said about this particular dispensation of time; whatever the reasons for Black Men not going on to higher ed, the fact is that they are now hardly alone-even ASIAN Males are beginning to fall off in comparison to their female counterparts. This spells some serious trouble for Women in general, and for Black Women in particular, because it can point to some real problems *culture wise*, and, as it always does whenever two people come together, the blame cannot be laid at the feet of just one party. Smarty Women have a lot to answer for, too, and here is why I say that the Deerys and Jamilas of the world are making it a heck of a lot harder for the Ys. That's because, unlike so many Women, who talk that Keith Sweat, "I'm gonna, I'm gonna" stuff, Men simply vote with their feet if and when they determine things have gone as far as they can, they run across a better option, or have simply had enough. They don't make a big brouhaha over it. The MSM won't devote hours and hours of primetime coverage to it. They. Simply. Do. It.

And because human beings being human beings, most guys, after having a taste of the Deerys and Jamilas, won't want to take a roll of the dice to find out if Y is or isn't the same.

See where I'm going with this?

A final point. If you're reading this and think, "Obsidian's just got issues with Black Women", I can save you the trouble. I had a Black mom. I have Black sisters by blood. The majority of the Women in my life romantically, were Black BY MY CHOICE, and the love of my life now, is Black — in fact, many of you who read this blog regularly know that I refer to her as such: Ms. Brown Sugah. I do not hate Black Women, far from it. I am proud of their achievements, and want them to succeed.

But that doesn't mean that I won't call certain groups among them on the carpet for their ridiculous dumbassery either when I deem it fit to do so. Just remember, that I'm stepping in the name of love.

Which is a heck of a lot more than can be said for Smarty, Uppity Sistas like Deery or Jamila when they talk about Brothas like me.

Now adjourn your asses…

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More Sarah Palin Feminist Blather

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The amount of noise coming from trad-feminists over Sarah Palin's claim that she is a feminist has increased considerably lately, and shows no signs of letting up. One would think there's a fox in the feminist henhouse from all the frenzied clucking emanating from their blogs.

I'm not sure what to make of it, and not sure I should care, but I suppose anything that gives them such a wedgie (I like that — feminism has become a "wedgie" issue) might at least be instructive as to their tactics and vulnerable spots.

Here's some of the latest hysteria concerning the socon-feminist invasion:

> As it is, these "conservative feminists" are erecting so many straw feminists to define themselves against, all of America should be protected from crows who are insecure about their masculinity for generations to come. To hear these women tell it, those of us who were using the word before it was cool (see Look 5) are not only anti-men, anti-motherhood, and obsessed with abortion, we are now also anti-woman. "In fact," writes Lori Ziganto at Hot Air, "they are diametrically opposed to feminism, by it's very definition, because their entire agenda is actually harmful to women." (Did you know there was one handy link to the entire feminist agenda? I did not!) "This is why I now call them Femogynists and I'm taking the term feminist back."

Here she slips into the familiar feminist obsession with jargon:

> So why is the idea of "Sarah Palin, feminist," any worse than the umpteen bona fide prominent feminists who have promoted racism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, ableism and the ongoing dominance of only a certain type of women's voices over the years? Arguably, it's not. Arguably, it's the logical endpoint of a movement long shaped by women who are but one –ism away from the top of the heap in the first place, and perhaps more interested in taking that one step up than in ending oppression all the way down. If the feminist movement primarily serves women who are already tantalizingly close to full kyriarchal approval, we probably shouldn't be surprised when a group of women who are even closer – basically just like the old feminists, except they don't expect the government to help anyone and aren't fussed about bodily autonomy! – decide they're yet more qualified to run it.

She throws down the gauntlet:

> The problem is, they support the kind of female candidates who make us old-fashioned feminists root for men.

It's always funny to see women at each other's throats. Now that so many women have power, we no longer have political mud slinging, but rather something even better: political mud *wrestling*.

I suppose this is one thing we men can now start to sit back and enjoy as the ship of state slowly slides under the waves. For all their "you go girl" solidarity and fist-pumping on Oprah, women's cooperation and claims of common interests is a big sham. When Mistuh Gubmint Sugahdaddy's cash runs out they'll all be at each other's throats, blaming one another with as much vigor as a

cheating wife blames her husband.

Supreme Court Rules Against Child Abductor Mother

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In some good news, the US Supreme Court recently ruled against a woman who violated her parenting plan by removing her child from Chile and returning to the US despite signing an agreement with the child's father stipulating that he would be involved in decisions as to where the child lived. The father is British and the mother American, but they divorced in Chile.

Interestingly, the man did not have custody of the child, but the parenting plan was given enough weight by the judges to overturn an appeals court ruling that excused her abduction of the child. The key factor in the ruling was the Hague Convention on child abduction, a treaty aimed at preventing parents – primarily mothers – from crossing borders with children to sever their connections with the other parent.

According to Justice Kennedy:

> To interpret the Convention to permit an abducting parent to avoid a return remedy, even when the other parent holds a ne exeat right, would run counter to the Convention's purpose of deterring child abductions by parents who attempt to find a friendlier forum for deciding custodial disputes…

Dissenters included Justices John Paul Stevens, Clarence Thomas and Stephen Breyer.

I Like This Guy

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Chris Christie is scolded by a schoolmarm, and puts it right back to her.

And then, after a female public service employee chides him for cutting services, he responds:

“You know what? Unlike the United States of America, the state of New Jersey can’t print money.”

Golden.

What's Your Style? The Six Traits Of The Alpha Male

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I thought to take a respite from the more heavier sociopolitical themes we've been discussing here in the forum, and return to another theme of mine, which is Game and human sociosexual dynamics.

In his groundbreaking memoir The Game, Neil "Style" Strauss recounts his very first meeting with Mystery, who almost singlehandedly revamped the modern day pickup scene with his keen insights into the psychology of the human mating dance. Mystery tells his students that there are a number of traits that all Alpha Males possess:

1. Alpha Males smile.

2. Alpha Males are well-groomed.

3. Alpha Males are the social center of the room.

4. Alpha Males have a sense of humor.

5. Alpha Males connect well with other people.

6. Alpha Males are confident.

I've personally found that where a lot of guys trip themselves up is in trying to gun for the more complex or complicated stuff about Game, and completely lose sight of simple things like that which Mystery outlined above. Think about it: EVERY Alpha Male does, to lesser or greater degrees, what the list outlines above. Don't believe me? Then go test it out for yourself: spend the next few weekends just being out and about, in parties, social gatherings, clubs, bars. Heck, you can even do this by going to church. Anywhere where there are groups of Men and Women interacting with one another. And you'll see what Mystery said above to be in full operation.

Most guys think that by being/acting "hard" that will get them Women. WRONG, LOL. Looking mean will mean that you'll be by yourself.

A lot of guys think that by playing he background they'll look cooler and thereby get Women. Wrong-they'll just be holding the wall up, like the vast majority of Men do at social gatherings.

A lot of guys think having a sense of humor and busting it up w/lots of smiles makes one look foolish. Wrong-it's the exact opposite.

Lots of cats think a lot of stuff that's just so flat-out wrong till it's not even funny. Then they wonder why, though they'll *never* say it outloud as to why they don't get laid*.

All of the six items mentioned above are the basic, fundamental traits that all Alpha Males have. Again, don't take my word for it. Go and see for yourself.

Another major, major point Style made in his book in his first meeting with Mystery, was where Mystery laidout the importance of Peacock Theory. He said that most guys think that if they look "average" they'll be able to appeal to the widest possible number of Women-WRONG. You gotta specialize your look, if you want to succeed with Women.

Now, what I've found is that many guys get this all twisted-they think that, because Mystery wears outlandish hats and paints his nails black, that they have to do this, too. But that's simply not the case, and Mystery himself has said as much. What he's simply meaning is that if you're going to have a chance of attracting attention from a Woman you want, you have to standout in some way. You can't

look like all the other cats-you have to do something that sets you apart somehow.

So, take a look at yourself-an honest look at yourself. In a full length mirror. Checkout your clothes, your hair style, etc. Now, go outside and take a look at all the guys around you. Take careful note of how they look. Do you blend in with them, or do you stand out?

When I buy clothes, or do pretty much anything for that matter, I am always mindful of the fact that my style is distinctive-personal and unique only to me. Nor is it something I do "just because"-it all has a purpose, a meaning. My style is such that people know who it is simply on hearing about it alone-"that's Obsidian", or, "Obsidian would do that", and so on.

So, what's your style? What is it about you that's distinctive, that sets you apart? Why do you wear the clothes you have on, what do they say? Same for your hair style, tats, piercings, jewelry, etc. How do they measure up against everyone else out there? Do they stand out-or do they blend in?

WHY should that Hot Mami stop to speak to YOU? Hmm? What makes you so different from all the other cats out there on the block?

Me? Well, I guess you could say that I'm something of a Dandy-and it flows with what I like to call my cultural cross-dressing tendencies and experiences, if you will. What I mean by that is, I dabble in styles spanning many genres and periods-a bit of Victorian here, some Goth there, a dash of Metro over here, some thug there…you get the idea. But all w/a Brotha's spin on it, you see. Like that. In fact just over the weekend I was looking into those frock coats gents used to wear back in the day online. Didn't really find what I wanted, so maybe I'll checkout a few of the local spots, and if that don't work, then I'll just have the thing custom made.

Anyway, taking the time to find what style best works for you is very, very important. Do a bit of research. Allow you imagination to roam free. Experiment! You never know what works until you try.

In the comments below, let's expand on all of this a bit, shall we?

Comment & reply, holla…

The Obsidian

Gynarchy International

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A reader sent me a link to the Gynarchy International website, which is a strange publication that advocates a female supremacist society ruled by Amazonian lesbians. I've seen the site before, and at first thought it must be a joke of some sort (read the FAQ), but the more I look into it, the more convinced I grow that these people are serious.

For the most part, the women involved appear to be dominatrixes of one kind or another, which means some of them are probably prostitutes. Lesbianism is quite common among prostitutes, so this isn't all that surprising, but what really gets me about the site is the men involved in the forum.

These guys are really, truly sick.

Here's an excerpt from a forum topic titled "Personal Bidet:"

> **Sissy:**
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> i truly hope your post did not offend any Superiors as my previous Mistress had not urinated in a toilette from the first day She claimed me as Her servant. While She has never forced me to serve as Her toilette when She has had to relieve her bowels (thankfully), it is still the duty of every male on this planet to obey every command from their Superiors. Now that my Mistress has moved back to Sweden, i find myself missing waking up with the hot, acrid and wonderful taste of my Mistress relieving Herself in my mouth every morning.
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> **wolhet:**
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> Personally, i love the taste and warmth of my Mistress's urine flowing into my mouth.
>
> Funny how the taste varies; sometimes a bit salty, other times bitter, depending on her diet and other things. Any one else notice this?
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> She likes to bottle her pee and store it for me to drink later, but when it's refrigerated it tastes eniterly different.

One might be tempted to dismiss this as the ravings of deranged perverts, but the men on the site appear to have swallowed the ideology as willingly as the excretions of their masters:

> **Tbob:**
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> Caste is a interesting way of thinking about it!
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> I guess their's 3 seperate things that will have to constitute any real societal change:
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> 1. mindset of Womyn
> 2. mindset of males
> 3. society
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> Easiest of the above should be to convince Womyn they are superior, hardest will be to convince all males. Society itself would probably be changed along the way to adapting needs and beliefs. I think it's obvious societies any larger then a small town will not be able to enforce a caste system onto males – so we have to either convince all male's or convince enough male's to defend the majority vote in a democracy.
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> [...]

> So how to convince, really important to outline why the gender relationship is not 50-50, and that Womyn are the primary organism, most capable and complete. The male is a rough, low featured ‘worker’ version. This imbalance needs to be accepted, recognised and that it makes the Womyn more capable, especially with intellectual and spiritual intelligence – not necassarily more logical, or computationally intelligent, as this is a function also within the ability of the male so it can achieve complex ‘work’. I think that is more than just a different societal caste, but actually a different creature. It does redefine a few text book’s but all are made up of varying amounts of facts surrounded by supporting assumptions.
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> Another of the reason’s why the Gynarchy appeal’s to me is that increasingly future societies should allow greater level’s and ranges of individual sensation together with broader community wealth and security. That really increases the requirement of societies to be able to understand and manage personal welfare more and more in the context of an evolving technobiological society. Skill’s like empathy are much more natural for a Womyn to employ.
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> I guess we are all here on these forum’s to think about it and hopefully try and make progress towards what we feel is a hidden truth that the world is needing to recognise now. I feel a bit stupid not realising about Female Supremacy earlier, but I find it so liberating embracing something that feels so true.

Additionally, they are interested in implementing new castration techniques so as to achieve their goals:

> **Ian:**
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> Hi Ms Aline et al,
> I happened to see the question and answer below at a Yahoo Group.
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> A Female member asked whether male castration by injection was possible. The answer given was, ” The drug, Neutersol, has now been approved for use in pets in the U.S. It works by injecting a dose into each testicle. I have no idea how much a human dose would be. Right now they’re only talking about using it on puppies. ”
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> I think it may be worth the Lesbian Sorority asking American members to find out more about this, but that is just my opinion. Hopefully all the Gynarchy membership can consider the ethics and implications of utilizing such a new and potentially useful though untested development.
> Ian.

Although these fellows probably represent the extreme, I think they are actually a good caricature of the prevailing mentality of a number of men, including so-called conservatives.

As disgusting as what they are writing is, their opinions are valuable in that they give us a very clear view of the goals of female supremacism, which, as it turns out, involve drinking urine and castration.

The Crowning of Rima Fakih: Supplication or Provocation?

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There is no denying that the Miss USA contest is a heavily politicized event. The selection of women of a certain type is intended to send a message about what politically correct America feels is the right and proper representative of American women at the time. Race has been a major consideration since at least the 1980s, and more weight is given to what women represent politically than how they look in their various outfits.

Therefore, it isn't all that much of a surprise that an Arab woman won the event this year. This year's winner, Rima Fakih, is obviously an attractive woman — not strikingly so in comparison to the others, but she also happens to be an Arab "Muslim." Additionally, as it turns out, she's an exhibitionist skank.

It's odd in the first place to elect a Muslim woman who defies her faith's conventions to flaunt her nearly naked body on the world stage, but to select one who is clearly a little hussy seems a bit overboard.

Recently, there was a small uproar in Uppsala Sweden over film depictions of Muhammed as a gay socialite. A number of Muslims attended the screening and made a ruckus over the film, which was created by one Lars Vilks, and made some noise about it. Swedish police were on hand to quell the dispute and keep the Muslims under control, but the producer has chickened out and gone into hiding over it. Seems like little more than a publicity stunt to me. If one really has a firm belief about something, one should be prepared to accept the consequences and literally *fight* for it, so I have little respect for Mr. Vilks, who is hiding behind security. In any event, I don't think any of these "artists" are doing anything but self-promotion, so it doesn't surprise me when they scurry off and hide under the tresses of the nanny-state.

Of course, there are those, such as Theo Van Gogh, who paid the ultimate price for their principles, and that's worth a thing or two. However, I have yet to see one of these guys actually fighting back, which is what you do when you actually believe in something. So, I've got to wonder whether they believe in anything at all, or if they are simply making some effort to attract attention to themselves.

In the Miss USA contest, however, there seems to be a more subtle form of provocation going on. It is a decision by a panel of judges, so the woman is chosen by a sort of "consensus," which, in this year's case, is supposed to suggest that America in general wants to project itself as exemplified by a slutty Muslim apostate.

Who were these judges? Well, they were mostly females and gay men – including ice-dancing queen Johnny Weir – which is kind of odd for a competition that is supposed to decide upon who is America's most desirable woman. Can one imagine America's women taking it seriously if they were told by men and lesbians who they should find attractive? The notion is laughable. But apparently it is considered perfectly reasonable for women and homosexual men to decide which women are most alluring.

So who do they come up with but an Arab stripper…

Lest any women accuse men of only wanting lousy, low-quality women, let it stand on the record that half of the Miss USA judges for Miss USA 2010 were women, at least one was a gay man, and still they chose a skanky, pole-dancing, skinny little tramp who sticks a thumb in the eye of her

(impressively ethnic!) heritage and religion.

American men hardly could have done worse. In fact, although some American men may hate and despise Islam, I doubt any but the worst of them would go so far as to make that kind of provocation.

Perhaps American men wouldn't take it that far because we know we're the ones asked to fight the Muslims these people are provoking. How many of the dead American boys in Iraq or Afghanistan would, had they survived, ever have had the chance to even judge a high school beauty pageant these days, much less a Miss USA contest? If they had, would they have deliberately chosen Ms. Fakih? Somehow, I doubt it.

Why We Write

May 30, 2010 | by Obsidian | Link | Original Link

Since I've been thinking about my "mission statement", and since I just had to course-correct Deery on the post and thread of the same name, I figured this would be a good time to let er rip.

Many years ago, when I was first starting out my tenure of teaching at Temple U, I got into the poetry reading scene-alright, I ain't gonna front, it was a good way to meet chicks, LOL. But, as so often happens, I learned a lot about life, others, and most of all myself.

For those who may not be aware, there has been for some years a burgeoning poetry reading scene in certain pockets of Black America-poets of all manner of interest and ability will gather and read their stuff. Much of it is good, some of it whacked, all of it interesting, in that they give a kind of window onto the world of others, how they think, and why they feel the way they do.

One of the themes I saw very early on in m poetry going, was that of a steady stream of Sistas who would, in prose, discuss their love lives in general and Black Men in particular; this was something that invariably placed all the blame for whatever trouble they had in their lives squarely at the feet of the Brothas. And, because Men or all shades and colors, all walks of life, have been taught (read: browbeat) into being deferential to Women regardless as to how ridiculous some of them are and/or sound, very rarely did the Brothas react negatively or respond in kind; when time came for Brothas to get on the mic, they waxed slam-poetic about the police, racism, or some other amorphous entity wreaking havoc in their lives.

As always, Women got a pass.

Among other things, this raised my Archer's hackles, and offended my Libran sensibilities-after all, I was always taught it takes two to tango, and why weren't Brothas speaking up for the other side of the story? In fact, I said to myself then, now that I think about it, how come we have so few Black Male writers (blogs hadn't arrived on the scene just yet) of any particular stripe? Sure, we all can rattle a few names here and there, but for the most part, Black Lit is done by the Sistahood.

I was livid.

I stormed into my Dept Head's office one day, and vented my spleen. He listened intently for about 10 minutes, and then he said one word:

"Write!"

His move knocked me off my square. "Write?", I asked. What do you mean?

What he told me would stick with me all my days.

"One of the biggest problems Black Men have is they don't write. They don't convey to others their views or feelings or impressions of the world around them, and its a shame because the world needs to listen to what you have to say, and you have A LOT to say. Don't blame the Sistas because they got it going on-blame yourselves because for whatever reason, you don't write. If you want to change things, you can start, by sitting down at your desk and writing."

I bought a computer that day, and did just that.

In fact, I decided to "respond" to what I'd heard at so many poetry slams/readings around the city, even though I had no background in poetry whatsoever. I simply copied the style and cadence of the poets I heard-especially the female ones-and wrote about what we in the Game community calls the

“LJBF” thing. I talked about the blatant hypocrisy so many Sistas engage in, how they lust after the bad boys then wanna cry victim when they get burnt. I talk about how they claim to want good guys but turn their nose up at them. I talked about all the pretty lies and blatant contradictions so many Sistas seem to revel in, daily, yet expect guys to adhere to some outmoded and anachronistic standard. I talked about the defile he very word “friend” when they utter it to a Man, because as Men, we take such a word very, very seriously, when so many Women do not.

I decided to do my thing acapella, if you will; just the sound of my voice.

The place roared. Brothas were on their feet. Of course, Sistas felt some kind of way.

But so be it. The truth can often be like that.

My Dept Head at Temple U had armed me with something more powerful than a Bomb-for that night, I truly learned, that the pen, is mightier, than the sword.

Much to the chagrin of many, Hip Hop-a creation of and by Black Men-is now a worldwide phenomenon. People the world over, want to hear what Black Men have to say. This is not lost on me, even now, and especially since the beginning of my own blogging effort.

This blog is one Black Man’s take on the world around him. It is from a perspective that not even some other fellow Black Americans may not be used to or even like. So be it. It is important that the record show, that there were quite a few Brothas who willing to stand up, be counted, and most importantly, to be heard.

What I find so very interesting, is in how when Women blog, or write books, or read poetry, they aren’t assailed with demands to give stats or other forms of “proof”; it is simply and merely understood that they’re giving their take on things, on life. Yet, whenever Black Men speak, be it via a blog or a mixtape, all manner of feathers are ruffled.

Don’t tell me Brothas don’t have power.

One other thing I’ve learned all these years: I don’t know about the notion that Women are such better listeners than are Men. My personal experience, including that of today, doesn’t bear this out much at all. In fact, I would argue that Women can be horrible listeners, because when they hear something they don’t like, they go bananas. This explains why so many Black Women lose it about certain forms of Hip Hop, never once asking why the rappers say it in the first place, and God forbid if they ever ask if what they’re saying has an iota of truth to it. Oh, no.

For those who want to better understand where Black Men are coming from, why they think, feel and act as we do, what we feel and think about the great issues of the day, and to just hear a different take on things, this is the place to be, and you’re most welcome. And for those who are a bit uncomfortable with what I have to say, I can only offer you the way out the door, for I will not change. Not. One. Bit.

The world needs to hear more from Brothas. The Obsidian will do his part.

That is, after all, why I write.

Now adjourn your asses…

The Obsidian

Sacrifice

May 31, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

A day to honor those men who gave their lives for others.

America's War Dead Spit Upon

June 1, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

[Today's guest post submitted by Dirk Johansen of The Balls Monologues]

Many of America's soldiers were spit upon when they returned from Vietnam. Those guys who were American soldiers but did not live until the end of their service were spit upon coast-to-coast today.

Memorial Day commemorates U.S. soldiers who died in military service. It doesn't honor all military veterans – we have another holiday for that, in November.

Nonetheless, MSN.com's lead story was "Women in Uniform," described by MSN as "In honor of Memorial Day, meet some of the many women who have dedicated themselves to America's defense, from 1778 until today."

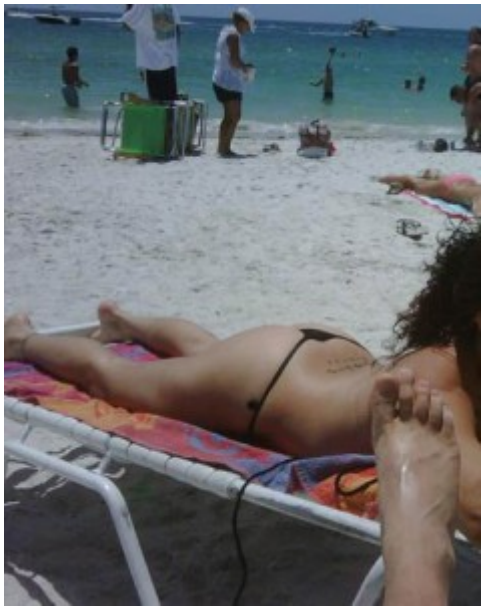
The St. Petersburg Times chimed in with its main front-page story taking up most of the page, written by a woman, "Honors at last for WWII's women with wings," and while some women did die flying those planes, none did so in combat since they women didn't fly in combat – though, of course, thousands of guys have

As if that were not enough, the Times ran another story entitled, "Remembering Tampa Bay area Servicemen and Women," memorializing those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. While plenty of women around Tampa Bay have pocketed some nice coin prancing around stages naked while those conflicts have been raging, not a single broad from Tampa Bay has died in either.

A West Coast feminist Facebook Friend of mine wrote that what she was thinking about today were the rapes of female soldiers in our military, and PTSD. Of course, the rates of female soldiers suffering PTSD are staggeringly high relative to guys. I wrote back to remind her that today was to memorialize those who died in service, and that the gender disparity was staggeringly disproportionate, and suggested that a ban on straight guys in the military would resolve both the gender death-disparity issue and the problems she was raising. She promptly unFriended me.

From Sea to Shining Sea, women are hijacking Memorial Day as yet another celebration of what in fact are the miniscule contributions of women to our country. To those that many that are doing so, I spit on them.

By the way, the beach was great today. Lots of hot asses and freakish tattoos! Here's a picture from today, of The Dominatrix in a thong!



That’s my foot in the foreground, blocking a side view of her voluptuous right breast.

The Fountain of Youth

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According to legend Ponce de Leon searched in vain all over Florida and the southern states for the fabled fountain of youth, but his explorations were in vain when this magical water was never found. Little did Ponce de Leon know that the *real* fountain of youth had been with him all of the time, that he knew it intimately it could be said, for this secret was in his pants. The anti-aging properties attributed to this mythical fountain has been found by the modern woman in the form of foreskin fibroblast cultivated from the medical waste leftover after circumcision procedures on baby boys. So popular are such products they have been highly recommend by the Queen of Gab herself, Oprah Winfrey.

Every year millions of newborn baby boys in the United States undergo a circumcision procedure to remove skin and nerve endings from their penis. This procedure is known to cause a loss of sensation and skin mobility and may possibly lead to sexual performance problems later in life. The tissue removed from this procedure is then sold for profit to cosmetic companies and medical research labs where the tissue is utilized in the development of new technology and products. In other words, young boys, barely part of this world, are welcomed to the human family through this cruel rite for the benefit of aging women who will pay top dollar to stay forever young. It's revulsion and misandry packaged in a bottle, put on the shelf, and sold for top dollar!

If these products utilized tissue from the circumcision or excision of baby girls, would they still be popular? Would they even be allowed to be sold? I think not and for this reason my disgust is especially great.

Took a Break

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I had my kids over the extended weekend, starting on Friday, and at three and five years old they are quite a handful for me alone. Add to that the fact that babymomma didn't show up to pick them up yesterday, and I've been a bit snowed under.

However, after today things should get back to normal, and the content will once again be flowing.

Whatever the case, despite the driving rain and sub-arctic temperatures in Seattle over most of the weekend (highs in the low 50s), we had a nice time together, and the kids have seemed perfectly happy to spend all this time with daddy. I've been pretty happy, too, but I wouldn't recommend going the single parent route if you can avoid it — it is hard work!

Historical Fact: NOW Supported Child Murderer Andrea Yates

June 2, 2010 | by Welmer | Link | Original Link

Because a feminist commenter has called me a liar for saying that feminists support the right of women to kill family members without consequences, I'd like to highlight the efforts of the National Organization for Women to overturn Andrea Yates' conviction for murdering her five children.

Here's an excerpt:

> The Houston Area National Organization for Women is rallying support for Andrea Pia Yates, the Clear Lake mother who has admitted to drowning her five children.
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> In addition to forming the Andrea Pia Yates Support Coalition, the local chapter of NOW plans to help raise money for Yates' defense fund, the organization's state president said Thursday.
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> [...]
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> Shortly after Andrea Yates was arrested, NOW adopted a resolution regarding postpartum depression during a national conference, Bell said. The resolution urges the judiciary to "consider tragedies of this sort in the full context of the nature of postpartum depression," and calls for more research into the illness.

So there you have it. Child murder totally excusable according to NOW. Call it "postpartum depression" or use whatever excuse you want: the fact remains that the feminists do not want to see a woman punished for murdering her children, and are willing to pay money to have her conviction overturned

Does anyone think a man should be excused for murdering his family because something was bothering him such as, say, his wife whoring around town?

How about it, feminists?

Mother Slits Daughters' Throats in Divorce Revenge

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One of the girls survived, and the other died. The girls were 12 and 13 years old, and the mother said she felt that because she was upset about the divorce, she would "take away all of that pain." She also said she'd kill her husband in his sleep.

Family annihilation by mothers is a growing trend, encouraged by feminists, who suggest that women are entitled to exterminate their children and other family members for any reason, at any age.

Parallels with Soviet Society?

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I recently came across a short paper titled *Women and the Soviet Military*, which was written in 1982, and it gives us a picture of the results of an enforced gender equalist society. Although there are some important differences, especially in regards to the officer corps, women's participation in the Soviet military was quite significant, starting in World War II, when they comprised some 8% of mobilized forces:

> The common historical perception of the woman in the Soviet Army is that of a heroic, highly motivated, well-disciplined, tenacious soldier fighting in defense of the Motherland. Growing out of the Soviet experience of World War II, in which more than 8 percent of the Soviet Union's mobilized troops were women,2 the image may reflect more the propaganda efforts of the Soviets than reality.3 Nevertheless, the Soviet Union is one of the first contemporary societies to employ women extensively in its armed forces. Women served as "women soldiers" in World War I,4 fought in the Revolution, and even provided combat units during World War II, when three women's air regiments flew combat aircraft and 23 of their fliers were named Heroes of the Soviet Union.5
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> Women also served with ground combat units as snipers, machine gunners, and tank crew members.6 While 40 percent of the medical officers at the front were women, the greatest percentage of women served in rear areas to release men for combat duty.

As time went on, however, female participation dropped significantly:

> The greatest value of women to the Soviet military, however, seems to be their potential for large-scale wartime mobilization. Indeed, the Universal Military Duty Law of 1967 specifies the drafting of women in wartime, and the Soviets have established several programs and procedures to prepare women for mobilization. These include mandatory participation in military-oriented youth programs, draft-board registration of women with special skills, participation of discharged servicewomen in reserve status until age 40, and reservist status for all women who complete mandatory reserve officer training at university level.14 In summary, the present utilization of women in the active Soviet military, beyond their potential as a large reservoir of manpower in time of war, is restricted to carefully and deliberately controlled positions.

The results of the equalist policies in Soviet – particularly Soviet Russian – society eventually started to take a toll on the family:

> However, the ideologically inspired and pragmatically applied concept of women's equality in the work force has not been without costs. As a result of a contradiction in Soviet policy that urges women to be both productive workers and housewives, a "double burden" has been created by emancipation — raising children and managing a household on one hand and holding full-time, often technical jobs in industry on the other.
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> This double burden has been largely responsible for a significant trend that is causing alarm to Soviet sociologists and demographers: the decision of the overburdened working mother,

> particularly in urban, ethnic Russian families, to limit family size to one or at most two children. As a result, ethnic white Russian birthrates are declining, while the Asiatic Russian minority birthrates are rising. Their concern is not ill-founded. Statistics indicate that between 1959 and 1970, the percentage of ethnic Russians in the U.S.S.R. dropped from 55 to 53 percent of the total population.

It's clear that there are a lot of differences between contemporary American society and late Soviet, but some of the same factors are obviously at work. In the drive to achieve gender equality as dictated by Marxist-Leninist doctrine, extra burdens were placed on the family, and eventually these began to take a demographic toll. Women found themselves increasingly responsible for both work AND family, and men eventually drifted off into irrelevance, drinking and whoring their time away rather than being productive citizens. This goes a good way toward explaining the collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent mess Russia is still dealing with.

From observing the trajectory of the Soviet Union, one might come to the conclusion that the United States is facing a similar collapse in a relatively short time that will result in significant economic and political decline.

As Feminism Takes Over US Universities, Decline Sets In

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Professor Ross Forman, who earned his doctorate in comparative literature at Stanford, had a tough time finding work in American universities, but found an inviting atmosphere in Asia, where his education and skills were valued despite his being male. More and more American academics – most of them male – have been traveling far afield to find work in the better environment provided outside of the United States, where higher education has increasingly come to resemble a ladies' book club.

In addition to the ideologically-rooted hostility against men standard in American universities, skyrocketing tuition costs and bloated budgets for the benefit of such departments as women's studies have taken their toll.

Although foreign students continue to flock to American universities, the best and brightest in countries such as China and India are increasingly likely to stay home and attend elite, domestic universities. Fortunately for them, professors such as Ross Forman are stepping in to fill in to provide them with the best America has to offer, allowing them all of the benefits of American expertise without the drawbacks and mediocrity that have come to characterize American higher education.

Men at Work

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Several of my esteemed readers have been, online and off, sent me a spate of articles and have been asking me about all the scuttlebutt surrounding the arrival of the New Grrl Order-the fact that we have now crossed the labor market rubicon, where Women now makeup a simple majority of the American workforce. After giving a bit of thought to this, I've decided to respond in this way.

First off, we have to keep in mind that the Chattering Classes are wholly divorced from the rest of the country, no matter how hard they may try to act differently. Simply put, they live and die, in a completely different world than the rest of us plebes. Most of these folks live in the richest areas of the country, and their salaries are counted in the millions of dollars a year if not more. It is very difficult to live that kind of life and have any real understanding of what day to day living is like for the rest of us.

So, the notion that the Mancession has hit mostly married, more well to do couples, is at best a polite contrivance. To be sure, it can happen there, but we all know, as the recent announcement of the Gores going splitsville demonstrates, that fewer Americans are getting married to begin with, and sticking it out when they do. So in a very real sense, such points as raised by the MSM is, at best, moot. If not an out and out diversion.

Where the rubber really hits the road for me, is what I like to call the Acid Test of Equality-for more than three decades, we all have been told that Women have been working against a stacked deck, and in many ways, they were right. But that was then, and this is now. Not only are Women more employed in the workforce, but they often outearn many Men and have more formal educations, to boot. Whatever the gripes of the past may have been, and again, I fully and freely admit they may have been legit, Women can't say that such things obtain any longer, not with the wholesale carnage the Mancession has left in its wake.

So, for me, this period of time will be a perfect one in which Women will demonstrate what they will do when in the Big Chair at last. I for one, can't wait to see what will happen.

Will Women be willing to support Men who no longer work at all? For decades in this country, and centuries worldwide, Men did this for Women. Yes, you may say, but Women bore the babies and took care of home and hearth. Fair enough, but it's been proven that guys can care for babies just as well as Women can, and who said that busting suds or making your bed was a "Woman's thing"? Rubbish.

We know, for a fact, that Men, for all their faults and foibles, did the toughest, dirtiest and most dangerous jobs, often without fanfare or complaint. And they did it to support their families, where, more often than not, their wife wasn't working outside the home. Millions of Men would return home on a Friday and hand over the check to the wife. It remains to be seen if Women will return the favor now that they're the breadwinners.

We also know, that it was very common for Men to literally fall down dead at work. Its been said that more people (read: Men) have heart attacks on the morning drive/commute to work on Mondays than any other week, and I've personally seen that theory borne out in real life-one of my uncles died while having a massive heart attack drving to work one Monday morning; by the time his car crashed into a tree, he was already as dead as a door nail. And one of my best friends of nearly three decades'

father died on the way in to work on a Monday morning. In his case, he made it to the job-then collapsed on the shop floor, DOA.

In my own life, a week before I started on my job, a Man died, in the same spot I would be working. Several more have died since my tenure began. Quite a few others would receive career ending injuries. And as we all saw back in April of this year, not a Woman was to be found among those lost in the Upper Big Branch mine or British Petroleum oil rig disasters; the dead were all, to a Man, Men.

So, it remains to be seen if and what kind of stresses White Collar, largely services-oriented workers experience. Something tells me that it won't quite parallel what I've noted above.

Personally, I think this is an excellent time for Men. Why? Because for the first time in a long time, if not ever, we don't have to do what our dads and grand dads did. Make no mistake, they often did jobs they hate, and there wasn't a Chattering Class or Oprah with which they could cry into their beer to. Many Men, stoic as all get out, simply did the damned thing, day in, and day out, handing over the paycheck/wallet to the Missus every Friday like clockwork. Like Tiger said, that's one heck of a transfer payment when you think about it.

But anyway, yea, we guys now have options-real options. We can go back to school-or drop out from a life chained to a desk. We can travel, if even only within the country itself, and see new things. We can remake ourselves anew, try new things, meet new people. And most of all, we can define ourselves away from what society says we should be, which is what we do and have much we make doing it. In this respect, the Mancession was a blessing in disguise.

It's also a blessing in disguise because, when it comes to the ladies, we now know what they truly are all about. Let's face it, money has always been the buffer that kept the wolves of a relationship at bay. With that no longer a factor in the mix, we now get to see what Women, as a group now, are truly made of. What do they really value in a Man? It was one thing to talk a mean game of Keith Sweat stuff back when they didn't have any pull, but that day has long past and they are now in the driver's seat. So I say it's a good thing that you may not have as much moolah as you once did, fellas. Now you get to see what the Women in your life are truly made of.

Somehow, because I have a bit of understanding about human nature that includes Women, I have a hard time believing and seeing Women simply taking on the roles that Men once did, even as it is highly unlikely that so many of them would meet the same fates. Its hard to see Women openly and without complaint, paying for dates outright; or paying the rent/mortage outright; or, gasp!-handing over her paycheck to her significant other to handle the household expenses. To be sure, there are individual cases of Women who don't play to this kind of type; I consider myself blessed to be a Man who has known of this kind of Woman firsthand. But the exceptions don't kill the rule, they only strengthen it.

Of course, I could be totally wrong.

The Ladies will decide…

The Obsidian

Update on Lorenzana "Fired for Being Sexy" Case

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In light of the recent post on Gynarchy International, which is filled with feminist fetishist men, I found it interesting that Jack Tuckner, the attorney representing Ms. Lorenzana in her discrimination suit against Citibank, allegedly has exactly these sorts of submission fantasies.

One of Mr. Tuckner's former employees has sued him for sexual harassment, alleging:

- Jack Tuckner watched porn at his desk
- Jack Tuckner discussed his "pierced genitalia"
- Jack Tuckner wore a "bondage [slave] collar" at work
- Jack Tuckner had a sadomasochistic relationship with Mia Metzger
- Mia Metzger was Jack Tuckner's designated slave master
- Jack Tuckner consistently demeaned all of the women who worked for him

Evidently, Tuckner also has Nazi submission fantasies:

> According to Ms. Brockington's lawsuit, she said Jack Tuckner told her he was a piercing enthusiast who was "extremely into spanking" [Cool!] and kept a screen saver on his computer that shows him kneeling at the feet of his girlfriend, who was dressed in a black dominatrix outfit. She also said that Jack Tuckner called her "Aryan babe" and the ultimate shiksa…

There was some discussion in the comments on the Gynarchy International post concerning the mentality of men who fetishize female dominance, and some suggestion that when these guys are in positions of power, it could be bad news. Well, it appears that Mr. Tuckner may be just one of these men, and feminism has given him the opportunity to act out his fantasies of being a woman's "slave" by using the law to rob other men blind.

More in Brockington's complaint:

> After Jack Tuckner told Ms. Brockington about Mia "The Dominatrix" Metzger, she searched her name on Google and found a Web-site ad in which Mia wrote: "I am a Dominant Woman with a long-term male slave [Jackie]. I seek to add a female service oriented slave to our family," and also a "man who is interested in partnering with me in a cuckold [married man whose wife has sex with other men] relationship." Wheweee!
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> Mia Metzger is presently employed as a "client liaison" at Jack Tuckner's law firm.
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> Jack Tuckner touts Mia's abilities on the firm's website as: "Mia brings her expertise in Wholistic medicine to TSWS (Tuckner, Sipser, Weinstock & Sipser). As a nursing professional, her skills [spanking and bondage] translate seamlessly into an ability to assist potential clients towards healing the wounds created as a result of aggressive spankings, I'm sorry I mean discriminatory experiences. Her close association with Jack Tuckner [paddle to butt] and their similar views in which all inhabitants are given equal and fair spankings; I mean treatment creates a cohesive communication which ultimately serves clients.

Isn't it revealing to see what kind of men are attracted to feminism?

Woman Fired for Wearing “Distracting” Outfits; Sues, Naturally

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Debrahlee Lorenzana, a 33-year-old single mother, was fired from Citibank after refusing to follow dress guidelines that restricted her from wearing clothing designed to show off her breasts and buttocks. Ms. Lorenzana, who is Puerto Rican, said: “I was raised very Latin. We’re feminine.”

And, in Latin countries, men aren’t fired or sued for making remarks about a woman’s figure…

Jack Tuckner, Ms. Lorenzana’s attorney, brings an element of shame to the dispute, suggesting that there must be something wrong with men when they notice a woman flaunting her sexuality:

> It’s like saying that we can’t think anymore because our penises are standing up – and we cannot think about you except in a sexual manner – and we can’t look at you without wanting to have sexual intercourse with you.

Mr. Tuckner’s personal reaction to Ms. Lorenzana’s provocative dress is unknown, but he staged a photo shoot – in which he personally acted as the cameraman – for “evidence” in the lawsuit.

Sex and the City 2 Opens Vein of Critical Gold

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I don't often read movie reviews, and when I do it's usually simply to ascertain whether or not the movie in question might have something interesting about it. Ever since *Boys Don't Cry,* one of the most androphobic, man-hating movies ever produced, was almost universally hailed as a great work of art by critics, I've been pretty skeptical of their opinions.

In addition to my skepticism, I haven't found movie reviews very entertaining in and of themselves, and generally simply used them for whatever factual information I could gather. However, *Sex and the City 2* seems to have brought out the best in movie critics, who have panned the film with superlative gusto.

Manohla Dargis, writing for the NY Times, seems a bit taken aback by the critical drubbing the film received, but even amidst some protestation concerning implied sexism, ends up echoing much of it herself:

> Fast forward to "Sex and the City 2," the sequel to the hit 2008 movie, written and directed by Michael Patrick King, that has generated some of the most hostile and outraged reviews in recent memory. "The horror, the horror," wrote one critic. "Nothing says putrefying, rotten and vile quite like this sequel," wrote another.
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> The gravest of these sins in my unscientific survey are behavioral: the women act like ugly Americans and debase every aspect of Muslim culture they come in contact with. Also: they're women. And middle aged. Girlish. Have had bad work done. Or maybe not enough. "A cross," David Edelstein wrote in New York magazine "between (late) Mae West and (dead) Bea Arthur." "Like a plastic surgeon," Tom Maurstad wrote in The Dallas Morning News, "storyteller King keeps trying to find new ways to lift and tighten his characters, but they have become garish caricatures of themselves." "What's not to loathe?" Richard Roeper asked. Apparently nothing. At rottentomatoes.com, which compiles reviews, the first "Sex and the City" movie earned a 53 percent approval rating from top critics, while the sequel received — eek — just 9 percent.
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> The new film's sex-capades turn on Carrie's restlessness in her new marriage to Big (Chris Noth), an agitation she quiets during a junket to Abu Dhabi with "the girls": Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis). After flying first-class-ultra in separate compartments, they are picked up at the airport in their own white Maybach sedans (which start at $417,000, in case you were wondering) and whisked to a hotel that's a stand-in for the Emirates Palace, an haute-decadent Abu Dhabi hotel with amenities like a gold-dispensing ATM ("gold to go").

Manohla writes a good – and amusing – review, which is definitely worth reading in its entirety, but she can't hide the fact that her male colleagues may have ever-so-slightly hurt her feelings by bashing the cougar quartet:

> The scene of Samantha in the souk has been branded insulting to Muslims. Certainly it's

> insulting to comedy lovers and to the character, a shrewd number sold out by her director for an unfunny gag about the unruly female body. This and other scenes of the women with Muslims are often awkward, though that's partly a function of Mr. King's direction. Yet there's also something touching about a few of these encounters, as when the women wonder how you eat fries when you're wearing a veil, a question that strikes me as an uncharacteristically honest admission of difference in a mainstream American movie. Too bad the women weren't guys and went to Las Vegas, where they could have indulged in the kind of critically sanctioned masculine political incorrectness that made "The Hangover" such a darling.

Fortunately, Thomas Leupp gives no quarter in his assessment of the film, which he refers to as "the new torture porn":

> Whereas the close of 2008's Sex and the City found heroines Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Charlotte (Kristen Davis), and Samantha (Kim Cattrall) more or less getting everything they've ever wanted, the sequel finds them faced with the inconveniences that come along with having everything they've ever wanted.
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> Wilting under such stifling affluence, the four gal pals opt to flee on a whirlwind trip to the Abu Dhabi to recharge their collective engines — but not before a nearly hour-long first act involving a gay wedding, which allows writer/director/producer Michael Patrick King to get his fill of gay jokes and throw in a superfluous performance of Liza Minnelli singing Beyonce's All the Single Ladies. And it's just as disturbing as you'd expect.
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> Sex and the City 2 won't win any awards (save for a few Razzies), but it could become an effective inspirational video for suicide bombers — provided they can endure the film's two-and-a-half hour running time, of course.

Be sure to read both reviews — they are classics of critique.

The Chemical Sterilization of the Western Man

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In our sick, toxic world, men have come under attack through many avenues. A hateful ideology began the attack and legal repressions have followed. Our culture kicked out the father from his rightful place as the respected leader of his family and replaced him with the deadbeat dad, ordered to pay child support by a misandrist justice system all while denied access to his kids. The sugar, spice, and everything nice sex has been encouraged to embrace the dark queen and let her do unchecked, poisoning the well of gender relations and destroying meaningful relationships for several generations of men and women now. Such attacks are well-known by those of us familiar with the gender war, but there has been another grenade of toxicity thrown onto the battlefield, one that is seldom spoken of: the chemical sterilization of the western male.

The class of chemicals known as phthalates and Bisphenol A are used as additives in many plastic items on the market today. Baby bottles, childrens toys, food storage containers, shower curtains, personal care items, and water bottles are among the thousands of consumer products that contain some for of these chemicals. These chemicals have wreaked havoc with the human body and are believed to be endocrine disruptors in both men and women. While these chemicals cause harm to both sexes, the damage done to the male body is particularly disturbing and worrisome. Testicular atrophy and decreased sperm counts have been attributed to phthalates and Bisphenol A. Reproductive malformation in male babies has been shown to begin in the womb and an increased rate of testicular cancer may be caused by this class of chemicals. Testosterone levels are also on the decline thanks to these toxins. These are clearly some very serious issues and ones we all need to consider for the health of ourselves and those we care about.

Whether the ill effects of these chemicals was unintentional or not is debatable, but what isn't is the damage these chemicals have caused. In the last fifty years, we've seen men destroyed from all angles and unfortunately our environment itself has quickly become anti-male with technology gone awry.

Thankfully in this case there are a few ways for men to protect themselves and their sons:

*Avoid purchasing plastic items unless they are free of these chemicals as many consumer products are quickly becoming. This is especially important when it comes to items that young boys might play with and/or put into their mouths. Toys, baby bottles, disposable diapers, teething rings, and the like all need to be considered carefully. Alternatives are available and I'd be happy to pass along information for anybody interested in items for babies and small children that are not only toxic plastic free but "unleaded" as well.

*Look for alternative ways to store leftover food. Canning jars are a good alternative as they are sturdy, inexpensive, and can be used in a variety of situations including freezing. Glass food containers are available for purchase. A variety of metal water bottles now abound.

*Switch out your shower curtain or curtain liner for a new PVC-free variety available at nearly every big box store now. These curtains are only a dollar or two more expensive than their toxic counterparts.

*Know what to look for on plastic products. Items with the recycling codes 3,6, and 7 typically contain phthalates or Bisphenol A. Forgo purchasing such items whenever possible.

*Use low or no-VOC paint when painting the interior of your home, especially rooms that will be used by little boys.

*When shopping for home improvement supplies, personal care products and bug sprays, avoid products containing the chemical ingredients found in this article to avoid harmful additives as much as you can.

Understanding the System of Corporatocracy in the USA Inc.

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I pledge allegiance, to the Logo, of the United Corporate States, formerly known as America; and to the Corporations, for which it stands: one market, under law, divisible into niche segments, with rampant consumerism, debt slavery and serfdom for all.

Whenever there is some kind of economic trouble, you will always find some left wing, socialist Democrat blogger, pundit, journalist, talking head on TV, or a columnist in the print media declare that the problem is "greedy capitalism" and the "lack of regulation" (or "de-regulation") as the root of the problem.

Since most of the mainstream mass media propaganda corporations are largely composed of left wing socialist Democrat useful idiots, they dutifully espouse this party line at every opportunity. Unpopular TARP bailouts for banks "too big to fail?"

GREEDY CAPITALISTS!

The advent of our current Great Depression 2.0 because of the housing bubble being inflated by the Federal Reserve, causing significant mal-investments in nearly every sector of the economy?

WALL STREET BROKE OUR ECONOMY!

The anti-captalist/pro-socialist/pro-communitarians that spout this garbage really are useful idiots for the government-corporation complex. By screaming for MORE Government regulation, they are basically throwing the protesting brer rabbit into the briar patch.

The truth of the matter is that the USA has not been a free market, capitalist country for quite some time. We are a corporatacracy – in which corporations lobby the Government at every level to gain some sort of cartel advantage…by having the Government officials "regulate" the industry…effectively stifling or eliminating the competition (usually a small business owner or local business) by enforcing regulations, fee schedules and safety requirements that are prohibitively expensive for the small business to handle.

As I've linked to in the preceding paragraph, I've written about this before…but I decided to reiterate this point again, after coming across an anonymous author at reddit.com revealed his story about how this works in the real world of USA INC.

How Real World Corruption Works

> *I'm a mid-career guy in a business that does a lot of work with governmental and quasi-governmental agencies. I've never ripped anyone off personally, but I have seen and occasionally been an incidental beneficiary of quite a bit of patronage, insider dealing, nepotism, misuse of taxpayer money, and outright corruption. While I have always been honest in my own dealings on a case-by-case basis, I have refrained from many opportunities to be a "whistleblower".*
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> *A lot of stuff on reddit misunderstands the relationships between wealth, power, and influence. For starters, all the above three are always and have always been inter-related, and probably always will be. And that might not always be a bad thing: those who have risen to high levels of wealth are often pretty smart, and surprisingly often exceptionally honest. Those who rise to high levels of influence usually have some pretty good insight and*

talent in their area of expertise. Those who have acquired a lot of power tend to be good at accomplishing things that lots of people want to see happen.

None of which is purely democratic, nor even purely meritocratic, but there is a certain dose of both kind of baked into the cake: stuff like wealth or family connections only gets you so far in modern, developed, and relatively open and transparent societies such as the US. And while that can be pretty far by normal standards, at some point sunlight does shine through any crack, and outright robbery or complete incompetence is difficult to sustain indefinitely.

But there is an awful lot of low-level waste, patronage, and corruption that happens both in the private and in the public sector.

Without going ideological, the private sector in a free-ish market has a more immediate system of checks and balances if only because you have to actually persuade the end users to keep buying your stuff for the price you're charging: if it's no good, or if you are grossly over-charging, your customers will tend to catch on sooner or later.

But in the public sector, the "consumer" often has little choice… so-called "market discipline" is a lot more diffuse when you have a former-schoolteacher-or-real-estate-broker-turned city councilman whose job it is to disburse a multi-million-dollar street-paving contract or whatever. And neither the schoolteacher nor the real-estate broker has any clue how to write or evaluate a road-paving contract…

Let's say that there are three credible bidders for that street-paving contract:

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***Bidder 1** is "Paver Joe", a local guy with a driveway-paving company and three trucks who sees this as a big opportunity to expand his business and get the city to pay for five new trucks. He puts in a dirt-cheap bid that he wrote up himself with the help of his estate attorney. The cost to taxpayers is very low, but the certainty that he will complete it on schedule and as specified is a little iffy. Paver Joe plans to work overtime and bust his tail on the job, not for profits, but to grow his business. He's offering the taxpayers a great deal, but a slightly risky one.*

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***Bidder 2** is "Muni Paver Inc", a company who has the experience and expertise to do the job, who knows what's involved and who has done this work before. They already have the trucks, their workers are all unionized and paid "prevailing wage", everything will be done by the book, all their EPA certifications are in place, etc… The bid is a lot more expensive than Paver Joe, but it's credible and reliable. They are offering the taxpayers a degree of certainty and confidence that Paver Joe cannot match.*

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***Bidder 3** is me, "Corruptocorp". Instead of Paver Joe's 2-page contract with typos, or Muni-Paving's 20-page contract, I'm offering the city council a full package of videos, brochures, and a 40-page contract with a price just a tad higher than Paver Joe (my quoted price is meaningless, as we will see). Moreover, I'm inviting the city council to Corruptocorp-owned suites in a golf resort near my headquarters to give my presentation (all expenses paid, of course, and of course, bring your spouses). There the city council*

> *members will, after the first day of golf, dinner, dancing, and cocktails, see a slideshow and chorus-line of smiling multi-ethnic faces and working mothers talking about how much Corruptocorp's paving improved their town and their lives. I'll then stand up and tell a self-effacing joke about being one of those corporate guys trying to get their money, and then I'll wax a bit emotional about my small-town roots and how Corruptocorp was started by a man with a simple dream to make life better for everyone, and to do well by doing good in local communities, and that we actually plan to hire local contractors such as Joe's Paving to do the work, backed our economies of scale and reliability. I'll mention that paragraph 32 subsection B of our proposal mandates twice-yearly performance reviews by the city council, to of course be held at the golf resort, at Corruptocorp's expense, ("so I hope to see you all back here every February and August!"), and of course I make sure that each of them has my "personal" cell phone and home numbers in case they have any questions….*
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> *So needless to say I get the bid, and six months later it's time for our review at the golf resort. After dinner and cocktails I step up to the podium and announce that there is both good news and bad news:*
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> *"The bad news is that our subcontractor has found over 1,000 rocks in the road. And as I'm sure you know, paragraph 339 subsection D.12 specifies that any necessary rock removal will be done at prevailing wages, currently $1,500 per rock, for a total cost overrun of $1.5 million. But the good news is (and believe me, I had to fight long and hard for this with the board of directors), Corruptocorp has agreed to remove those rocks for only $1,000 apiece! So even though there have been some cost overruns, your smart decisions have saved your taxpayers half a million dollars! Give yourselves a round of applause!"*
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> *"Now, the other situation is that there has been some 'difficult terrain' as described in subsection 238b, which I'm sure you're all familiar with. And as you know, 'difficult terrain' is not covered by the contract, which is for paving, not for turning mountains into flat roads… (wistful chuckle). Now, technically, according to the contract, we should be charging your town prevailing rates for these sections, but I've worked it so that you will be allowed to re-bid them, if you wish, since our contract doesn't specifically include terrain as described in subsection 238b."*
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> *Now the contract price has doubled, and Corruptocorp has completely sidestepped all of the difficult and costly work, taking profits only on the easy stuff. The city council members can either admit that they were duped and bought (political suicide), or can simply feed corruptocorp's line to the voters. Which do you think will happen?*
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> *And it gets even worse on smaller scales: look up your local building or electrical inspector. Ten-to-one he is a relative, friend, or campaign donor to the mayor or city council. What's in it for him? Every single construction or home improvement project not only has to pay him a fee, it also has to pass his inspection. Guess which contractors are most likely to pass his inspection? His brothers, friends, family… or the cheapest guy who for some reason has a hard time finding work in this town? Guess how the local inspector feels about homeowner self-improvements: does he think they are a great way for regular people to improve their wealth with a little elbow grease, or does he see them as stealing work from his friends and family?*

I've seen this exact thing play out to a "T" like this in my own 2 year stint of working for the State

Government here in Hawaii.

In our current system, at the County, State and Federal level, this is how business is really done in this country…which is also why most budgets are in the red and States like California are about to go completely broke.

Remembering Feminist Terrorism

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On June 3, 1968, 42 years ago last Thursday, Valerie Solanas stormed into Andy Warhol's Factory in New York, furious that he had not produced a movie from *Up Your Ass*, a play she had written about a man-hating prostitute.

When Solanas originally approached Warhol, he was intrigued by the idea behind the play, but after reading it decided it was so over-the-top pornographic that it might be part of a sting operation to get him arrested for obscenity (Warhol had already had some trouble on that score).

Enraged, Solanas obtained two guns, a .32 auto and a .22 caliber backup pistol. Here is an excerpt from an account of the attack:

> Warhol arrives at the Factory in a cab, wearing a brown leather jacket over a black t-shirt , black jeans and black Beatle (Chelsea) boots. Previously, he had picked up a prescription for Obetrol, then browsed at Bloomingdales, and had also rung the bell of Miles White, the costume designer, who lived on East 55th Street, but he wasn't home. When Andy arrives outside the Factory, his boyfriend Jed Johnson approaches from 17th and Broadway carrying some fluorescent lights. Valerie Solanas joins them and all three enter the building. While waiting for the elevator, Warhol notices that Valerie is wearing a thick turtleneck sweater underneath a trenchcoat on a hot summer day. Even stranger, she has on mascara and lipstick even though as a die-hard feminist she never wears make-up. Warhol also notices that she is "bouncing slightly on the balls of her feet, twisting a brown paper bag in her hands."
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> Upstairs, Fred Hughes is sitting at his desk writing a memo, Paul Morrissey is talking to Viva on the phone who is ringing him from Kenneth's Hair Salon where she is having her hair dyed in preparation for her role in John Schlesinger's film Midnight Cowboy. Art critic and curator, Mario Amaya, is waiting for Andy in order to discuss an upcoming retrospective in London.
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> When Warhol, Jed and Valerie arrive, Paul leaves the office to go to the bathroom, leaving Andy to talk to Viva. (L&D) Jed goes into Warhol's private office in the rear corner of the room. Andy signals to Fred Hughes to take over the conversation with Viva.Valerie Solanas takes a .32 automatic from the paper bag and fires a shot. Viva hears the shot over the phone but thinks it is somebody cracking a whip left over from theVelvet Underground days. Andy screams "No! No! Valerie! Don't do it!" She fires a second time. He falls to the floor and tries to crawl under a desk. She fires a third time. The bullet enters Andy's right side and goes straight through him, coming out the left side of his back. Warhol later tells friends "It hurt so much, I wished I was dead."
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> Thinking that she has killed Warhol, Solanas turns to Mario Amaya who is crouching on the floor and fires a fourth shot at him. She misses so she shoots again, hitting him slightly above the hip. The bullet goes through him without damaging any organs, exiting from his back. He gets up and runs into the back room, using the weight of his bleeding body to hold the doors shut.
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> Valerie Solanas points the gun at Fred Hughes who begs her not to shoot him. "I'm

> innocent," he protests. "Please, just leave." She walks over to the elevator and presses the button then returns to him, aiming at his forehead with the gun. She pulls the trigger, but it jams. She grabs a back up gun, a .22 caliber from the paper bag but the elevator arrives and she leaves.
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> As soon as she leaves, Fred Hughes calls for an ambulance and the police. The phone rings. It is Viva, still at the hairdresser's, wondering what is going on. Fred tells her that Valerie just shot Andy and that there is blood everywhere, then hangs up the phone. Viva, thinking it is a joke, decides to have her hair trimmed before having it dyed. She tells the hairdresser to charge it to United Artists.
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> Gerard Malanga arrives at the Factory with Angus Maclise two or three minutes after the shooting. Gerard was preparing a one man show at the Cinematheque and was picking up money from Andy to pay for a film announcement. The scene at the Factory was "total mayhem."
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> Warhol lies bleeding on the floor with Billy Name leaning over him crying, while they wait for the ambulance to arrive.

Warhol survived, but just barely. The small .32 caliber bullet bounced around his rib cage before exiting his body, damaging a number of organs and leaving wounds that would aggravate him for the rest of his life. Warhol's heart stopped for a minute and a half before medics restarted his pulse with a cardiac massage. These wounds may have contributed to his early death.

Solanas was tried and convicted of attempted murder, eventually receiving a three-year sentence.

Ultimately, the attack had no negative political fallout for feminists, who went on in the next decade to one victory after another. The National Organization for Women hailed Solanas as a "champion of women's rights." Florynce Kennedy, a NOW activist, represented her at trial and declared her "one of the most important spokeswomen of the feminist movement."

Valerie Solanas wrote *The SCUM Manifesto,* a book that called for the extermination of all men. She later claimed that her calls for gendercide were satire, but given her terrorist attack on one of the most famous artists of the late 20th century, it seems likely that she meant it.

Excerpts from the SCUM Manifesto

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I've heard of the SCUM Manifesto many times before, but I never bothered reading it. It is very common for people to talk about something without knowing what it really is, and I'm guilty of that sin (a subcategory of laziness, probably), so I thought I ought to look through Valerie Solanas's screed to see what it's about. The SCUM Manifesto, after all, is widely hailed by the vanguard of second wave feminists, who probably count on most people ignoring its true contents.

I read the manifesto, and although it isn't a pleasant read, it's certainly instructive. I'd urge other readers to do the same, but for those who may not be inclined to do so right away I'll publish a few excerpts:

> Life in this society being, at best, an utter bore and no aspect of society being at all relevant to women, there remains to civic-minded, responsible, thrill-seeking females only to overthrow the government, eliminate the money system, institute complete automation and destroy the male sex.
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> It is now technically feasible to reproduce without the aid of males (or, for that matter, females) and to produce only females. We must begin immediately to do so. Retaining the mail has not even the dubious purpose of reproduction. The male is a biological accident: the Y (male) gene is an incomplete X (female) gene, that is, it has an incomplete set of chromosomes. In other words, the male is an incomplete female, a walking abortion, aborted at the gene stage. To be male is to be deficient, emotionally limited; maleness is a deficiency disease and males are emotional cripples.

Evidently, Solanas has embraced the pseudobiological idea that men are deformed, incomplete women. This thread runs throughout the manifesto, and serves as justification for the elimination of men. To Solanas, wiping out men is a way to achieve perfection on earth.

This is clearly an eliminationist philosophy, and echoes others that we are all familiar with.

> **Fatherhood and Mental Illness (fear, cowardice, timidity, humility, insecurity, passivity):** Mother wants what's best for her kids; Daddy only wants what's best for Daddy, that is peace and quiet, pandering to his delusion of dignity (`respect'), a good reflection on himself (status) and the opportunity to control and manipulate, or, if he's an `enlightened' father, to `give guidance'. His daughter, in addition, he wants sexually — he givers her hand in marriage; the other part is for him. Daddy, unlike Mother, can never give in to his kids, as he must, at all costs, preserve his delusion of decisiveness, forcefulness, always-rightness and strength. Never getting one's way leads to lack of self-confidence in one's ability to cope with the world and to a passive acceptance of the status quo. Mother loves her kids, although she sometimes gets angry, but anger blows over quickly and even while it exists, doesn't preclude love and basic acceptance. Emotionally diseased Daddy doesn't love his kids; he approves of them — if they're `good', that is, if they're nice, `respectful', obedient, subservient to his will, quiet and not given to unseemly displays of temper that would be most upsetting to Daddy's easily disturbed male nervous system — in other words, if they're passive vegetables. If they're not `good', he doesn't get angry — not if he's a

> modern, `civilized' father (the old-fashioned ranting, raving brute is preferable, as he is so ridiculous he can be easily despised) — but rather express disapproval, a state that, unlike anger, endures and precludes a basic acceptance, leaving the kid with the feeling of worthlessness and a lifelong obsession wit being approved of; the result is fear of independent thought, as this leads to unconventional, disapproved of opinions and way of life.

She pathologizes fatherhood. In some ways, there may be a grain of truth here. There certainly were some problems associated with the role when Solanas was writing SCUM, but it was culturally specific rather than biologically rooted. Interesting how feminists embrace biological determinism when it advances their goals, but reject it when it doesn't.

> **Isolation, Suburbs, and Prevention of Community:** Our society is not a community, but merely a collection of isolated family units. Desperately insecure, fearing his woman will leave him if she is exposed to other men or to anything remotely resembling life, the male seeks to isolate her from other men and from what little civilization there is, so he moves her out to the suburbs, a collection of self-absorbed couples and their kids. Isolation enables him to try to maintain his pretense of being an individual nu becoming a `rugged individualist', a loner, equating non-cooperation and solitariness with individuality.
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> There is yet another reason for the male to isolate himself: every man is an island. Trapped inside himself, emotionally isolated, unable to relate, the male has a horror of civilization, people, cities, situations requiring an ability to understand and relate to people. So like a scared rabbit, he scurries off, dragging Daddy's little asshole with him to the wilderness, suburbs, or, in the case of the hippy — he's way out, Man! — all the way out to the cow pasture where he can fuck and breed undisturbed and mess around with his beads and flute.
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> The `hippy', whose desire to be a `Man', a `rugged individualist', isn't quite as strong as the average man's, and who, in addition, is excited by the thought having lots of women accessible to him, rebels against the harshness of a Breadwinner's life and the monotony of one woman. In the name of sharing and cooperation, he forms a commune or tribe, which, for all its togetherness and partly because of it, (the commune, being an extended family, is an extended violation of the female's rights, privacy and sanity) is no more a community than normal `society'.
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> A true community consists of individuals — not mere species members, not couples — respecting each others individuality and privacy, at the same time interacting with each other mentally and emotionally — free spirits in free relation to each other — and co-operating with each other to achieve common ends. Traditionalists say the basic unit of `society' is the family; `hippies' say the tribe; no one says the individual.
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> The `hippy' babbles on about individuality, but has no more conception of it than any other man. He desires to get back to Nature, back to the wilderness, back to the home of furry animals that he's one of, away from the city, where there is at least a trace, a bare beginning of civilization, to live at the species level, his time taken up with simple, non-intellectual activities — farming, fucking, bead stringing. The most important activity of the commune, the one upon which it is based, is gang-banging. The `hippy' is enticed to the commune mainly by the prospect for free pussy — the main commodity to be shared, to be had just for the asking, but, blinded by greed, he fails to anticipate all the other men he has to share

> with, or the jealousies and possessiveness for the pussies themselves.
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> Men cannot co-operate to achieve a common end, because each man's end is all the pussy for himself. The commune, therefore, is doomed to failure; each `hippy' will, in panic, grad the first simpleton who digs him and whisks her off to the suburbs as fast as he can. The male cannot progress socially, but merely swings back and forth from isolation to gang-banging.

I found the hippie denunciation somewhat amusing, but this passage probably shows most clearly how prostitution influenced Solanas's thinking. If there's any good argument against prostitution, it's that it does encourage women to think in this manner. The attitude that "pussy" is the only thing men value at all is one that most prostitutes hold.

> SCUM will kill all men who are not in the Men's Auxiliary of SCUM. Men in the Men's Auxiliary are those men who are working diligently to eliminate themselves, men who, regardless of their motives, do good, men who are playing pall with SCUM. A few examples of the men in the Men's Auxiliary are: men who kill men; biological scientists who are working on constructive programs, as opposed to biological warfare; journalists, writers, editors, publishers and producers who disseminate and promote ideas that will lead to the achievement of SCUM's goals; faggots who, by their shimmering, flaming example, encourage other men to de-man themselves and thereby make themselves relatively inoffensive; men who consistently give things away — money, things, services; men who tell it like it is (so far not one ever has), who put women straight, who reveal the truth about themselves, who give the mindless male females correct sentences to parrot, who tell them a woman's primary goal in life should be to squash the male sex (to aid men in this endeavor SCUM will conduct Turd Sessions, at which every male present will give a speech beginning with the sentence: `I am a turd, a lowly abject turd', then proceed to list all the ways in which he is. His reward for doing so will be the opportunity to fraternize after the session for a whole, solid hour with the SCUM who will be present. Nice, clean-living male women will be invited to the sessions to help clarify any doubts and misunderstandings they may have about the male sex; makers and promoters of sex books and movies, etc., who are hastening the day when all that will be shown on the screen will be Suck and Fuck (males, like the rats following the Pied Piper, will be lured by Pussy to their doom, will be overcome and submerged by and will eventually drown in the passive flesh that they are); drug pushers and advocates, who are hastening the dropping out of men.

Above she begins to outline the Final Solution for men. Note the violence and hatred. Very extreme.

> A completely automated society can be accomplished very simply and quickly once there is a public demand for it. The blueprints for it are already in existence, and it's construction will take only a few weeks with millions of people working on it. Even though off the money system, everyone will be most happy to pitch in and get the automated society built; it will mark the beginning of a fantastic new era, and there will be a celebration atmosphere accompanying the construction.
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> The elimination of money and the complete institution of automation are basic to all other SCUM reforms; without these two the others can't take place; with them the others will take place very rapidly. The government will automatically collapse. With complete automation

it will be possible for every woman to vote directly on every issue by means of an electronic voting machine in her house. Since the government is occupied almost entirely with regulating economic affairs and legislating against purely private matters, the elimination of money wand with it the elimination of males who wish to legislate `morality' will mean there will be practically no issues to vote on.

After the elimination of money there will be no further need to kill men; they will be stripped of the only power they have over psychologically independent females. They will be able to impose themselves only on the doormats, who like to be imposed on. The rest of the women will be busy solving the few remaining unsolved problems before planning their agenda for eternity and Utopia — completely revamping educational programs so that millions of women can be trained within a few months for high level intellectual work that now requires years of training (this can be done very easily once out educational goal is to educate and not perpetuate an academic and intellectual elite); solving the problems of disease and old age and death and completely redesigning our cities and living quarters. Many women will for a while continue to think they dig men, but as they become accustomed to female society and as they become absorbed in their projects, they will eventually come to see the utter uselessnes and banality of the male.

The few remaining men can exist out their puny days dropped out on drugs or strutting around in drag or passively watching the high-powered female in action, fulfilling themselves as spectators, vicarious livers*[FOOTNOTE: It will be electronically possible for him to tune into any specific female he wants to and follow in detail her every movement. The females will kindly, obligingly consent to this, as it won't hurt them in the slightest and it is a marvelously kind and humane way to treat their unfortunate, handicapped fellow beings.] or breeding in the cow pasture with the toadies, or they can go off to the nearest friendly suicide center where they will be quietly, quickly, and painlessly gassed to death.

Prior to the institution of automation, to the replacement of males by machines, the male should be of use to the female, wait on her, cater to her slightest whim, obey her every command, be totally subservient to her, exist in perfect obedience to her will, as opposed to the completely warped, degenerate situation we have now of men, not only not only not existing at all, cluttering up the world with their ignominious presence, but being pandered to and groveled before by the mass of females, millions of women piously worshiping the Golden Calf, the dog leading the master on a leash, when in fact the male, short of being a drag queen, is least miserable when his dogginess is recognized — no unrealistic emotional demands are made of him and the completely together female is calling the shots. Rational men want to be squashed, stepped on, crushed and crunched, treated as the curs, the filth that they are, have their repulsiveness confirmed.

The sick, irrational men, those who attempt to defend themselves against their disgustingness, when they see SCUM barrelling down on them, will cling in terror to Big Mama with her Big Bouncy Boobies, but Boobies won't protect them against SCUM; Big Mama will be clinging to Big Daddy, who will be in the corner shitting in his forceful, dynamic pants. Men who are rational, however, won't kick or struggle or raise a distressing fuss, but will just sit back, relax, enjoy the show and ride the waves to their demise.

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Quasi-Communist fantasy, utopian promises, etc. Goes to show how demented and out of touch feminists were in the 1960s. Interesting how the utopia she sees mirrors almost exactly the program of Gynarchy International.

Read the entire thing if you have the time. It may be an ugly screed, but it provides a window into the black soul of feminism, where no light dwells, only hatred and bestial fantasies.

Joran Van der Sloot: New Pin-Up Boy for Starry-Eyed Female Fans of Killers?

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Now that Joran Van der Sloot has been found to have been in the company of another dead woman – one whose corpse was found in this instance – will he become the new darling for women around the world?

The tendency for women to fall deeply in love with sadistic murderers has confused many men for quite some time, because women and their representative groups have always held – in public at least – that they want men to behave humbly and peacefully.

However, despite what they say, women seem to be most enthralled with society's most dangerous and violent men. In fact, convicted killers and rapists such as Scott Peterson and Richard Ramirez are far more likely on any given day to receive amorous attention from women than, say, some guy schlepping away day after day to provide a nest egg for a future wife and children. Scott Peterson received dozens of marriage proposals on his first day of incarceration.

Therefore, it is hardly surprising that Joran Van der Sloot, who has long been suspected of murdering Natalee Holloway, has had an active sex life since the teenage girl disappeared — most likely under the waves of the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Aruba. His success with women since the original case has been legendary: Van der Sloot has appeared in numerous sexually suggestive photos with women who are obviously deeply in love with him.

Now that Van der Sloot has been caught with a dead woman in his hotel room, he will become even more appealing to women worldwide, and millions of them will be lying in bed dreaming of a night with the infamous killer, and hating the good men around them who don't have what it takes to be a "real man."

It certainly is instructive to know that Genghis Khan, the world's greatest mass murderer of all time, has been the most genetically prolific of any man known to history. Perhaps it's time that humanity woke up to the realities of female desire.

Here he is entering the hotel room with a woman, and then leaving alone:

Father Shot After Custody Exchange

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Moments after a Dekalb County, Georgia man handed his year-old twins off to their mother during a routine custody exchange, someone opened fire on him from a white SUV, hitting him twice in the leg and once in the hand.

Fortunately, the man is expected to survive.

According to police, the main suspect in the shooting is the woman's new boyfriend, who may have been put up to the task by the mother, as his car was directly behind hers. Hopefully, this will mean a change in custody, but given that this is the United States, that is by no means assured.

Violence by proxy is a common tactic used by mothers in custody disputes, whether it be through manipulating police, lovers or family members.

Police are looking for the mother or a female friend of hers who fled with the children.

Feminist False Consciousness

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[This guest post, originally posted in comments, was written by ISP, and is well worth reposting as an article for discussion]

Feminist false consciousness: Restricting male identity to what suits the female collective (and individual). Defining the boundaries of acceptable "maleness". Gender colonization (female colonization of males). An absolutely essential component of the women's movement/feminism.

Women (through feminism) have been complaining for years that men, supposedly, *consciously* set out to disempower women and restrict/limit/re-mould women's identity to types that suit men only. This system would of course be systematized. Well, turns out once again that this "men oppressing women" sentiment is yet more **projection** on the part of women.

Feminism need merely activate the feminist inside every woman's psyche/being – however men must be remoulded. Women in general don't need to be taught/brainwashed into a feminist mindset (a bogus narrative that some MRAs use), it comes naturally. For men however, indoctrination is needed [at this stage at least, after multiple generations of reinforced feminist/gynocentrist culture this might not be the case].

The solution to NOMAS etc. are organizations that support/promote/defend/endorse masculinist male archetypes.

Feminist "men's studies" "re-moulding men"-type discourse and organizations must to be countered with masculinist-type discourse and organizations. It's not enough merely to point out that women (surprise surprise) are oppressing men when they are given the opportunity to do so. A **masculinist alternative** must be offered. The core ideas of this "masculinist alternative" can be (perhaps only) developed by *raising male consciousness*.

Men must talk/operate outside of feminist/female-centred/gynocentric paradigms/narratives. They must not accept feminist boundaries of discourse, which are *designed specifically* to prevent the communication of male concerns, and thus, oppress men. Men must operate outside of the dominant paradigm (i.e. feminism). They must be willing to accept all possibilities, explore all ideas; it is only by doing this that a true picture will emerge. If you don't think outside the box, by default you revert to feminist pro-women mythology.

Just as [radical] feminists advocate[d] female-only environments for women to speak, to raise female consciousness and develop ideas – arguing they could not do so otherwise – we masculinists should advocate male-only environments to raise consciousness. This is not a case of "being as bad as the feminists" as disingenuous/useful-idiot feministic MRAs like to say. This is simply a case of working out a mechanism that will work to advocate/defend male collective interests against female/feminist aggression. This is simply a case of effective strategy. We must do what works.

Other approaches may sound nicer – e.g. politely asking feminism/the female collective to back off on the misandry. But if they do not work, they are useless; useless to us as masculinists, thus they should not be approached.

These approaches are *inherently useless* by the **inherently radical anti-male nature of feminism** — i.e. it exists to eliminate all male power thus preventing the possibility of patriarchy.

It is no surprise, given that, that attempts at the "ask kindly" approach have been absolute, unequivocal failures. The female collective does not acknowledge male interests, let alone does it discuss them. Our arguments aren't engaged in; instead psychobabble double-speak – e.g. "sexist", "gender gap" – are trotted out.

This has been the to-date experience of the "ask kindly" approach, it will be the future experience, because of the inherently radical anti-male nature of [all] feminism which cannot accept the existence of any form of male power. If feminism cannot tolerate male power in general, obviously it cannot stand defense of male power in a general or specific sense. It must delegitimize such efforts; the long-term goal being elimination of pro-male memes from the discourse/culture. (Delegitimization of meme = path to elimination of meme.)

The only time feminists will say "hey, those guys have some legitimate gripes" is when they are dealing with **fake feministic MRAs** who will frame the argument around male discomfort being caused by "patriarchy" and "[patriarchal] gender roles". Femininsts can of course agree with this, they are back in controlled-discourse territory.

Feministic MRA groups will be pretty much exactly the same as older, 1970s-style "Men's Studies" groups. Except they will be more subtle, they'll hand pick some masculinist ideas and subvert them. They'll take a few masculinist premises and build a feminist framework around them. It will be 95% pure bullshit, the 5% designed simply as a lightning rod to attract male supporters/visitors. It will take special care to *not blame feminism unequivocally,* as should rightly/logically be done. Rather, blame will be redirected/misdirected to "patriarchy" and "[patriarchal] gender roles" [which will be called singularly oppressive].

The leaders of these movements will actually be **devoted anti-male feminists** – doctrinaire feminists – *whether they refer to themselves as feminists or not*. It is **strategically bad** to identify directly as feminist, largely because of the efforts of masculinists who have rightly enhanced feminism's anti-male connotations. The goal is to feed bullshit "information" to the target audience – masculinist/anti-feminist inclined males – turning them into useful idiots who believe/endorse/repeat bogus arguments. If calling a group "feminist" or endorsing "feminism" is bad in the minds of the target audience – remove associations with feminism. *Equivocal/fence-sitting statements* on feminism are the order of the day. E.g.:

"Feminism is good/necessary/just but…"

"Original feminists had pure non-anti-male intentions but radicals hijacked the movement…"

"There are many forms of feminism and some of them, e.g. radical feminism[tm] can be bad for men…"

"Equality feminists[tm] are our allies in the fight for gender equality[tm]…"

"While the changes caused by feminism, which were justified, cannot and should not be undone…"

The ends justify the means. The ends being, subverting the hunches of masculinist men, turning these would-be allies of ours, whose instincts are good, into *useful idiots* parroting consciously engineered bogus, self-defeating propaganda lines. If you need to downplay the real links between the feministic MRA narrative and feminism, do it.

At the end of the day, it's the same old "Patriarchy Hurts Men Too(TM)" propagandistic double-speak bullshit, redux. It's the reiteration of a bogus, false consciousness discourse that the women's movement has been pushing since the 1970s.

Masculinist discourse and ideas must not engage in this self-defeating, fence-sitting sophistry. We name feminism, unequivocally, as the enemy. We name the female collective as the enemy. We define and defend welfare and the interests of the male collective [and individual]. We legitimize the righteousness of male welfare, male interests and male power as ends in themselves.

Consideration of female welfare does not enter the equation, an inversion of the feminist position. The question of us "being against women's rights etc. [as insanely defined as they are nowadays]" is moot. Our raison d'etre is male welfare: the lens through which matters are viewed, the operative paradigm. "Is it good for men?" is the question being asked at all times.

Female "rights" can be cut back to the full extent needed to preserve male welfare. We recognize "equality", rightly, as a fallacy incompatible with reality (Battle Of The Sexes/Sexual Conflict). We recognize it, also, as a propagandistic tool of the enemy. It is a form of language-as-a-form-of-oppression (controlling the thoughtspace of the Out-Group [i.e. men]). [Equality defined as "oppression of men/infinite empowerment of women" - that's the basic definition that the public internalize. No, they don't care about the contradiction: they just internalize the definition promoted without critical analysis.]

Again, in an inversion of feminism, where conflict arises between male welfare and [evolutionary] interests, and female welfare and [evolutionary] interests, we will defend those of males.

Masculinist consciousness raising, occurring in male-only environments [needed to enable debate] is the context in which the concerns above will be developed. The critical ideas, and the critical mass of both ideas and supporters will be reached through consciousness raising. Masculinists should use wedge-issues against both feminism and the female collective (picking a single, easily-accessible topic to popularize the idea of oppression of men by women/feminists.)

The use of masculinist wedge-issues will have two effects [both intended], among others:

1. Delegitimizing the enemy [i.e. feminism/women as a group]. Pre-empting and delegitimizing their rebuttals. (If feminism and the female collective are guilty of oppression they cannot legitimately defend themselves.) The enemy will be described on our terms and put on the defensive.

2. Igniting/awakening interest among the targeted audience / targeted supporters – i.e. men. These men will seek further information. We can lead these men in the right direction through the ideas developed in consciousness raising. We can provide coherent, developed, integrated explanations which take a systems-level view of feminism's oppression of men.

These men will in turn do their own efforts at consciousness raising at their local level, further improving the energy of masculinist theory/discourse. (Compound effect, self-amplifying cycle.)

A problem masculinists have with wedge-issues is that the **Capitalist Media** and the ***Feminist*** **State** will not propagate them, as they enthusiastically did/do with feminist wedge-issues. Capitalism and feminism go hand in hand; corporations know that feminism = more $profit, which is why they are and have been amongst the heaviest supporters of feminism. (Capitalism is an enemy of men; tool of feminism/matriarchy/oppression of men.). In spite of men's lack of support among the establishment (i.e. Government + Media), masculinist wedge-issues are nonetheless a sound strategy in themselves.

The solution is not at all "individualism" or "MGTOW" strategies. These at best solve problems for the individual, and even then, the individual still lives in a feminist state and culture. Why should men have to do that?

Libertarian/neo-con/political-conservative treatises against “Big Government” are of no use to masculinists either. They work basically on the principle that more “individual liberty” (less state control) will solve everyone’s problems [evangelists for libertarianism simply stress the "men" part of "everyone" in this explanation of the world].

Clearly the battle is a collectivist one however; one with strong collectivist features which the “individualist” false paradigm cannot solve. While we go the individualist road of “do what you want”, feminist women are defining and moulding our roles in ways that suit them. They are altering the male archetypes of the culture to suit them. They have the power of the government, the media and cultural hegemony [zero opposition in the mainstream] to achieve all of this.

In not taking a collectivist stance, standing up for male collective interests and establishing/supporting masculinist male archetypes, two things happen:

1. *Gender colonization*. The lack of organization in defending male collective [and individual] interests, leads feminists to taking ever more power and influence away from men [to the nth degree, as per [radical] feminist doctrine – basis of all feminism]. In absence of defense for men as a group, women as a group become ever more aggressive against men.

2. When men give up the area of culture, archetypes in favor of “men going their own way” as isolated individuals [they say these things don't matter, only the individual really matters], they leave it to women and feminists to remould male identity on the basis of what suits them.

Feministing Supports Helen Thomas Ship ‘em Back to the Shtetl Comment

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Although *The Spearhead* has no official position on international regional disputes (unless they pertain to paternity issues), it is interesting to see Feministing taking a stance in defense of a woman who has demanded that Israeli Jews be evacuated to Northern Europe and have their property seized. Of course, relocation and property seizure are considered par for the course for feminists, who have seen to it that millions of American men face such a prospect.

Perhaps Mrs. Thomas thinks it as simple to remove the Jews from Israel as it is for a wife to remove an American man from his home. She may have had something like a racial protection order in mind, where some international judge (Kofi Annan?) tells the Jews to leave Israel and not “harass” the Arabs, Turks, or whoever is supposed to take over in their place. Well, whether or not this is what Helen Thomas was thinking of, it is probably reasonable to assume that the fine ladies at Feministing see this as an acceptable “solution.”

In any event, the feminists think Thomas should get a pass, but I very much doubt they would say the same concerning Don Imus, who made an offensive, but ultimately harmless, remark about female basketball players’ hair. Imus did not demand they be dispossessed, he did not suggest removing them from their school, and he did not in any way state that they should be deprived of their property. In fact, all he did was make a smart-ass insult on air.

The double standard kind of gives the game away, doesn’t it?

Know Thy Enemy

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Below are the men of NOMAS. Biographical information is included.

Ben Atherton-Zeman Spokesperson for NOMAS. Actor, Comedian, Feminist and Husband. Presenting a One-Man Play, "Voices of Men," which uses humor and celebrity male voice impressions to educate audiences about sexual assault, domestic violence and other forms of men's violence against women. Video clips now available.

Don Bell Don Bell is trainer and leader on issues of multiculturalism, sexism, Racism, homophobia, and HIV/AIDS. He lives in Chicago, Il.

Robert Brannon Professor emeritus, Brooklyn College and NOMAS co-founder. He serves as Men's Studies Association and NOMAS Pornography and Prostitution Task Group leader and is NYS-NOW Task Force Co-Chair on Trafficking, Pornography and Prostitution

Donald Cavanaugh BROTHER editor and NOMAS task group leader on Gay civil rights. He is assistant director of Miami-Dade chapter of GLSEN.

Allen Corben NOMAS co-chair. Allen Corben is on staff at Fuller Theological Seminary. He does interfaith and interreligious work with the National Conference for Community and Justice (formerly known as National Conference of Christians and Jews). A single father, he lost his spouse to breast cancer in 2005. Allen is the NOMAS task group leader on Homophobia, and co-leader of the task group on Men and Spirituality with Moshe Rozdzial.

Phyllis B. Frank Director, VCS Community Change Project, Rockland County, NY; Founding director of the national training institute New York Model for Batterer Programs; Founding director of Gay Pride Rockland; President of the Rockland County Chapter of NOW, Co-Chair of NOW NYS Task Force on Pornography.

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- Classism – **Rose Garrity** and **David Greene**
- Eliminating Racism -**Phyllis B. Frank**, **Jim McDowell**, **Don Bell**
- Ending Men's Violence – Ben Atherton Zeman and **Phyllis B. Frank**
- Fathering -**Doug Gertner**

- GLBT Affirmative – Donald Cavanaugh
- Globalization – **Brian Klocke**
- Homophobia and Heterosexism – **Allen Corben** and **Moshe Rozdzial**
- Men's Health and Mental Health – **Zev Schuman-Olivier** and **Moshe Rozdzial**
- Men and Prisons – Terry Kupers
- Men and Spirituality – **Allen Corben**
- Men's Culture – **Moshe Rozdzial**
- Men's Studies – **David Greene** and Carol Campana, Co-chairs, with **Robert Brannon** , Michael Kimmel, **Christopher Kilmartin**, and **Doug Gertner**
- Pornography and Prostitution – **Robert Brannon**
- Pro-Feminism - **Moshe Rozdzial** and **Robert Brannon**
- Sexual Harasement – **Barry Shapiro**

Man Torches Himself Over Family Law Injustice

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Yesterday afternoon, a Brisbane, Australia man in his 40s set himself on fire right in front of Brisbane's Supreme Court building. Witnesses were reportedly badly shaken by the scene. According to one witness, the man remained eerily quiet as the flames enveloped him, burning him over 90% of his body. He is in critical condition, and considering the extent of his injuries and the fact that he had resolved to die, probably won't make it.

The man had earlier been in court over a family law matter and had, as is usual in these cases, been hammered by a brutal judgment.

Authorities have no comment on the incident. The judge and some family law attorneys are likely already cracking jokes about it.

NOMAS: A Totalitarian Program for Men

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NOMAS, the National Organization for Men Against Sexism, is an activist organization dedicated to "changing men." You see, there's something wrong with us men, and the good folks at NOMAS have just the program to fix us.

According to NOMAS, our biggest problems revolve around sexuality and violence. We're scared of homos, and we run around beating up women, raping people, sexually harassing folks, etc. You may not see it when you look out the window, at the restaurant, on the bus or at work, but rest assured that just around the corner, or maybe behind some curtains, there are hordes of men out there who need "changing."

NOMAS comes right out in the beginning to let us know how nasty we men are. Their tenets page begins with this passage:

> **Pro-feminist**
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> Whatever psychological burden men have to overcome, women are still the most universal and direct victims of our patriarchy. Our organization must take a highly visible and energetic position in support of women's struggle for equality. Our movement was born directly out of and continually nourished by feminism. Our support for women's rights and specific women's issues must be vigorous and unmistakable.

I'd like to dismiss these people as your typical university radicals, but they are plugged into family law policy in some important and disturbing ways.

Although NOMAS claims to want men to emotionally bond with their children, their policy on child custody could have come straight out of a feminist family law seminar:

> The National Organization for Men Against Sexism is committed to make substantive this nation's ideals of equality and justice. In choosing loyalties in disputes over child custody, any society that cares for its future must make its primary concern that which is truly in the best interests of children. In a society such as ours in which men daily subject women to violence, oppression, and discrimination, men who would not add to this violence must not blindly side with other men in custody disputes. Indeed, men must relinquish the privilege of sitting idle while the lives and freedoms of women and children are impoverished by vindictive men who lobby, in our name, for laws that benefit men. An examination of custody laws in the various states reveals widespread injustice toward women and children. There is a disturbing national trend toward laws mandating joint custody despite a lack of psychological and social research showing this to be in the interests of the child. In fact it is clear that court mandated joint custody is not in the best interests of the child.

You guys want some men to fight? NOMAS is starting to look like a good place to find them.

NOMAS supports the right of women to restrict fathers' access to children:

> "Friendly parent" provisions are particularly disastrous because a woman who does not assure "frequent and continuing contact" may be seen as "uncooperative," resulting in the child being placed in the care of an abusive parent.

NOMAS insinuates the typical lie that women do not cooperate with their husbands only because they were abusive.

Although the support for the status quo of female advantage in family law is disturbing, what is even worse is NOMAS' position on domestic violence:

According to NOMAS and the articles it posts on its "Ending Men's Violence" page, domestic violence is an entirely one-sided affair in which men beat women to maintain the patriarchy. One writer, who works for the New York Batterer Program, suggest that only a "minuscule portion" of men who assault their wives are ever arrested, so presumably most men are doing so. Another suggestion is that most "abuse" is legal. This suggests that the organization uses a very loose interpretation of abuse, which probably means that abuse is anything a woman wants it to be, such as, say, refusing to buy her a piece of jewelry or getting upset about her amorous liaisons with the next door neighbor.

And speaking of the NY Model for Batterer Programs, NOMAS finds that "This model was determined to be most in keeping with NOMAS principles and beliefs about sexism, domestic violence and batterer programs."

The NYMBP is focused on "How Courts and Programs Can Bring Real Meaning to Offender Accountability." This means that it is in full support of the kinds of programs that force men to confess, very much like the Maoist "self-criticism sessions" that were a major component of the abuses committed during China's Cultural Revolution.

Here's a summary of why NOMAS likes the NYMBP:

> The focus of batterer programs under the NY Model is quite different: to provide the courts with a mechanism for offender accountability and judicial monitoring. Expectations thus shift from individual rehabilitation to a range of attainable, measurable individual and systemic outcomes. These include uniform court enforcement of orders to batterer programs, batterer program implementation of reasonable and verifiable policies, and meticulous feedback to the court regarding compliance.

For men who have been falsely accused – and they are legion – this is a nightmare. Lots of men have no choice but to attend court programs to see their children, whether they have been convicted or not. The NYMBP is actually quite explicit in its advocacy for a "civil" means to force men into their program — there is a financial incentive, after all. The more men ordered into their program, the more funds they will get. Therefore, there is both an ideological and financial incentive to punish men, many of whom certainly committed no crimes. Of course, as Phyllis Frank, Director of VCS Domestic Violence Program for Men, admits, "Batterer program sessions should acknowledge that most intimate partner violence committed by men against women (as defined by the domestic violence movement) is not illegal."

I'd like to delve into the NYMBP a bit more, but that will have to wait for another post. For now, it should be taken as an indication of NOMAS' real program for men, which is vindictive, cruel, punitive and quite clearly oppressive. Underneath the treacle on their site there's a black hatred of ordinary men that can't be hidden by a cloak of empathy.

NOMAS is a dangerous organization, and well worth fighting.

As for who is responsible for NOMAS, the organization has helpfully provided a list that I'll publish in a separate post today.

The Nonviolence Lie

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Feminists and their satellite organizations like NOMAS always pretend to deplore violence. They consistently claim to be striving for a nonviolent society, and to be opposed to all forms of physical force. Usually, they take a stand against "violence against women," but sometimes they suggest that a peaceful society in general is their goal.

This is a snow job. It is not really nonviolence that these people want, but power. Whether raw or distilled, they crave the intoxicating rush of power. Solanas, perhaps the only truly honest feminism out of the entire lot of them, openly advocated murder and slavery. She exulted in the idea of murder and destruction, and was – and still is – cheered on for it.

But one need not read Solanas's *SCUM Manifesto* to see that the claims of peaceful intentions are false; the facts on the ground bear witness to the violent intent of feminism. To achieve the power they lust for, feminists and their allies have passed laws that result in a great many men being imprisoned for anything from grabbing the wrist of a woman who was hitting them to losing their jobs and being unable to pay child support. Imprisonment is a form of violence, and is recognized as such by law.

Not only are men imprisoned, they are beaten or arrested with excessive force every day. Witness the case of the man set upon by dogs at the behest of his ex-wife in Tennessee. Every year, scores of men are shot and killed by police responding to domestic disputes. In many cases it is the police response, mandated by feminist law, that precipitates the crisis. Men who couldn't afford child support orders are beaten and raped in jail and prison. Some have died there. Untold thousands have been driven to suicide.

This, to the feminists, is "nonviolence."

Achieving domination by turning uniformed men with guns on their enemies is the means by which feminists pursue their aims. Throwing men in jail is how they do it. Forcing confessions from men who are under threat of imprisonment and losing their children is another method.

Shooting people works for feminists.

Beating people is OK.

Attacking men with dogs? Just fine.

Confiscating property is considered "benign" from a feminist point of view.

Shocking and gassing people to subdue them is all in a day's work.

Caging impoverished fathers like animals is "justice."

There is no country in the world that practices this brutality to the same degree as the United States, but others, such as Australia, Canada and the UK, are catching up. What we have to recognize is that men have paid an enormous price for so-called women's liberation, which has brought the world little more than Oprah, Hillary Clinton and the worn out, skeletal old hags of Sex and the City. Oh, and lest I forget, rampant illegitimacy, hundreds of millions of victims of broken families, and enormous, incalculable social welfare costs.

Men have lost a great deal of liberty. Men have lost a great deal of property. Millions of men have

lost their children. Many men have lost their freedom, and many their lives.

If there is such a thing as a human rights crisis, this is one, and yet the feminists make the rounds as though they have halos floating over their heads. You'd think they are all clones of Mother Teresa from the deference they are shown in public and the mainstream press.

It's time to call a spade a spade. Feminists are not nonviolent. They are not good people. Their vision for the future entails, to paraphrase Orwell, a stiletto heel stamping on a man's face, forever.

Feminism is bare-faced barbarism.

Louisiana Man Stabbed to Death by Girlfriend

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On Friday evening, a woman plunged a knife into her boyfriend, Ian Matherne, in south Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, killing him in the course of a domestic dispute.

Police are investigating, but so far have released few details. The DA has not decided whether to press charges or not.

Chances are good that the girlfriend will not be charged, as Matherne has a criminal record, and in such a case a weeping woman can easily convince authorities that she was fighting for her life.

Another Triumphalist Piece Consigning Men to Irrelevance

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Feminists are in pretty high spirits these days. Equality is no longer the goal, but rather outright supremacy. Bolstered by lopsided laws (enforced by men) that give women a sense of social superiority, they're now pretty sure they've won forever and ever.

Call it pride, hubris or whatever. From my studies of history, this kind of attitude almost always precedes disappointment, and often a major crash from the pedestal.

However, it may simply be that *The Atlantic* knows a pressing social issue when it sees one, and is capitalizing on that. Interestingly, the managing editor, one James Bennet, is quite thoroughly male, and his uncanny ability to pick up on the subtle cues of society has given the magazine he runs a significant boost since he became editor in 2006.

So read the article The End of Men with that in mind, and, of course, don't forget the massive entitlements and advantages that have been put in place for women over the past 50 years.

Man Commits Suicide Following DV Call

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After a domestic dispute in Concord, California in which a man allegedly threatened his wife then fled with a gun, police began a manhunt to find the man. However, realizing that the police were closing in and that his life was about to be destroyed, the man shot and killed himself in some bushes under highway 242.

Suicides following “domestic disputes” have become epidemic in the United States. Knowing that they are destined to be destroyed in court, many men become desperate and arm themselves during such incidents. While sometimes they vent their rage on girlfriends, wives or family in acts of violence, in the large majority of cases they simply kill themselves or commit “suicide by cop.”

Men At Work 2

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As I expected, my recent post, "Men At Work" elicited numerous replies and comments, running the gamut of opinion and this is something I welcome. Let a thousand flowers bloom and all that.

One thing that continues to fascinate and amaze me about people, is in just how little they question their own assumptions. I'm not necessarily knocking anybody here, we're all prone to doing this; the human condition is such that it is often quite myopic. And history has shown us that it takes a deliberate effort to expand beyond one's one parochialism in order to see the bigger picture.

This post will attempt to make plain what I said in the last post of the same name, as well to address some of the concerns other commenters have made therein.

Ok, so let's get to it…

First we have to understand, that we humans are no different from all other forms of life on this planet, in that we are subject to our environment and our success or failure as a species will depend on our ability to adapt to the demands and changes of said environment. Indeed, of all the planet's forms of life, humans have shown a marked tendency to be among the more adaptable; we exist, live and many cases, thrive, in just about every corner of the Earth, often for centuries. There are entire species of other forms of life on our planet, who wasn't so lucky. The dinosaurs easily come to mind.

Simply put, we do what th environment allows. When it comes to the topic of this and the previous post of the same name then, it means that when Men were able to be sole breadwinners, they did that. It doesn't take a historian however to see and know, that the Male as sole breadwinner model has long been in decline-easily three decades if not more-and that the current changes to our social environment suggests that it will change, yet again. In its simplest terms, this means that the breadwinner model, as a means of signalling fitness and worthiness as a mate, is fast becoming a non-factor for Men in our time. This is due to a number of forces-not only have Women gained greated access to formal education and economic freedom, but so too has the more "manly" fields have gone into decline, due to outsourcing and the inexorable march forward technologically. And we are beginning to see this "seeping" trending upwards-as I noted previously, it is not at all uncommon to see solidly
middle class, White Collar Men now out of work, their fates being the same as their Lunchpail brethren-being the victims of circumstance, outsourcing, and ever-increasingly morphing tech. The assumption that earning a college degree was a viable hedge against being unemployed, is something many of those Men are no doubt giving a serious rethink to, as they now begin to share the same unemployment line as Joe Sixpack.

And that trend, as the economy continues its contraction/correction, will continue.

This has to have a serious and profound effect on how these and other Men are to signal their worthiness as mates; if your an anthropologist type, one that is a lover of watching how animal life gets on (or not) with one another, you understand well that at the end of the day, said species lives or dies on its ability to get together or not. We know the social environment no longer supports a Man being the breadwinner in aggregate.

So now what?

Well, from where I sit, several things.

One of them will reside in how Women will choose to respond. On this point, there has been much speculation-but I think we have a bit of evidence, however anecdotal it may be, to give us some clues as to what we can expect in the very near future:

1. For one thing, Women's criteria as to what they find desirable in a mate will considerably change. Since the Man as Breadwinner model is fast becoming obsolete, other factors will take centerstage; in simplest terms, these "other factors" can be taken together to be classified as Game, that constellation of habits, behaviors and traits that have been shown to have the most appeal to the most numbers of Women overall. Although Game can and often does occur naturally among Men, it has also been shown and proven that it can be acquired and indeed taught; stories abound of Men who were able to learn enough Game to significantly change their love lives for the better, at a fraction of the cost and time that it takes to go the more traditional Male as Breadwinner route, such as paying tens of thousands of dollars for a college degree, for example.

2. And indeed, we're seeing clear and present evidence of this happening. Aside from the popularization of Game by the likes of Mystery, Neil "Style" Strauss and others with their bestselling books and so on, we also know that Male gym memberships have skyrocketed over the past few decades; even Nutrisystem, a weight loss company that primarily catered to Women, now has among its pitchmen NFL legends Dan Marino, Lawrence "LT" Taylor, and Don Shula, all hawking weight programs designed specifically for Men. Where at one time the whole of Men's grooming products consisted of Brute, Alqua Velva and Barbisol, today the industry is bursting at the seams with just about every player in the business marketing their brand of aftershave, bodywash, hair gel, mirrors, deodorants, lotions and colognes, for every Man in every price bracket, from Axe and body oils you can get from the Muslim vendor on the corner, to Armani and Ed Hardy that you can cop from Sephora or Macy's, and everything in
between. Even the traditional barbershop has changed; aside from "the usual" a guy can also get a manicure, special facials and massages and the like; in my native Philly, several such shops exist-I know because one in particular is a place I regularly frequented, and I must say they do a really good job! Back in our pop and grand pop's day looking good was a plus; today, its mandatory. As Prof. Andrew Hacker clearly shows in his excellent book "Mismatch", Today's Women are quite vocal *and demanding* in what they expect of Men-they are, because they can. Yesterday's "Brawny Man" is out; today's Pretty Boy is IN.

3. The question remains though, as to whether Today's Women will be cool with supporting a Man who is either out of work from the get go, or makes substantially less than herself. On this score I don't think we have any hard evidence to say either way within an American context, though I could be wrong on that point. If someone out there does have access to such evidence either way, by all means bring it forward. But what I will say right now, is that if indeed Women do wind up supporting their Men, they also need to understand that the same rules will apply to them, that once applied to Men. What do I mean by that?

I mean that Women cannot expect, because they pay the bills, that gives them the right to treat their mate any way they wish. Of course it falls on every individual Man to decided for himself how he will respond, but when it comes to our law and social custom, both are indeed quite clear on the matter: a Man, who was the traditional breadwinner, couldn't justify his abuse of his mate, be it physical or emotional; both the law and social custom has decided that financial responsibility has no

role whatsoever to play in the matter. He simply had no right to beat, or browbeat, his wife.

Period.

That same law and social custom, can and I posit, will be applied to Women, as more and more of them come to assume the breadwinner role. This will also extend to alimony and child support payments, too, as more Men assume primary caretaker roles.

Nor should any of this really come as a big shock and surprise to Women either-after all, many if not the vast majority of them, will totally agree with the notion that, just because a Man paid for a date and night out on the town, didn't entitle him to sex-the Women still had the right to say "No". Well, if it's good for the Gander, and all that. My point in all this, in case you haven't caught it by now, is that it would be true folly for Women to think that because they pay the bills in the New Grrl Order that gives them the right to run the roost in any way they wish-if they do, they'll be in for a very rude awakening, first legally, and then socially, if only because of the changes in the environment.

4. Of course, all this comes down to how well both Men and Women can and are willing to adapt to the new "game" of love. For Women, they will now get the full reigns of leadership, which inherently comes with risks and responsibilities. And for Men, it comes down to whether he is able to disentangle himself from obsolete models of masculinity that have far outlived their purpose and utility in a meaningful, tangible way in our time for the vast majority. Again, it cannot be overstated enough-the Male as Breadwinner model is all but dead now for most Men reading this. Either they'll share that role with the mate in their lives, or they won't be able to have that role at all. So, by the demands of a changed environment, he will have to look to other things which makes him a viable mate that a Woman deems worth having around-and paying for it.

Here is where Game has the most direct answers, though it must also be said that it comes with a bit of fineprint. It is not a panacea, nor will it solve all problems in our Brave New World. Nevertheless, it's the last, best hope Today's Man has-and if he is smart and diligent, he can improve his chances for love dramatically, even as the Mancession continues ruthlessly apace. Consider the following, just for an example:

Most of the Men reading this can and often do get haircuts. They typically cost no more than say, $15. Now consider how much Women pay to get their hair done-in the Black community, it can easily be *four times that amount, if not vastly more, depending on the hairstyle*. Grooming, in the main, is a very important aspect of Game-and does anyone here really dispute how good a nice haircut can make a Man look? It's as if he's reborn or something. I've seen Women give a guy a double take based on that, alone.

My point is, that a Man reinventing himself isn't as hard as it seems, and in absolute dollars comparatively speaking, is way cheaper than it is for a Woman of comparable age, etc. I say this from experience. Yes, one can spend a King's Ransom on books and cds and dvds and bootcamps, with a return on investment that's shaky at best-or, he can spend next to nothing on a few books and the many free websites and blogs devoted to the matter and within anywhere from six months to two years (depending on his learning curve, diligence, etc) can reap the rewards. Again, I've done it. So have many, many other Men.

So, in summary, I'll just say this: whether we like it or not, whether we believe it or not, the social environment that dictated the terms upon which Male and Female came together, is vastly changing. What used to do the job for our dads and grand dads, simply ain't gonna get it for us, if for no other reason than because for most of us, it is no longer an option on the table to be considered. That means

we'll have to look to other ways of being, of presenting ourselves to the world. And for Women, at long last they will be truly equals. With all that entails-the good, the bad, and the ugly, too.

Comment and reply, holla.

The Obsidian

The Result of Women's Lib

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In Silverdale, Washington, just south of the Bangor nuclear submarine base on Hood Canal, some middle school students decided to amuse themselves by engaging in oral sex on the bus while on a field trip. One girl filmed the incident with her cell phone while her friend serviced a boy sitting next to her.

Somehow, the news got around, and parents contacted the principal, who has suspended the students who were involved. In all likelihood, one of the parents saw it as sexual assault on the girl performing the act, otherwise I doubt it would have been reported. Stupidly, the case has been forwarded to law enforcement, although the only potential crime was probably the filming of the act (child porn laws).

Overpaid bureaucrat Cynthia Morris, a sexually transmitted disease education coordinator with the Washington State Department of Health, naturally sees only one thing wrong with middle school students having oral sex: STDs.

> "With teenagers, especially the young ones, they don't understand the risk and they think it's harmless play," Morris said. "The thing they worry most about is getting pregnant. You can't get pregnant with oral sex, but you can get other things."

I know there are plenty who would disagree with me, but I don't think it's appropriate for children to be engaging in open sex — on the bus or elsewhere. The argument that "they're going to do it anyway" doesn't really hold water. Not all that long ago, it was pretty rare for middle school kids to be engaging in sexual activity, but the focus on birth control and disease prevention has given them the idea that as long as it's "safe," sexual precocity is perfectly fine for girls (but boys will still be made out to be sex criminals at every opportunity).

Marriage: It's Not About YOU, It's About US

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Dear Fellow Women,

An idea that seems to be prevalent in the mind of women today is the one of marriage being a goal to check off the to-do list, a way to find fulfillment, a way to enrich your own life and gets things you want. This me-focused idea of romantic relationships starts long before the courtship process even begins, perhaps while planning a princess style wedding in one's head or envisioning how things "ought" to be in a perfect world. From there the self-centered approach to love continues as the idea of romance is seen as superior to the realness of true human interaction and the courtship process must involve niceties that have come to symbolize love more than words and non-material actions do in today's world. The man must of course pay for the entire process, to show he cares, even if the woman earns her own money.

This process, when successful, culminates with the necessary three months pay diamond ring, the lavish celebration that focuses mainly on the bride rather than the important commitment to be shared with family and friends on this special day, and the lovely and costly home to follow. Soon after the wedding there is the mandatory splitting of the household duties, to ease the workload of the wife and later the cries of "I want to have a baby" and a battle for the division of household labor that surely gets worse once the baby arrives.

All of this we are told is a the proper and right way to find fulfillment as a woman today. We must check off all the boxes on our list and conduct our lives with new gender roles when we see fit and when it would suit us, not our husbands, to do so. We're princesses and the world revolves around. We are entitled to everything we want and if we don't get it, well, HE is a bad man for not making it happen. How dare our every whim not be fulfilled when the mean evil patriarchy has been so cruel to us all of these years! This narcissistic madness is nearly everywhere you turn, from magazines and television shows to sermons at church and books that are supposedly anti-feminist. It's all about what women deserve and how to make ourselves happy. Female superiority it could be called.

Enough is enough!

This is all a lie. A BIG twisted sinister lie that is causing all sorts of sickness in our society today. When you are married, it's not about *YOU* it's about *US*. When children arrive, it's not about "wanting a baby" but about wanting to be a mother. Both marriage and motherhood are noble desires and two of the most beautiful roles to fulfill in life but they aren't about fulfillment and happiness in the sense these words are used in pop culture, dating books, magazines, and the world at large. The joy and delight that comes is not about you but something else entirely.

Marriage and motherhood are about humbling yourself, learning to be selfless & giving beyond what you ever thought you had to give, and placing the needs of others ahead of yourself. It's about caring for others and being given the wonderful opportunity to give yourself completely and with abandon to a man you belong to and little ones who have been given to you as a great gift. It's about sharing burdens, not being afraid to get your hands dirty, and learning to accept others for who they are, imperfect messy humans just like yourself. As a wife, you are to be your husband's helpmeet, fiercely loyal to him through thick and thin. You are to be the one who encourages him and helps prop him up when times are the tough, the one who celebrates his triumphs and helps him achieve his goals and

dreams in any way you can. With beaming eyes and a heart full on intense love, you'll wonder how you could ever be so lucky to be married to such a fine man and might even feel a bit inadequate when you ponder this thought. As a mother, you are given a fragile and helpless baby who needs you for his/her's very survival. You must give your all to this little one, fret & worry around the clock for their safety, and feel so much love for this itty bitty human that you think your heart might explode. These are both important parts of a woman's life, ones that are about other people far more than they are about yourself.

In a marriage, splitting duties shouldn't be a priority but rather getting done what needs to get done. You are to cooperate with your husband, not worry about making deals or fret about who is getting the raw end of the deal. With an eager loving heart, you learn to look around and ease the burden of work your husband has to do. You might take it upon yourself to do all the domestic chores and find a way to work lawn care into your schedule as well. You might start a home business and really learn to pinch pennies until they scream to help provide your family with the cushioning of a good emergency fund. Part time work in the evening might be something you look into, to help assure your husband has quality time with the precious little ones that you share, while your family still thrives financially. Contests over who has it worst will kill your marriage and make your husband resent you. Pushing for an equal split in housework as a high priority is not the recipe for a beautiful thriving marriage but may very well be one for divorce.

When others depend on you, your emotions need to be under control. Maybe you will need to force yourself to get extra sleep during certain delicate times of the month. Perhaps keeping a journal and being cautious of what foods you eat might help. Whatever works, though, hormones, bad days, and sleep deprivation are not excuses for bad behavior. We all had our bad days, the moments when we make mistakes, but these shouldn't be actions for which we make excuses. Instead they should be painful moments that spur us to learn and understand ourselves to do better next time. I realize that blaming biology and excusing icky behavior is very prevalent nowadays, but to give everything you can to others, self-control is an important part of character to work on, as is having the prudence to plan accordingly for times you know might be rough on you physically and emotionally.

Once children arrive equal parenting investment is important, but this doesn't mean tallying up diaper changes and midnight feedings. To parent equally means you make sure your husband has enough quality time with the kids, that you do not tell him how to be a father, and that you are sure to instill a healthy love and respect for daddy in your children, thanks both to your words and your actions. You both leave an important mark on your children and must be sure your children are provided with the proper balance of both mommy and daddy, of discipline and unconditional love, and all the heaps of time they need to grow and develop into confident and productive young adults in the future.

But parenting is far from just giving mom & dad both equal influence. Children should not be had because one wants to have a baby. They should come about because a married couple wants to take on the lofty job of parenting a child together and has a stable marriage and loving home to provide a child with the best possible welcome into the world. Small children take up far more time and require much more work than you can ever realize until you bring your precious babe home. To make a conscious choice to bring a child into a single mother household is selfish to the extreme and detrimental to the child and so too is bringing a child into a situation where they aren't going to receive not only quality time but quantity time. Children deserve parents who are going to give them all the love, attention, affection, and careful care they need to grow and thrive. They need lots of stories, numerous games of peek-a-boo, and daily trips outside to explore the big outdoors. They

demand many sleepless nights spent nursing the night away, rocking a colicky baby, or soothing painful teething gums. They need somebody who wants to be their parent and give all they have to give, not just somebody who wants to bring them into this world to fulfill their desire for a baby or to be needed or to appease their biological clock.

All of this is hard work, not the easy, pretty picture painted by glossy magazine pages or sitcoms on prime time television. When you become a wife, certain doors close as the Mrs one opens. The same is true with motherhood as well. You learn to say no to what isn't important and invest fully in what is. Ideally you will find that what might seem like drudgery is far from it. Cooking and baking become cherished ways to express your love for your family, as does doing their laundry, picking up the laundry strewn about your bedroom, and even scrubbing toilets. You learn to accept the sleep deprived months for what they are–time that will soon pass–and quickly come to realize that it passes far too soon. You learn to not only look past the annoying habits your husband might have, not only to accept them, but to come to see them as part of who he is, the wonderful man you married and the one with whom you're building your "to death do us part" life. And you learn to smile and delight in the pleasures that can only come with the comfortably mundane life that is marriage and motherhood, preferring them to even the most exciting and glamorous bits of the life you left behind and the one you could have had.

I suppose you could say you come to find deep fulfillment in it all, but it's not about you, it's about your very special & irreplaceable *us*.

Or so it should be.

With Love,

Hestia

Miami Domestic Dispute Triggers Massacre of Women

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A former NY Mets pitcher's brother argued with his wife in the parking lot of a Cuban restaurant in Miami, then pulled out a .45 and shot her dead. After killing his wife, from whom he had recently separated, he entered the restaurant and opened fire on the women inside, killing three and wounding three others. He may have known a couple of the women he shot in the restaurant, but it appears that he targeted several simply for being women.

After the rampage, the man drove a few blocks down the street, and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Murders, suicides and other acts of violence have become routine events during marital conflicts in the United States. Usually, as we have often pointed out, the man simply commits suicide (which is rarely reported) or gets himself shot by a cop, but it appears that men are increasingly lashing out at others, perhaps due to a feeling of hopelessness and rage engendered by the domination of women so triumphantly announced by Hanna Rosin in her recent piece in The Atlantic.

When men are put under extreme pressure, such as the prospect of losing everything they care about in a pending divorce, violence is to be expected in a certain number of cases. This has *always* been the case, and has a great deal to do with the development of the institution of marriage as a sort of "guarantee" that assured men that they would not be subjected to the kind of emotional stressors that cause them to act out with aggression. To assume that human nature can be changed simply by passing a few laws is the greatest folly, and I expect untold numbers of people to lose their lives for the thoughtless rejection of ancient laws that feminists demanded.

Rather than a utopia, feminism is edging us closer to a chaotic society in which violence simmers and crackles under the lid of a badly strained criminal justice system. The real injustices that feminists write off as irrelevant will have real consequences, and will result in real tragedies, such as this latest killing spree in Florida.

Obsidian's Survival Guide For The 21st Century Male

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The past four articles by me, in addition to my posting up of the Atlantic's piece, "The End of Men", has elicited a great deal of responses, both online and off. Among them, are the concerns on the part of many Men, quite a few who now find themselves in the midst of the Great Mancession, as to how they will navigate the choppy waters that is the first decade of the third millennium. They are unsure of their place and role, in the Brave New World that beckons, in some cases, downright fearful of the portents of what some call the New Girl Order. This post then, will attempt to offer one Man's take on how Humanity's Y chromosome carriers, can survive and in many cases, even thrive in our times, and the times ahead.

To do that, let us consider the hit film and Oscar winning "Training Day", starring Denzel Washington, and Ethan Hawke…

For those who haven't seen the movie, the premise centers around a day in the life of LAPD NARC Detective Alonzo Harris, and his green trainee, Jake Hoyt. Harris gets Hoyt's feet wet in the world of deep cover drugs trade work-and what he teaches young Hoyt, you don't learn in the Academy.

Among other things, Harris teaches Hoyt that you *have to use your head out on the streets*, that its better to outthink your opponent, than to out-muscle them. Besides, as Harris notes, the years following the Rodney King and OJ trials and the like, have placed additional constraints on the Boys in Blue; we have to be quite crafty in coming up with ways to get around said constraints. When Harris asks how good is Hoyt's Espanðl, and Hoyt responds in the negative, Harris admonishes him to "learn that shit; these guys are plotting all kinds of shit out here".

Harris demonstrates a keen understanding of both the Law of the Land and the Code of the Streets, AND he does it all with a kind of sexiness that makes Women melt. It will serve Today's Guy well to study this film.

As it has been already noted, it is all but impossible for guys in our time to get over with what our dads and grand dads did. We have to be more saavy, more aware, and more fluid in how we meet the demands of our environment. Besides, we're not able to do what our forebears did, if for no other reason than it is no longer legally feasible to do so. You can't go upside a gal's head, or even yell at her, without running the serious risk of being locked up for a very long time. The point is, as Harris noted, that mere brawn/muscle simply ain't gonna get it anymore; instead, you gotta use your head.

This means, as Harris showed above, that you gotta understand the rules of the game if you plan to win. The first place you gotta start, is with the Law. Learn not only the Constitution, but all that came before it. In that case, that means British Common Law, and before that, the Magna Carta. For example, do you know what the Magna Carta is, and why it remains so very important today? What is the basis of British Common Law-the legal system extant throughout the Anglosphere and beyond? Why is the US Constitution so very important-and unique-in world history?

Trust me when I tell you fellas, all my nights spent burning the midnight oil reading up on all this has paid off, bigtime. I've beaten court cases because of it. Someone remind me to discuss it sometime.

Next, learn what the laws are specifically wrt Family Court issues, which extend to child custody, domestic partner violence and abuse, alimony and palimony, and paternity rights. What does the law say wrt say, rape allegations? Does your state have a "rape shield law"? Do they administer rape kit

tests on the accuser? Some states are more amenable to Men in particular than others-study what those laws are in your home state, and then consider those in the surrounding tristate area. If those laws are more favorable to you than where you are, seriously consider moving there-and whatever you do, don't allow yourself to be fooled by the Conservative/Liberal thing. Just because a state is "Red" doesn't necessarily mean that its good for you, as a Man; and just because a state is "Blue" doesn't necessarily mean that its stacked against you either. Your personal self-interest is what is key here, not blind political ideology. Always remember that.

Next, learn Game. Learn it. Learn it well enough so that you got the basics down pat: Social Proof, Negs, Peacocking, Body Language-and this is something that isn't normally mentioned but should be-know how to fuck. Seriously. Women have never, and will never, have much trouble getting a Man into her bed-but there is a caveat. For one thing, she has no way of knowing, for certain, that he'll be good in bed; and second, everytime a Woman opens her legs for a Man, she also opens herself up to the very real possibility of STDs, including Herpes and HIV. Women contract STDs at a rate of roughly two to one to Men-so Women are really taking a gamble all the way around here. Trust me when I tell you, no sane Woman (kinda sorta an oxymoron, I know, LOL) wants to lose a guy who knows his way around the bedroom if she can help it, because she knows just how hard it is to find a replacement, all things being equal, of course. For Women, dicks are a dime a dozen; but a bona fide Woodsman is golden.

Therefore, among your Game learning, you need to be learning stuff like the Kama Sutra and the Perfumed Garden. You need to understand Women's anatomy better than they do, and how to play it like a virtuoso.

A huge part of Game lay in role reversal-the best seducers are those who simply reverse roles with Women. This has already begun to manifest on the macro scale, with the Mancession and Women's gains really gaining apace. But that's only a part of the matter; another big part of it is psychological. Study your The Art of Seduction, and you'll see what I mean.

Learn to unlearn old, ossified, and truly outdated notions of Manhood. If there's one major stumbling block for Men overall, this is it. Notice how those guys who are more fluid with their masculinity tend to also do well with Women? That's not for nothing, chief. Those guys do better than the prototypical hard rock, because they signal *complexity*-and Women LOVE complexity. So, if you're one-dimensional, dead it: you need to diversify your personality portfolio. What do you know about literature? Art? Music? If you don't know much, learn it. You don't have to be a master of all trades here, just to have a good basic grounding. This is hugely important. The degree to which you can demonstrate complexity, will determine your potential success in the Brave New World.

Moreover, challenge yourself to question the conventional wisdom of what makes a Man, a Man. This should be fun, since Women seem all too quick to tell Men what "a real Man is". Put it to the test-challenge them to define it, and if they can pass said test. Now, this will depend in large part on what you've done in your own life, but just to give you an idea, I'll give you glimpse of how I would handle such a charge:

"*Sly grin*: Hmm. Well, let's see-I know what it's like to kill what I eat, and not with a gun either-with a bow & arrow. The whole of my working life-which extends back to when I worked under my dad when I was knee-high to a grasshopper-was one where I produced real goods and services, not just for myself, but for others. People ate because of me. I've done my duty per the Good Book and buried both my parents and grandparents-literally. I've seen Men die, held a few in my arms in their

final moments. I've protected my family from threats, been shot at, have walked among thieves, murderers, rapists, druglords. I've led Men in the business world, and have taught other Men how to read. I've known the phrase, if you don't work, you don't eat, in spades, and have lived out on the bricks when things got bad. I know what its like to work from can't see in the morning till can't see at night, six days a week, in the snow and heat, for years, without fanfare or complaint-and if something goes down, right now, I know how to handle myself. When that great getting' up morning comes when you can say you've done any of the above, holla back. We'll talk. In the meantime though, I have nothing to prove to you or anyone else. Trust me when I tell you madam, that I know a heck of a lot more about what it means to be a Woman, than you will ever know what it means to be a Man."

Ball's back in her court.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again because it bears repeating: this is an excellent time for Men to reinvent themselves, *on their own terms*. Never before have we had such an opportunity, and it is not at all certain that it will happen again. Carpe Diem, my Brothers-the World is waiting on you.

NOTE FOR THE LADIES: If you find yourself becoming a bit unsettled by what I have said above, simply consider the following-it is there for the benefit of the Men in your lives too. Your sons and grandsons, your brothers and nephews. Surely, you want them to have the means to protect themselves, yes?

Now adjourn your asses…

The Obsidian

Police Respond to “Domestic Disturbance” Call, Man Shoots Himself

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In a scene played out across America just about every single day, a Miamisburg, Ohio woman called the cops on her boyfriend when he hinted that he was thinking about harming himself, and when they showed up in force he shot himself.

In the US, police calls very frequently result in suicide, because a police response is essentially a military intervention, with assault rifles, body armor, helicopters, etc., and the threat causes sufficient nervous response that many men resort to violence — usually against themselves.

Additionally, it is not uncommon for police to preemptively shoot men who have expressed thoughts of suicide and a desire to harm themselves, which is often a way to reach out and a cry for help.

In this particular case, when police arrived and yelled at the man to drop his weapon, he promptly shot himself, and then they fired a few more rounds in his direction for good measure.

Across America, the standard police tactic in the case of potential male suicide is to always have a backup plan in place to eliminate the despondent man by shooting. This is not the fault of police, rather, it is procedure implemented from the top down in response to pressure to view all men as potential homicidal maniacs due to occasional sensational murders.

Testosterone Poisoning

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A Lone Nut comic.

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A Life-Support System For a Penis

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I found another excellent piece written by Susannah Breslin about the recent death of porn star Stephen Hill. I'd thought about posting the incident as a news item, but Breslin, who has written fairly extensively about the sex industry, is far more qualified than I am to put it in perspective, so I'm glad I came across her article, written in Salon and titled "Stephen Hill's dark life in porn."

What's really remarkable about Ms. Breslin is that she is a female writer who actually cares about men – even "losers" like Stephen Hill – and isn't faking it. These days, that's a rare quality, even in men.

Here's an excerpt:

> If porn is a joke — and, particularly these days, it most assuredly is — male porn stars are its punch line. Reams of text have been written about how porn supposedly victimizes the women who work in this branch of the sex trade, but inside the straight porn industry, it's the female performers who have the greater power, higher status and bigger paycheck. (The gay porn industry is a different beast altogether and to compare the two is to compare apples and oranges.) So-called woodsmen are paid significantly less than their female counterparts, for their efforts are treated like props on the movie sets where they perform near Herculean sex acts of which most men can only dream ("Get it up, get it on, get it off" is the woodsman's mantra), and more often than not end up as decapitated, frantically thrusting tubes of meat in this industry's final product. Due to the hardcore nature of the porn business and the toll it takes upon all its workers, the porn industry functions as a meat grinder for the human condition, and men are its offal. They may score bragging rights as professional cocksmen, but the reality is these are the working stiffs of a business that has virtually no interest in the men it employs and all the interest in the world in the women with whom its movies are forever preoccupied.

American Women Resorting to Desperate Measures

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This is too funny. An Ohio woman, all alone at home, probably with a few cats, got drunk and decided she needed a man. So she did what women have been trained to do when they have a problem: she dialed 911.

Although calling 911 has proven to be very effective for removing husbands from women's lives, a system whereby it replaces them has not yet been worked out. But never fear; I'm sure feminists will come up with a new program that court orders single men to attend to desperate, lonely and aging women who have blown it in life and need some man to change the oil, mow the lawn and make them feel "special."

Former Mayor in Trouble for Fooling Around With 14-Year-Old Boy

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Linda Lusk, who held a term as mayor of Prosser, Washington, initiated a relationship with a student at Prosser High School, where her husband is principal. She frequently sent the boy steamy text messages and communicated with him on Facebook, eventually luring him to her house where she engaged in various acts with him. The boy told some friends about it, and when word got around the police contacted the boy's parents, then handed the case over to the sheriff's office due to potential conflicts of interest arising from her political career.

Lusk is 49 years old and a mother of four.

The boy's parents were unavailable for comment, but his uncle said that she'd frequently lure groups of boys to her house for pool parties, where she would flirt with the boys and show off her breasts. He also said that the boys were reluctant to talk to police, because they didn't want to "ruin her life," adding that although he'd like to feel sorry for her, he still wants to see her prosecuted.

Most of all, the uncle felt sorry for the woman's husband and daughter.

As women gain power, their potential for sexual misconduct is rapidly being revealed, suggesting that they are not actually the "safer" sex.

Men's Studies: The Complete Freak Show

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A disgraced shyster. A male feminist comedian that admits to being sexist and prone to violence. A transsexual. A grandiose, pathological *exaggerator*. A supporter of domestic violence perpetrators. A McCarthyesque academic thug out to get anyone around him that doesn't have their mind right. And a gaggle of puffy, self loathing, pseudo intellectual ne'er do wells; the inhabitants of a picaresque house of postmodern freaks.

No, this isn't the set up for a work of comic fiction, but rather an unblinking look at a real life cadre of laughable gender activists in the world of men's studies. And by their stranger than fiction behavior, they amplify the meaning of Jonathan Swift's famous words, "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: That all the dunces are in a confederacy against him."

In this case, the genius isn't a man, but an idea. Male studies. It is admittedly radical in that it is a proposed discipline intended to further scholarly investigation that would actually benefit men and boys without feminist permission or approval.

In another time, perhaps, this would only be sensible. But in today's world, it is genius.

And the mere mention of it has set these less than relevant academic autocrats, this Men's Studies Confederacy of Dunces, on the warpath.

And so they have appointed themselves the defenders of feminist orthodoxy; the male guardians of misandry in academe. It is fitting, then, that they are now introduced to the larger world of men; that they be seen, even as they sit on their stools in the corner, for exactly who they are, right up to the very tops of their pointed hats.

All of them belong to, or are in some way affiliated, with two men's [sic] organizations called the American Men's Studies Association (AMSA) and the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS). Those are the new age fig leafed boys clubs, so let's meet their versions of the alpha dogs.

Barry Goldstein

We'll start with Barry Goldstein, JD., who is listed on the NOMAS website as their co chair on child custody. He is also an expert witness on domestic violence and has written a book on the subject, *Scared to Leave, Afraid to Stay: Paths from Family Violence to Safety*. The book chronicles the experiences of ten females, alleged to be victims of domestic violence, including, get this, how the courts abused these women for seeking help.

But even aside from the idea that courts discriminate against battered women, there's a credibility problem here. Goldstein had his law license suspended by a New York appellate court for deceit, fraud and misrepresentation. The laundry list of charges against him stemmed from two cases. One was misappropriation of funds involving his representation of a not-for-profit tenants housing resource center. The other was from his involvement in the Gina Shockome divorce case, which was a feminist *cause célèbre* in New York just a few years back.

In an internet article he wrote about the case, he accused the presiding judge of denying his client due process and of causing her to suffer PTSD, among a slew of other accusations he leveled at the court. None of it turned out to be true, or at least provable, and that was added to the charges against him.

Perhaps the most comical of Goldstein's antics was to claim to the court during the Shockome case that he had a seen a video tape that showed a court appointed supervisor had slept for 15-20 minutes during a visit. When the court demanded that Goldstein produce the tape he claimed to have lost it. During one court appearance, he claimed the video tape was in his car, and later, at another appearance, he denied ever having had the tape in his car or anywhere else.

Well, apparently, to Goldstein's misfortune, his dog didn't eat the tape, which was about the only excuse he didn't offer. Officials eventually acquired it, and after viewing the video, the court stated, "Anyone looking at that video will see that there is nothing on that video that suggests that [the supervisor] was asleep for 20 minutes."

It seems that Goldstein was caught lying like a, well, like a crooked lawyer. And misappropriating money like one, too.

Among some of the other complaints was that Goldstein repeatedly defied a court directive to refrain from calling the father in the case, who was eventually awarded custody, "the abuser" as there was no proof to support such a statement.

Imagine that.

Additionally, in the last 60 days, the Supreme Court of neighboring Pennsylvania disbarred attorney Barry Goldstein.

Despite all of this being a matter of public record, NOMAS retains the now legally defunct Goldstein as an elected member of its national council.

Ben Atherton-Zeman

Perhaps his presence there is actually funnier than that of another council member that touts himself as a professional comedian. Any sense of ironic metaphor notwithstanding, Ben Atherton-Zeman, hyphenated surname and all, is the designated spokesman, excuse me, spokesperson, for NOMAS. He lists among his primary qualifications that he is an actor and a comedian; that he does impersonations and that he is a feminist.

Impressive credentials, but given the circumstances in the organization, it's probably good that they don't require a license.

Among many notable statements attributed to Atherton-Zeman is that he identifies himself as a "recovering sexist" and believes that every man should challenge sexism and violence, in the world, *and in themselves*.

Let us hope that there is a mental health professional on the board at NOMAS. Perhaps with some counseling, Ben's projection of his personal struggles with sexism and violence onto the entire male sex can be resolved. Or, if he can identify the women he discriminated against and people he battered

before getting into "recovery," he can make amends to them as a part of the healing.

He might benefit from a referral to Doug Gertner, another NOMAS National Council Member. Gertner, it seems, has considerable experience counseling men, particularly young fathers for whom he runs a "Boot Camp for New Dads."

But there is a concern about that one, too. The boot camp looks to have a problem with condoning and enabling domestic violence.

Seriously.

According to information reported on their website, the young male recruits in his *basic training* have made reports of "their hormone driven mates sometimes using them as a punching bag."

Gertner's answer to the abuse? Well, there isn't one. After all, if a young soldier can't take an ass kicking with his mouth closed, who can? He sends them home "with a new sense of confidence." Perhaps it is from their reeducation.

No intervention on the violence. No protection. No concerns. Gertner just ignores the assaults and issues marching orders for his young men to go home and take it.

National Organization for Men Against *What?*

Google Image return on Robert Brannon

Also, NOMAS President Robert Brannon penned a piece on their site, *Does Consensual Prostitution Exist?,* in which he implies that female prostitutes are not competent enough to make informed decisions on what to do with their own bodies, and tacitly implies their male customers are raping them.

Men Against *What?*

Perhaps the best explanation for NOMAS as an acronymic misnomer can be found in their motto, "Pro feminist, gay affirmative, anti racist, enhancing men's lives."

As you take a trip through their website, you get a sobering dose of what they mean by "enhancing" men's lives; they demonize anything masculine and further every anti male sexist stereotype imaginable, including a wholesale endorsement of the New York Model for batterer programs. That program explicitly sees all domestic violence as male perpetrated, despite the overwhelming proof that it just isn't so. And with that endorsement they embrace a proscription on any notion of

counseling or treatment for batterers in favor of criminal consequences.

Do you hear that Mr. Atherton-Zeman? There is no recovery. You are unfixable. Please turn yourself in to the nearest authorities. And bring the rest of the male sex with you.

The NOMAS mission is enhancement through sexism, bigotry and incarceration. And they are steadfastly working to further those ideas.

AMSA, a similarly misnamed organization, with a similarly misleading mission, turns out to be just as misandric as NOMAS, with a crew no less motley than their abhorrent brothers. But they are significantly more dangerous if taken seriously, which an unfortunate few in the mainstream media have done.

Robert Heasley

After the recent conference on male studies in April, AMSA president Robert Heasley was spotted in places like Forbes.com complaining that the new discipline wasn't really new, but actually an unnecessary redundancy. Regarding male studies he told Forbes "Their argument is that they're inventing something I think already exists."

That sentiment was also expressed by Michael Kimmel, author of *Guyland*, which is basically an attack manual for use against almost all men and on women who don't subscribe to feminism. Kimmel admonished me personally not to think that male studies was anything new, and informed me that "a robust and healthy field of Masculinity Studies already exists, and is well institutionalized in the US and abroad." He also went on to boast, "I myself have been working to build this field for nearly thirty years."

Michael Kimmel

These would seem to be two of the authorities on men's studies, such as they are; The President of AMSA and a well regarded author on masculinities. Both are touting the idea that any new approach to studying men is unnecessary, but perhaps, as Heasley suggested, "Why not just add some new

classes?" [to already existing studies]

The question becomes where to add them actually. Despite Kimmel's assertion of the field's vitality and Heasley's call for male studies to be surrendered to men's studies, here is the track record.

After thirty years of Kimmel's personal work and AMSA's group contribution, the field has yielded the following degrees awarded in men's studies.

Ph.D. – 0

Masters – 0

Bachelors – 0

Associates – 0

That is correct, after three decades of effort, begging for (and then spending) money, and the current territorial, defensive reaction we are witnessing from the men's studies leadership, we are left with a discipline that for all practical purposes does not exist, except in a handful of publications and in the minds of an intellectually incestuous group of ideologues seeking their fifteen minutes of fame.

I think I understand Kimmel's thinking very well now. Exactly squat = robust and healthy. No degrees = well institutionalized.

A man could run for elected office on the tricks from academe.

And win.

The lack of substance in Masculinities is apparently in direct proportion to a lack of substance in those who supposedly study it. It isn't just Kimmel and Heasley. And a quick look at AMSA conference literature reveals even more.

At one of their more recent conferences, all of which appear to float on paper submissions from grad students and even some undergraduates, the focus of men's studies is revealed in all its irrelevant glory.

Here are a few of the topics presented.

Contemporary Queer Cinema in a Men's Studies Curriculum

Masculinities in Play: Examining Hegemonic and Technomasculinity in Action-adventure Video Games

A Queer Greenwood Beyond the Cricket Pitch: Queer Sporting Masculinities in the writings of E.M. Forster, D.H. Lawrence and Edward Carpenter

Foucalt and Parenting: A Feminist Essay of Personal Reflection and Application

What are You? Transvestism in Octavia Butler's Kindred and Fledgling

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And

Differently Straight Guys: How Did That Happen?

Setting an example for such scholarly pursuits relevant to the average man is Dr. Christopher Kilmartin, a former comic (yes, *another* comedian) who recently presented the master lecture, Guy Fi: The Fiction that Rule Men's Lives

How they have avoided a wild proliferation of university courses and degree programs in this discipline is mind boggling, unless you consider that the men's studies group is actually representative of, and obsessed with, about 4% of the male population, while condemning and

attacking the other 96%.

Paying attention to the issues of homosexuals and the transgendered has its place in modern culture, but to use that agenda to play a part in hoodwinking people into believing you are addressing the lives of men in general demonstrates a deficit in integrity and a pathological drive to ensure the problems of the great majority of men and boys are either ignored or exacerbated, or both.

It's bullshit. And not just bullshit that helps a bunch of middle aged, meagerly accomplished men get together once a year to feel important and mark the progress of receding hairlines, but crazy, mean spirited bullshit that draws attention away from some very serious problems in our society.

Raewyn Connell- Masculinities Guru

And how could we ever have expected a different outcome? The circus of men's studies has gone so far astray that they have coalesced around an ultimate masculinities icon, Raewyn Connell, who is a tranny. He opted to have his balls cut off and started wearing dresses, at least publicly, about four years ago. And note that Connell isn't just *an* icon for men's studies, but *the* icon. The widely published and acclaimed Connell is roundly regarded by the entire men's studies community the erudite harbinger of forward thinking modern masculinity, sans the penis and testicles, of course.

There's your study of men, men. And if you don't like it, they'll sure 'nuff don a strap on and take care o' bidness.

Harry Brod

Recently AMSA board member Harry Brod (no, not even in this gender bending train wreck of a true story did I make that name up) wrote an editorial on the AMSA website in which he departed from the notion that male studies was a repeat of men's studies and opted to just paint the entire new discipline as bullshit, using that exact word, though with not the same credulity as when it is used to describe his own arena.

He invoked the surgically altered Connell, though, to vilify the new discipline as "just another excuse to ignore gender injustice." It was the first of what will sure to be more salvos aimed at publicly ridiculing the proponents of male studies.

MND publisher Mike LaSalle posted a brief, but courteous dissent in the comments section of Brod's article, as follows:

The kernel of your argument against Male Studies is revealed here: Men's Studies scholars are primarily concerned with Justice, not Science.

Male Studies assumes knowledge comes before justice, not the other way around.

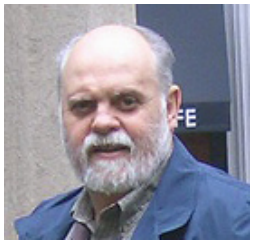
The comment was posted, and then promptly deleted.

And that is the very least of their efforts at censorship.

MND contributor and Wagner College professor of psychology Miles Groth, who hosted the recent conference on Male Studies, is a former member of AMSA. He is also the co founder and former editor of Thymos*: Journal of Boyhood Studies* which became a part of the Men's Studies Press (MSP).

Some time into his involvement with AMSA, he grew concerned with aspects of the organization that he described as "out of touch with the current concerns and needs of *most* males, especially young males."

Groth went on to express concerns with the nature and quality of literature being featured at AMSA conferences. "Some presenters at the last conference were undergraduates. At such events [annual conferences in a major discipline] it is customary to hear the work of senior researchers."



James Doyle

MSP director James Doyle became aware of Groth's unfortunate propensity for independent thought, and didn't take to the idea of such intellectual diversity with much enthusiasm. In an email he wrote the following to Groth:

Over the past several months, it has become clear that you believe the field of "men's studies" in all its forms to be a pointless, if not harmful, pursuit. As disseminating "men's studies" research, serving "men's studies" scholars, and promoting a positive image of "men's studies" to a broad readership are the central purposes for the Men's Studies Press and its publications, it seems clear to me that you current involvement with the Men's Studies Press is antithetical to your new found philosophy for the study of men's lives.

Therefore, it is with regret that I must terminate your editorial duties with the Men's Studies Press as of this day, April 29th, 2010

In short, when ousting Groth for not having his mind right, he stripped him of his editorship of Thymos, the journal that he co-founded and edited all the years of its existence.

Booted, berated and burned, all for having an actual concern for men and boys in defiance of a group of bigots that seek to undermine the same. There is no greater demonstration of the kind of people we are talking about here. And all my attempts to add levity to this situation aside, it is clear they are capable of the most pernicious kinds of fascist bullying.

It now seems they are gearing up to exert the same, if they can, on anyone else interested in helping men and boys, especially those furthering the idea of male studies.

After a decade old split between the organizations, that by their own account demonstrates that slash and burn politics are no stranger to this crowd, there is a lot of kissing and making up. Kimmel, who has operated more or less independently since the split, is returning to give the key note address in 2011. This had to happen for a reason that overcomes the petty divides that sent them on their own

separate paths.

In an email from James Doyle provided to me by someone within their ranks who wishes to remain anonymous, Doyle reveals his personal feelings about Kimmel while acknowledging the sacred adherence to ideology.

Says Doyle:

"I have no problem with people being turned off by Kimmel (I am also) but only in terms of his arrogant and self-centered personality. As for social constructionism, I think this an extremely useful theory."

Aside from the fact that neither social constructionism, nor narcissism, begin or end with Kimmel, Doyle tips his hand on priorities quite nicely, and along with his treatment of Groth solidifies his ideology over values, truth and scholarship mentality.

This entirely sordid matter would be far funnier if it were not so serious. We might even expect a punch line or two from Atherton-Zeman or Kilmartin. We might even laugh. But we are, in some of the most serious ways possible, talking about the future of our sons in this culture.

These fascist pigs are part and parcel to a system that helps shape government policy. If you are interested enough in those policies to have read this far into this article, then you are likely all too aware of what those policies are and in how they are harming our men and boys. When the intellectually carcinogenic on this level operate under the blanket of political and social denial, their work eventually becomes cancerous and starts to metastasize.

It is time to gear up for treatment.

This is especially true now, as we watch these frauds broadcast their intent to start a campaign of bullying and strong arming against anyone who disagrees with them.

The men's studies establishment does not pursue knowledge, but a program of wholesale skullduggery, all to fit a political agenda whose only connection to education is to corrupt it.

After all, if you'll lie to a court of law about domestic problems, about men being abusers when they are not, is there anyone you won't lie to, *about anything*?

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Sailor Girl Fails in Solo Circumnavigation Attempt, Sparks Huge Rescue Response

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Abby Sunderland, a 16-year-old girl whose parents thought it would be a good idea to allow her to attempt a global circumnavigation by sailboat, has been found floundering in heavy seas in the Indian Ocean without a mast. Perhaps her parents, Marianne and Laurence Sunderland, who have six other children, figured that with that many kids the risk was acceptable.

These days, sailing is largely automated, so even a girl can appear to be a heroic, swashbuckling sailor on the high seas. Comparing her attempt to much earlier circumnavigations would be something like comparing taking a turboprop to the South Pole to the Amundsen and Scott Antarctic expeditions. Nevertheless, Abby failed, probably because of some technical error (e.g. she sailed right into a heavy storm) or malfunction.

Although the girl's pluck is admirable, her parents' decision to support this trip was unfortunate. Sometimes, when equipment fails, you need muscle, something that 16-year-old girls don't have in abundance. Hopefully, the massive rescue, which involved numerous boats and planes, will be paid for by the Sunderlands, so next time they'll think twice about sending a kid off alone on the high seas.

The recent trend of having children break age records in extreme situations strikes me as a bit bizarre and unhealthy. Although some kids may succeed, a number will fail – some tragically – and unlike when adults attempt extreme feats, in their case there will be others to blame besides just themselves.

In my opinion, this is part of the infantile 1970s ideology, born of Marxist thought, that held that anyone can be or do anything they want if they only *want* it enough (ironically, people who lived in real Marxist countries were disabused of that notion before us, because it led to mass starvation due to idiotic production goals). Now that people who were indoctrinated by that as children are parents themselves, they are encouraging their children to act out their own childhood fantasies.

Spotlight on “WAGS” at the World Cup

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Englands so-called “WAGS,” wives and girlfriends of football (soccer) players, made a name for themselves at the last World Cup in Germany, where they went on a spending and drinking rampage. This time, England’s coach, Fabio Capello, has taken a hard line against them, restricting them from their husbands and boyfriends during the competition. Their scandalous behavior at the last World Cup is cited by some as the reason England couldn’t make it past the 2006 World Cup quarterfinals.

Evidently, they can spend prodigious amounts of money and have a penchant for drunken table dancing.

The WAGS highlight the race in Anglosphere society toward the bottom of the barrel, and represent the triumph of feminist ideals. Most English football players are not particularly sophisticated guys, and while young and egregiously overpaid, become targets for the most aggressive, promiscuous and mercenary women out there, so perhaps it is little wonder that they have come to be surrounded by such a bawdy assortment of women.

However, the WAG culture has evidently been spreading throughout Britain, leading girls to attempt to emulate their heroes by engaging in shopping and drinking binges while wearing expensive, revealing clothing.

This is just another trend that proves that, when given the opportunity, women’s behavior can be every bit as ugly as men’s.

In Defense of "Starter" Marriage – A Tale of Marriage 2.0

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Author Sascha Rothchild, achieved some notoriety for her 2010 book, How to Get Divorced by 30. In it, she discusses what she calls her "Starter" marriage. This tale as narrated by her, is quite instructive to understanding modern American woman's views on the institution most of us in the MRA-sphere call Marriage 2.0. – aka – "til death do us part…or I get bored and just don't feel in love anymore."

Now, of course, I would never pay to read an obvious auto-hagiograpy that undoubtedly gives yet another glaring example of the Eternal Solipsism of the 21st Century, Western Female Mind. But I did come across an article she wrote, entitled In Defense of Starter Marriage, in which she discusses reader's reactions to her book and goes on to reiterate the same case she makes for in her book – that "Starter" Marriages are a great way for people to "test run" before finding the "right" one.

This article is just begging for a red-pill fisking of her blue-pill delusions.

Let's get started…

> *For every email or comment I get thanking me for writing my book, How To Get Divorced By 30, or for expressing in articles and blogs how a first marriage can be a positive rite of passage, I get an angry email or comment asking, "How dare you destroy the sanctity of marriage!?"*
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> To those irate people I say, thanks for giving me all the credit and power of destroying an ancient institution. (In truth, my contribution was hardly necessary; there were major matrimonial problems long before I came into the picture.)

Let's start off nicely…I agree Sascha! Sanctity? Sanctity got nothing to do with Marriage 2.0!

> *I'm not causing divorce, I'm just relaying my own divorce experience, which has been overwhelmingly fantastic.*

Of course! Divorce for women under Marriage 2.0 usually is.

> *The first time I got married, I was 27 and made many of the standard mistakes, including adhering to an arbitrary timetable. I thought dating for three years meant it was time to get married, and marriage at the time seemed easier than breaking up. I also believed that opposites attracted, and I was a type-A, neurotic go-getter and he a laid-back, lovable stoner.*

Red flag gentleman. If your thinking of getting married to a particular lady…and she describes herself as a type-A, neurotic go-getter, RUN TO THE HILLS! *(Gratuitous plug of one of my fav Metal vids of all time).*

> *At first we complemented each other; I helped him get motivated to put down the video game controller and actually pursue an acting career, and he helped me calm down and enjoy the quiet moments between stressing out about my writing career.*

TRANSLATION FROM WOMENESE INTO ENGLISH:

At first we were happy…but than I got annoyed with him always playing his video games, so I began

nagging him to find a job. He started auditioning as an extra for B-Rate Rom-Coms in between the latest exploits of virtual-thuggery on Grand Theft Auto just to shut me up. Eventually he'd tell me to chill and smoke a joint with him whenever I got too worked up about him being such a total loser.

> *But after awhile we both just resented the other's very different attitude, rhythm and personality. We were also so conscious of never stepping on each other's toes that we ended up compromising to the point that we were both miserable.*

Take note guys. A classic case of Women saying they want one thing but not happy when they get it. Note the magic word here: compromise. Wasn't this supposed to be the holy grail of EQUALITY? If she were married to a man she looked up to and respected…which would satisfy her intrinsic biological drive for hypergamy…there would not be this talk of "compromise."

> *I loved Hollywood; he loved Venice Beach. So we bought a condo in a place we both hated: Sherman Oaks. This sense of democracy just left us feeling unfulfilled.*

TRANSLATION: *"I can't believe I married a loser beta."*

> *My ex and I had a very small nontraditional wedding, too embarrassed and cool to say words like "love," "forever" and "'til death do us part." We thought by laughing in the face of tradition we were being original, when really we were just setting ourselves up for divorce.*

Heh. Very fitting…given the state of Marriage 2.0, at least you were not being a hypocrite or a liar by giving a meaningless gesture towards the serious commitments and vows of Marriage 1.0.

> *I bought my own engagement ring and walked down the makeshift aisle to Joe Jackson's "Is She Really Going Out With Him," and, at our reception in a friend's back yard, the best man's toast was "to the best five years of your life."*

Let's all give our heartiest round of applause for her ex-husband. Well done sir! You didn't bust the bank on this flake, and try to live up to yet another Princesses dream of being the center of attention in a grand ceremony of over-indulged fluff.

> *He was off by two-and-a-half. While I was planning my 30th birthday party, I realized I didn't want my husband on the guest list. I wanted to start this new decade of my life single and free. I was way too young to be stuck in nuptial mediocrity, and getting divorced would be better than spending the next 50 years in a hell of my own making. I now see that divorce isn't an evil at all.*

Just like Roissy's maxim 101: **For most women, five minutes of alpha is worth five years of beta.**

In this case, 2 and a half years of beta was hell enough. Time to go alpha-cock hunting!

> *My definition of a starter marriage is one that lasts less than five years and in which there are no children. But based on my experience, I coined the term "learner marriage"—the kind that helps keep you from making the same mistakes the second time around. It's true that second marriages have an even higher divorce rate than first marriages, but that's because many people don't investigate why things went wrong and instead repeat the same self-destructive patterns.*

We do have to give Sascha some credit here. She's not putting all the blame on her ex-husband here. The big problem here is that it appears she's investigated why things went wrong, but because she's a typical, 21st century, empowered female endlessly searching for Equality, she doesn't even understand the patterns of self-destruction. Watch the pretty lies she recites in the next paragraph…

> *I wasn't emotionally available in my twenties, but instead of confronting that, I married a man who was even less emotionally available.*

"Emotional availability" is a code word, and it indicates that her ex-husband most likely started failing her shit tests, and as this drove her crazy, she'd try to "communicate" with him. But because he no longer made her 'gina tingle, and he was most likely clueless about LTR Game, she grew to despise him. Beta contempt. But most women don't even consciously realize what is going on. So they resort to vague rationalizations and pop-psychological buzzwords like "emotionally unavailable" to justify their decision to end their marriages.

> *I tried to hide my own issues behind his. Once married, I realized that keeping the knot tied is a lot of daily work, which only just begins with "I do."*

That's because you married a slacker-stoner-video game addict who you did not look up to and respect. It sure does take a lot of work to try and live with the cognitive dissonance of going against your basic hypergamous hard-wiring.

> *I made the mistake, as do many women, of focusing on getting married rather than on the actual marriage.*

Ok, I'm finding hard to work up too much schadenfreude here….she at least has a level of awareness not typical of most Western women nowadays.

> *It wasn't until it fell apart that I forced myself to look inward, went to therapy, spoke honestly with friends about my fears and feelings. I also decided that instead of being bitter and baggage-laden, it was time to be a more independent, wiser, and all-around happier person. In a radio interview about my book, a DJ said I sounded cheery for a divorced lady. I replied, "Divorce shouldn't make you depressed; it's being unhappily married that does that."*

Of course divorce made you happy…what negatives are there for women getting divorced under the Marriage 2.0 regime? Nevertheless, I do have to give you kudos for avoiding the trap of victimization and letting your baggage make you embittered and unpleasant like so many other divorcees.

> *More than 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, yet the wedding industry is booming, which means the belief in nuptial bliss remains.*

More like their is still a sizable section of men that don't know any better and are still susceptible to being suckered into Marriage 2.0.

> *And so it should! If you find yourself divorced, as I did, and actually take the time to dissect the death of your marriage and make some needed changes in your life, then learning from that starter marriage can prove to be a crucial step towards happiness.*

Too bad you missed the most important lesson. Cross your own hypergamous instincts when

choosing a spouse, you will almost certainly end up divorced.

> *I recently got engaged again, but rather than living like glorified roommates and watching TV every night, my fiancé and I actually spend time together out in the world (snowboarding, trying new restaurants, going to concerts and actually holding hands).*

I'd bet an entire paycheck that the subtext of her new relationship has aspects she doesn't even realize is going on here: her new guy has taken on an assertive role, and she submits and follows…tingling her hypergamous instincts. I'd bet he introduced her to snowboarding ,and introduced her to new restaurants…rather than her trying to beg her stoned ex to put down the controller and take her out.

> *Sure sometimes I have to sit through a Cubs game and he has to watch me try on shoes, but we don't avoid conflict by losing ourselves in compromise.*

Don't you want EQUALITY in your relationship?

> *We moved to a neighborhood we both enjoy, communicate by expressing actual feelings rather than just saying, "OK, whatever," and combined our books on shelves knowing we will never have to separate them.*

"OK, whatever," I think this corroborates my initial suspicions that her ex-husband was regularly failing her shit tests, she'd get upset, and he'd just blow her off.

> *Our wedding will be filled with family and friends, traditions and the word "love." We have a wedding planner, I will wear an actual wedding dress and we'll say vows that are emotional rather than snarky. But most importantly, my second marriage will work because I'm armed with the knowledge gained through my misguided first.*

Good luck Sascha. I only hope your new partner doesn't get too comfortable and routine and starts to bore you.

Of course, the more important thing to take away from this entire experience is the general attitude of Sascha when she "settled" for Mr. Good Enough. Ladies, don't settle to get married.

Given the realities of Marriage 2.0 and the divorce regime that ruins so many men and children's lives, thanks…but no thanks.

Obsidian Writes An Open Letter To Ms. Irin Carmon, Reporter For Jezebel.com

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I knew it wouldn't be long before I would see a "response" to The Atlantic's piece by Hannah Rosin, "The End of Men" from someone somewhere out there the Femisphere, and Ms. Irin Carmon , staff writer/blogger for Jezebel.com, whom I consider to be one of the Internet's "Cyber Sisters", didn't disappoint. Her piece, which was posted on the Jezebel site yesterday, has all of what we've come to expect of today's Estrogen-injected commentariat-heavy on the high falutin' snark, but woefully light on the substance. You can see her column for yourself in full, but for my purpose I'm gonna present what I consider to be its most salient points in the form of what we Black folk know as a "call and response" format-a kind of conversation between Ms. Carmon and moi. Let's roll:
MS. IRIN CARMON: Men Are Over. Except At The Top.

OBSIDIAN: In the words of the Gipper, see there you go *again*, doing that Hypergamy thing. You run right past the points the article itself makes and instead bemoan the fact that the topmost spots are still all Male. Sure didn't take you long to get right to the point, now did ya?

IC: But, see, it's different this time because that one had a question mark! And this one has a limp-dicked and downward-indicating male symbol. All of which means, I guess, that women have a slight edge over non-white supremacy. Must we always compete?

O: Hold up, Ms. Carmon. You know, I've been watching you and your "sisters" throw down for quite sometime now, from the sidelines, and I gotta tell ya-as a Black Man, it gets tiresome listening to upper middle class White (or Jewish, as the case may be) hipsterettes work themselves up into a self-congratulatory lather talking about how "down with the people" they are. Truth be told, there is a tenuous relationship between you all and the Sistas to begin with at best, and in that I've lived or worked in most of the Eastern seaboard's inner city hoods, I have yet to run across the likes of you there making fellowship with Tanya and Rashidah. So, please, spare me the racebaiting, I simply ain't having it.

Moreover, based on your curricula vitae, you haven't done so bad for yourself: magna cum laude from Harvard, worked for the Boston Globe, both at home and its Jerusalem Bureau, the New York Times, Women's Wear; you've globetrotted a bit and got paid doing it; and you were born into what most people would agree was quite auspicious surroundings. Nice work if you can get it, hmm, Irin? All that lathering up about Patriarchy and how The Man's keeping you Womenfolk down's gotta be sooooo tiring…

IC: It can be difficult to shake the suspicion that the Atlantic has an unwritten editorial policy to consider feminism — and any discussion of say, workplace discrimination, sexual assault, reproductive freedom — such hoary conventional wisdom that any issue labeled "Ideas" has to bravely blow it up. (The same may go for critiques of racism). We're so over it all already, and now the supremacy of the feminist establishment needs to be interrogated by some fierce, independent-minded sort like Caitlin Flanagan.

O: What's difficult to shake-to say nothing of keeping a straightface to keep from busting out in laughter-is the notion that "reproductive freedom" is something that is actually evenly applied to ALL people, not just one half.

Shall we go there, Ms. Carmon. Hmm?

IC: Rosin did actually report out her piece, though there is an unmistakable tone of handwringing to it, a worry that all women will turn out like the poor unmarried black women, and a fairly unexamined assumption that when women thrive in the economy, men will grow rightfully angry and resentful that their naturally brawny and vigorous selves are being oppressed.

O: Then it must be true, that two people can look at a piece of art or read a book and take completely differing impressions from it. When I read Rosin's piece (complete with the video clip that I see you forgot(?) to mention, I don't see a heck of a lot of overwrought handwringing; I saw a Woman and her daughter doing a victory dance Terrill Owens himself would have a hard time matching. Go figure.

IC: And yet, for all the hand-wringing over the lonely spinster, the real loser in society—the only one to have made just slight financial gains since the 1970s—is the single man, whether poor or rich, college-educated or not. Hens rejoice; it's the bachelor party that's over.

It's ladies' night! Are you having fun yet?

O: Let's ask Ms. Lincoln, Ms. Whitman, Ms. Fiorina and Ms. Haley, hmm?

IC: Some of this evidence is quite convincing to Rosin's point that women are taking over and men are lagging and it's only going to get worse.

O: Yes, let's examine a bit of that evidence for a moment, shall we? According to the article, *girls* are being requested at fertility clinics now, at a rate of nearly two to one-if ever that was an indicator that things are very good for the ladies, that would be it. Please point me to the part in your piece where you mention that? I must've missed it.

IC: And some of it very much isn't. This is true when she implies that pop culture caricatures (overwhelmingly created by male executives and creatives) are a form of female-friendly social change, and even more so when she glosses over the fact that female domination is most prominent in the least empowered classes.

O: Excuse me? "Least empowered" where? Perhaps you missed the part of her article where, at a young Men's group meeting, a fella relayed his story about being kicked out of the house with the word "bitch!" by his baby mama, because he didn't have any money? Or, perhaps you missed the part of the article where Rosin quotes one of the authors of the book Promises I Can Keep, about how POOR WOMEN call ALL the shots in the mating dance, from start to finish? And, again, as someone who's actually lived a very large chunk of his life in the hood-like, um, all of it-I can tell you, without fear of retribution or rebuke, that those accounts are true. Nor is this "dominance something that is only to be seen among the poor – all up and down the social scale, Women call the shots – they can decide who lives and who dies, who pays if they decided on life. And it doesn't stop there – it extends to who gets dragged into court for all manner of stuff, like rape and sexual harrassment charges, domestic abuse charges, stalking charges, you name it. The way things are right now, all a Woman needs is her say so in order to put a guy – be he Damon on the block or Dimon on Wall Street's butt in a sling. If that ain't "dominance" then I don't know what is, Ms. Carmon.

But, move along, there's nothing to see here…

IC: Here are the nods at the evidence that it might not be so simple:

Yes, the U.S. still has a wage gap, one that can be convincingly explained—at least in part—by discrimination. Yes, women still do most of the child care. And yes, the upper reaches of society are

still dominated by men. But given the power of the forces pushing at the economy, this setup feels like the last gasp of a dying age rather than the permanent establishment.

O: Interesting that you completely ignore the fact that boys are failing in school at ever-increasing rates, and aren't choosing to go on to university. Nor is this surprising: in my hometown of Philly, fives years ago, the White Feminists of the Main Line swooped in like flying monkeys when the very idea was floated of creating gender specific schools to adress the city's burgeoning crime and homicide problem. Even as Philly's murder rate was climbing toward 500 for the year, the Main Line Feminists were staunchly against the idea, on the grounds that it would make girls feel bad. Forget the fact that said White Main Line Feminists didn't live anywhere near where the action was, and kept it that way, making sure to send their girls to safe and tidy ALL GIRLS prep schools-no, they not only had the loud mouths, but also had the loot and political pull, to squash the idea of trying to save Black boys' minds and lives.

Said idea hasn't been heard from since.

But of course, you'll never write about that…

And as for this notion that the Women work and toil from sun up to sundown both at home and on the gig, the facts don't bear this out, Ms. Carmon. Indeed, studies show that American Men are spending more time with their kids than ever, and are contributing to home chores more than ever. Now, could it be better-absolutely. But where I come from, making note of such watershed things is called…progress. I suppose you're not aware of that word?

IC: Near the top of the jobs pyramid, of course, the upward march of women stalls. Prominent female CEOs, past and present, are so rare that they count as minor celebrities, and most of us can tick off their names just from occasionally reading the business pages…The accomplishment is considered so extraordinary that Whitman and Fiorina are using it as the basis for political campaigns. Only 3 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs are women, and the number has never risen much above that.

O: Yea, but here's the kicker Ms. Carmon-is that because "The Man" is still keeping (well to do, upper middle class White & Jewish, in the main) Women down, or are there other factors at play? I say, at this stage in the game, the answer tends to lean toward the latter than the former, and not quite for the reasons you might think. Or assume.

In any event, and surely by now you must know, that both Fiorina and Whitman were able to successfully parlay their businessworld cred into votes at the ballot box-the latter spent more money than Goldman Sachs golden boy Jon Corzine and rivalled Michael Bloomberg for God's sake. I mean, call me crazy, but I thought the other night was a good thing for Women? *smh*…

IC: In his editor's letter, Atlantic editor-in-chief James Bennet tries to explain the dissonance more directly:

"Our politics and corporate boardrooms are lagging indicators of what is happening in the society, where women already hold most positions in middle management and would be overwhelming our universities were it not for stealthy affirmative action on behalf of overmatched young men. Small wonder the Tea Party is mostly male, as well as white."

IC: You could quibble about whether the Tea Party is evidence that white men are going out kicking and screaming because they're so over, or whether it's just a repackaged insurgency of the same old dominant norms. But in the haste to declare the end of all men, everywhere, what's missing here is the fact that this supposed male disempowerment has yet to seriously affect the major citadels of

power — who has access to economic and political capital, or positions of influence ranging from Hollywood to Wall Street to, well, The Atlantic . Is it a lagging indicator that will trickle upward somehow, or is it just a reconfigured landscape in which class, race, and gender converge to keep the concentration of power relatively unchanged?

O: Oh, I get it-so what happens to Joe Sixpack ain't all that important, huh, Ms. Carmon? It ONLY matters when Ted Turner gets his comeuppance-is that it? Very empathetic of ya. And please, stop with the "we're all in this together" BS, because we're NOT. Neither you, nor the whole lot of you Feministas, have shown any evidence of really giving one whit of care or concern about what happens to Black or Brown lives. I know, because I'm where the action is.

IC: As Ann Friedman notes ,

"Sure, college-age women tell her they hope to become surgeons and marry men who will be primary caregivers. But research shows that few women actually realize this domestic arrangement— they tend to marry other high-achieving men who expect their own careers to take precedence."

O: Hmm, I wonder why that is? Could it have anything to do with the fact that in truth, the vast majority of Women, given the choice do NOT want to hookup with Mr. Mom?

IC: Many of the fastest-growing, female-dominated industries, which do not require a college education, are among the lowest paid. And while there are a handful of female CEOs and senators, women have yet to crack the glass ceiling with any sort of critical mass.

O: Meanwhile, many of the jobs don't require a college education, like uh, coalmine worker or oil rig operator, just happen to be ones where fatalities occur, and which are overwhelmingly staffed by Men-you know, like the ones that who died back in April, Ms. Carmon? Wonder if you wrote anything about that. I have to check your website…

IC: To argue that female valedictorians and single mothers getting social work degrees will someday mean "the end" of a society in which men still set almost all the terms is skipping steps. You know, the ones in which we reshape our cultural norms so that male identity isn't polarized between Marlboro Man and "omega male," as Rosin posits and implicitly enforces. And in which increased and broader participation of women isn't concentrated at the most disadvantaged segments of society, or uncritically construed as a dangerously unstable zero-sum game.

O: Please-you know just as well as I do that if and when Women can choose-and we all know they most certainly can and do-they ain't that crazy about "reshaping cultural norms" to the extent that Michael Cera replaces, or even keeps pace with, Tom Brady. And as so many authors, yes, quite a few of them Women like yourself have noted so many times, quite a few Women in our time are CHOOSING to be singlemoms, and despite all the spinning from your corner of the blogosphere, no one's forcing Women to make their academic bones in the Humanities departments. This is all their own choice, so if they don't like said choices, who should they then blame? Why Men, of course!

IC: By the way, with all of the Atlantic 's talk of women and brown people ruling the roost, what will that mean for their own staff? Let's look at their line-up of star bloggers:

O: Come now, Irin, why stop there? Here's a shortlist of the Internet's top ten feminist blogs-maybe you've heard of a few of em:

1. Feministing
2. Feministe
3. Our Bodies Our Blog

4. Jezebel
5. Broadsheet (part of Salon.com, don't ya know)
6. Finally Feminism 101
7. Women in Media & News Blog
8. Holla Back NYC
9. MediaGirl
10. Bitch Magazine

And let's not stop there-theres the traditional "Seven Sisters" mags, Cosmo, Marie Claire, Vogue, People and its many variants, Essence (since you're so concerned about "people of color")…and let's not forget the Queen of them All, "O" magazine, named after its "mama" Oprah Winfrey herself (and soon to have her own network-all Oprah, all the time, oh joy). There's Ana Marie Cox, founder of Wonkette…I mean the list of Women in media, legacy or new wave, is virtually endless. The mere thought or suggestion that somehow Women aren't getting their message(s) out and/or having their voices heard, is patently absurd, when one just takes the most casual of glances around. You could not have written the above with a straightface…right?

IC: And as has already been pointed out , eleven of the fourteen pieces that make up the Ideas issue were written by men. Either the Atlantic is another lagging indicator, or they've read their own cover stories and decided to throw a bone to the beleaguered white man — that future of affirmative action they mention, perhaps.

O: If the shoe fits, my lady. After all, Affirmative Action was designed to redress historical injustices. With the way things are going now, it ain't too far fetched to say that being Male is the New Black.

I just happen to know a little something about that.

If you got a mind-holla back…

The Obsidian

Corporatism Ahoy! Chaos in the Video Game Industry

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Once again, inspiration for posting comes from another blogger in the Manosphere, in this case Dave from Hawaii, with his take on the US, but which applies to a good chunk of the Western World too, exposing unholy alliance between Corporations and Goverment for screwing the civilian population.

It is when the larger trend is seen that the small incidents make sense.

The videogame industry, an entertainment industry like many others, is an interesting one. Part design, part creativity, part coding, its batches of fresh meat can't come from either unskilled immigrant labor, and the natural repulsion to the High IQ-Low Testosterone enviroment in there keeps the AA wimmin away.

None of those are neccesary. Fresh meat come from the surplus of Technician/College Graduate/Self-educated, starry-eyed 20-something guys that don't know any better.

Given that eternal source of fresh meat, the larger corporations can simply do massive marketing and churn out mediocre game after mediocre game, burning out developer teams by crunching them in sub-human terms.

Now, that's a massive accusation Gx, I hear you say. Well then, let's take a look at the incidents. We have several.

Evidence A: The Scratchware Manifesto.

Written a decade ago, although forgotten for being an attempt at over-glorification of the indie industry, it raises several points about the nature of the office enviroment and the corporations role on it:

> Descriptions of crunch seem to have a lot in common with the kinds of work practices you find south of the border. Here's one from Ion Storm Dallas, as reported in Salon. It's rife with 'I love my vampire masters' baloney.
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> All-nighters, 18-hour days, sleeping at the office — John Romero's posse keeps up a "death schedule" to get Daikatana out of beta.
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> Since Daikatana's inception, elite and obsessive gamers have road-tripped from around the world to work with their hero, Romero. They've quit school, left relationships and literally built beds under their desks to live and breathe nearly every breath in the house Romero built. Their commitment to a self-described "death schedule" — the final, endless rush to perfect their game — isn't just some start-up novelty, it's a way of life.

> "Aaaaarrgggggggh!" Shawn Green screams as he thrashes his computer keyboard against the ground. It's midnight in the coders cove of Ion Storm and the cubes are as dark as the city below outside. Green, a stocky, long-haired programmer in a paunchy black T-shirt, hunches like an ape at the beginning of "2001″ and whacks keys across the floor like loose teeth.
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> Green, the 28-year-old lead coder on Daikatana and a veteran of id Software, is 14 hours into one more 18-hour day. In a few minutes, he'll take his first and only break, heading off

> to an abandoned abortion clinic to practice with his doom-metal band, Last Chapter…

> "I call myself a mushroom," Weasl told me as I crouched inside, "because I'm always working in the dark." With a couple extra layers of felt draping his cube, there's not even the slightest trace of light, let alone fresh air. But Weas doesn't seem to mind. "Darkness is really helpful when you're trying to shut out outside influences," he explains, tweaking an animated pool of lava on his screen. "After you spend enough time in here, your personality adapts."
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> After you beat a child repeatedly, it's personality adapts, too.

Veterans of the Office Wars in design companies can relate to said tales. And they wouldn't be Office Wars if the internal rewards for a work weren't decided for who markets the idea better to the upper echelons of the totem and who speaks more with the media and the costumers. The latter have been almost eliminated, a sad but certain consequences of making the brand more important than the human beings on it:

> For the first 100 years of the US, corporations were highly limited. But they were plotting and planning their release. They got their big break during the Civil War. At the same time that black folks were getting freed from slavery, the vampires of Wall Street were slipping their bonds, setting up a slave system for all of us. **In 1872, they convinced the Supreme Court that corporations had all the rights of a person. And that's what we have today; America Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GlobalCapitalists'R'Us.**

Bingo. The top dog changes, but the Corporation is still there. Immortal. Immoral. Outliving it's hosts.

Once again, I need to remind people that this was written in 2000. It took a recession and the Obushama regime to make that truth sink in, and getting people to wake up from their indoctrination is HARD.

Evidence B: The EA Spouse.

Another lawsuit of a disgruntled employee would be usually swept under the carpet and given an out of court settlement to the ones not so easily dismissed, but this case was not meant to be like that. His wife whined on LiveJournal:

> Within weeks production had accelerated into a 'mild' crunch: eight hours six days a week. The producers even set a deadline; they gave a specific date for the end of the crunch, which was still months away from the title's shipping date, so it seemed safe. That date came and went. And went, and went. When the next news came it was not about a reprieve; it was another acceleration: twelve hours six days a week, 9am to 10pm.

> And the kicker: for the honor of this treatment EA salaried employees receive a) no overtime; b) no compensation time! ('comp' time is the equalization of time off for overtime — any hours spent during a crunch accrue into days off after the product has shipped); c) no additional sick or vacation leave. The time just goes away.

> This crunch also differs from crunch time in a smaller studio in that it was not an emergency effort to save a project from failure. Every step of the way, the project remained on schedule. Crunching neither accelerated this nor slowed it down; its effect on the actual

> product was not measurable. The extended hours were deliberate and planned; the management knew what they were doing as they did it.

That expousure, which attracted the MainStream Media attention (because was a woman saying it, of course) made the lawsuit a victory.

It needs to ba said that 60-hour week only create efficient cultures of slacking. Hence, IP blockers, and the whole NSFW culture. BTW, IP blockers can be bypassed easily. (Thank me for that link latter).

Evidence C: Infinity Ward Lawsuit.

Another lawsuit. In this case, Activision decided that it was cheaper to fire the creators of Modern Warfare 2 than pay them their due royalties and bonuses. That was for creating one of the **best selling games of all time**. They reward? They were held hostage by thugs for "insubordination" like local shop owners paying money to mob bosses at gunpoint.

Let's examine the kind of slimeballs that make those decisions, in this case Bobby Kotick, Activision's CEO. Here's some words from him:

> "I don't think it is specific to video games. I think that if you look at how much volatility there is in the economy and, dependent upon your view about macroeconomic picture and I think we have a real culture of thrift. And I think the goal that I had in bringing a lot of the packaged goods folks that we brought in to Activision 10 years ago was to take all the fun out of making video games."
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> "I think we definitely have been able to instill the culture, the skepticism and pessimism and fear that you should have in an economy like we are in today. And so, while generally people talk about the recession, we are pretty good at keeping people focused on the deep depression."

Well, you read it from the man. **That's** the writing on the wall in Corporate America, creating easily scared sheeple that will happily submit to almost slavery for a pathetic salary, and if they refuse? There's the way out, we got college graduates and unskilled labor. Good luck paying your taxes/family/child support!!

Although there's a place in hell for slime balls like Kotick, they are replaceable and the next schmuck will keep the program in place. Just the same as the Wall Street shiny boys. Corporations themselves must be held accountable, or else we are just going to be consumed by an amoral parasite ruled by an algorithm of profit.

Wouldn't surprise me if they become self-aware one of these days. Stranger things have happened.

-Gx1080

Media Claims Terrorists Are "Unmarried Men"

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Robert Spencer of Jihad Watch recently wrote about how the media is describing terrorism related news. There was a recent arrest of two Muslim men at JFK Airport who were on their way to Somalia to allegedly take part in terrorist activities. This arrest was reported by Reuters but Reuters did not say that these men were Muslim or point out the connection to wider Islamic terrorism. Instead Reuters described the men as "men", "unmarried American citizens", and "residents of New Jersey".

While Spencer covered how the media is ideologically against identifying these men as Muslim, he did not cover why the media chose to refer to these men as essentially "unmarried men". The media refused to describe the men arrested as Muslim because of their political correctness. However, there are many ways Reuters could have written this. Reuters chose "unmarried men" because of their anti-male and feminist ideology. It makes it sound like the men arrested at JFK Airport were more like George Sodini than Mohammed or Osama. It's not just about hiding that it was Muslims involved in these arrests. It's an attempt to kill two birds with one stone by also trying to shift the blame on to men by implying that terrorism is caused by regular (unmarried) men who are American citizens.

The media like other feminist and anti-male ideologues see the average man as the problem not the guys who are actually flying planes into buildings. Unmarried men are free of parts of the system that are designed to extract wealth from men such as the divorce court system. There is a real threat that men will either go ghost in greater numbers or fight back in the future. Expect to see more of this general blaming of men or unmarried men specifically in the future.

NJ Civil Rights Potentate Spikes Ladies' Nights

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Following a complaint from a man, a civil rights official in New Jersey has decreed ladies' nights in bars illegal. States across the US are not in agreement on the issue, as several have ruled them permissible, while a few others have banned them.

As far as I'm concerned, it really isn't my business who bars choose to let in or what they charge. I don't like the idea of businesses being forced to eradicate discrimination, because it isn't their job to do so; it is simply their job to make money, and one would think that discrimination wouldn't be the best way to do so anyway.

Nevertheless, if the gander must pay I suppose the goose can do so as well. And who wants to go to a bar that inculcates a sense of entitlement in women anyway?

White Knight Network Extends its Reach to our Communities

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In an effort to start a new social crusade, organizations spawned by academic feminism are extending their tentacles into our communities in what appears to be a bid to stir up vigilante action against men. As usual, they claim to come in peace, but the breathless exaggerations of the problem of domestic violence and the witch-hunt nature of the campaign give the lie to their disguise as self-styled "peacemakers."

In fact, the latest group calls itself "Men as Peacemakers," and exhorts men to "stand up and take action," asking "How many women have to be demeaned, beaten, raped or killed before we men decide it's too much?"

When one phrases a question in that way, perspective is totally ignored. The fact that men are overwhelmingly the victims of violence in the US is of little consequence to these folks, because, well, in their minds they probably *deserved it*. Additionally, the fellows running this kind of feminist version of Promise Keepers make such idiotic statements as: "Women are experiencing male-perpetrated violence at incredible rates, and yet men remain on the sidelines."

Incredible?

The women I see out and about every day must be "incredible" make-up artists to hide all those black eyes and busted lips, or else millions of them are holed up in women's shelters, because I haven't seen any evidence of this. But Men as Peacemakers would have us believe that we've all abandoned our sisters, wives (yes, it's unbelievable, but they suggested that husbands are standing idly by while men beat their wives — perhaps their wives' badboy lovers?) and coworkers to be thumped by some bad guys.

Truth is, adult Western women lead the safest lives of any people on the planet, but we're supposed to believe that they are suffering under some terrible brutality that must be stopped now.

The real motivation of these guys is pretty obvious to me: they're trying to cash in on the dominant feminist victim ideology. Making the rounds at companies preaching "nonviolence" and "protection of women" is how they plan to make a buck, whether or not they are making any difference at all.

The only difference they will make will most likely be to spur a few scapegoat prosecutions of guys who let the wife or girlfriend have it during a booze-fueled hurly burly in some hovel on the wrong side of the tracks. Domestic violence is generally prevalent in lower socio-economic groups where there are substance abuse and other behavioral problems that cut across both genders, not to mention high rates of unemployment, poverty and illegitimacy. In fact, contrary to what feminists maintain, it is precisely in communities where women are most empowered relative to the men – the ghettoes and trailer parks of America, for example – where they are most likely to get punched in the face.

However, these guys' teachings may also have the unfortunate effect of convincing some dimwit to intervene in a domestic dispute and get himself killed. More police are killed on domestic calls than any other classification, and if people are willing to kill cops in those situations, they'll definitely be willing to kill civilian strangers. Every now and then one reads about some guy who attempts to quell an argument between a man and a woman, and who then ends up getting the crap kicked out of him by both the man AND the woman.

Of course, Men as Peacemakers will disavow any responsibility for getting people killed by saying

“we promote peace,” but the imagery and language they use, combined with the calls to action, are sure to cause trouble.

I think it’s important to stand up to these guys and ask them some hard questions about facts, and to question their motives. They aren’t bringing peace, but rather more conflict, and they are all but calling for vigilanteism.

Feminist Actress Beats Boy at Mall

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Jodie Foster, perhaps America's most renowned feminist actress, allegedly seized a boy and beat him in a mall parking lot, leaving marks and scratches on his arm when he attempted to take her picture, according to the boy and his father. Foster claims that she manhandled the boy because he was bothering her and her artificially conceived, genetically superior progeny, and anyway he was a "professional paparazzo."

Although it might appear on the surface that this attack was an indication of hatred for men, I think something different is at work: Jodie's having a rough time as a single mom.

Jodie Foster has told the world over and over that she doesn't need any help from a mere man raising a couple of boys, but it seems that the stress is getting to be a bit much for her. Foster may be a highly charged, ambitious woman, and she may have set about trying to create the master race by having herself inseminated with Übermensch sperm, but even she has her limits, and all that pent up frustration came out in an explosion of rage against the hapless boy with a camera.

Women like Jodie Foster are why I think men should think twice about donating sperm — they will be your children, after all, and do you really want that kind of woman raising your kids?

Free Reality

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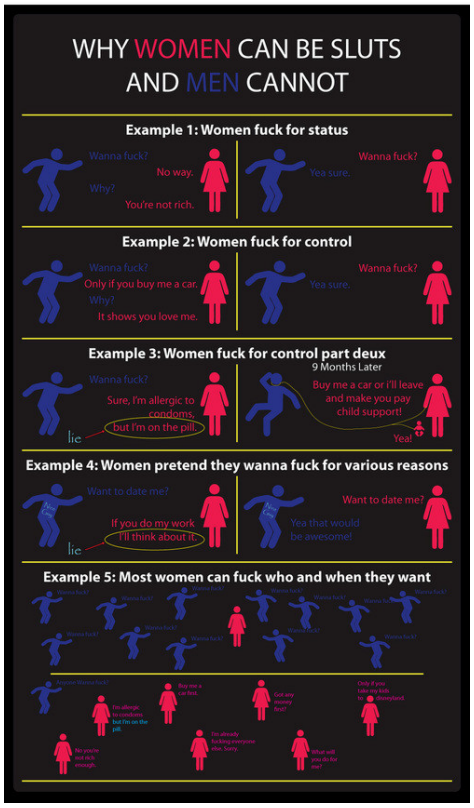

Look, an easy poster.

Share that.

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Girls Display Entitlement in Fight With Cop

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In this dust-up in Seattle, not far from where I live, a young woman is shown fighting a cop as he struggles to maintain control without using excessive force. When her friend intervenes, the cop lets her have it in the face. I wonder whether NOMAS and Men as Peacemakers would approve? Would they step between the cop and this fine young lady?

As a guy, I know that I'd likely be tased or shot for the same level of resistance/aggression, but these girls have no such fear. The irony of it is that there's a good chance the exact same girls here who are cursing and fighting this cop will call the police to use them against some man in their lives at some point.

This is why being a cop is such a lousy job.

SPLICE — Hollywood is Finally Getting it Right!

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[For today's guest post we have a movie review, written by EP]

The timesink site known as TVTropes.org has a wonderfully even-handed page entitled Men are the Expendable Gender. It notes the different treatment and 'noteworthiness' of male and female deaths in movies, and how very few treat male and female experiences exactly the same. These practices are so sunk in moviemaking and life that I highly doubt that this will ever change no matter how much feminist influence in our society is reeled back. But every so often, a movie comes out that makes you sit up and say: "What? Did I just see *equal treatment of different motivations* that I just saw there?" Feels…weirdly invigorating, like the larger culture finally gets what we've been working for…wait, was that *Joel Silver's* name in the producer's credits?

And *Splice* is precisely that kind of movie. Spoilers are left, right, and center in this review, so if you haven't seen it yet, do so immediately, *then* read my analysis. (Ideal audiences are young couples just starting out, but any parent of a child of any number of years, especially male parents, should see it, as it specifically affirms the value of masculine virtues in raising daughters.)

So, *Splice.* It's being marketed on the sex angle (even the logo is reminiscent of that *Species* movie, which, as I recall, starred Gahndi as an evil scientist and Doctor Octopus as an amiable co-star. If you want to see them in pretty much exactly the same roles, just go watch *Prince of Persia* instead.) Moviebob loved it because it was a movie about genetic engineering that didn't go for the "We must not tamper in GODS DOMAIN!" message. And, despite being a Christian of some years, I emphatically agree. God's domain is what we have not mastered, and it is the glory of man to seek out a matter-within defined moral limits. The true message of *Splice* is "Adam's sin was to let Eve do what she wanted." This message is wrapped up in one of the most *effectively* disturbing movies ever made-that's also occasionally very funny, heartwarming, and obliquely but firmly condemning of everything feminism does to women and men.

The true backstory of *Splice* is alluded to in asides throughout the movie. As near as I can figure out, an intelligent, fairly well-off feminist of the Andrea Dworkin variety left college sometime in the 60s. Being a near-lesbian feminist true believer, yet lacking neither skills nor functional beauty, she bought a farm in the remote part of the country, conceived a girl (with the suitably eugenic name of Elsa) by some drifting unnamed thug, and then proceeded to raise her to not need men, ever. The girl slept on a mattress on the floor, her room was kept as bare and Spartan as possible, any pets she became attached to were taken from her, she was forbidden makeup, and worst of all, she was raised entirely on feminist theory, pop sociology, and biology textbooks. Then she went to college. Unfortunately, she was beautiful. Doubly unfortunately, she was driven toward theoretical and experimental biology, traditionally a more male-heavy field, by her mother. Triply unfortunately, she was actually intelligent enough to hack it in the field until she was able to secure the alpha-among-his-peers played by Adrien Brody in a marriage meant for career success more than children. Thanks to the aforementioned unfortunates, her mother's fanatical views were never criticized by the intelligent men she was surrounded with when brought up, but rather pushed under the hood by everyday mundane career focus.

And then Adrien Brody enters the picture, playing Clive, and demonstrating that a girl-of-your-beta-

dreams who seemingly shares all your nerdly interests is still *not the one you want* when feminism still has a hold on her psyche. Clive is the eldest brother of a family of high-IQ people who had all the benefits of a good upbringing and a large family. He does biology because it's something he loves, he can mouth the platitudes of the university without actually losing too much fem-cred due to his sigma status as smartest elder in the family *and* the founder of his own successful biotech company, and his game is good enough to get Elsa to quit talking feminism and focus on their shared research project, though not good enough to convince her to get off the birth control and give him a kid already. Couples therapy ensues, though at this point it's only the low-level recommended 'educational' version for nice liberal rich types.

They create life. More accurately, they patch together a chimeric mammphibian super-slug that can biologically produce expensive proteins that would require far more time and expense if made by traditional chemical means. But it's still pretty cool, because, *hey, we created a new form of life!* Give us a Nobel and let's go on to humans before the Chinese try it or something! And all of a sudden Elsa grabs the feminist opportunity of her lifetime-secretly using her own DNA to create the Brave New human amalgam.

The resulting creature (called "Dren,") is ugly-cute at first, ages at an accelerated rate, develops like an embryo outside the womb from a chicken-kangaroo thing into a lithe, sexy, she-lizardess, and packs a mean neurotoxic stinger on its tail. Dren also has features of all major animal classes that make occasional appearances when under stress, which will guarantee her as the prime subject for deviantart submissions in the foreseeable future. Every minor milestone of her life is met with asides on parenting actual children, and in the most honest depiction of real life parenting ever seen:

> …dear God, puberty hits. Other things being equal, women are better parents than men for small children. A man would go crazy. **For older kids, no.**

It hits Elsa particularly hard when her creation all of a sudden starts paying more attention to and then pining for the only male she's allowed to see: her husband. (Elsa's knowledge of parenting stops at 'stand in the corner' and 'I love you.' For some strange reason, the second one is more effective when her husband says it.) The husband in this case is eventually **shamefully** drawn toward **unnatural sexual relations** with a woman who's a younger, prettier, more animalistic, and less-tainted-by-feminism version of his current wife. I'm sure Welmer would note the Jungian undertones, though one might question whether Dren truly qualifies as *his* daughter, since he has no DNA in the business that he doesn't inject personally. Thankfully, when his wife calls him on it, he fires right back and raises the stakes on exactly what his wife was trying to accomplish.

The final fourth of the movie simply proves that even when unwillingly having sex with the jerks they helped create, women don't hate them enough to forfeit their children. And that the most horrifying thing that can personally happen to a woman is to end up turning into her mother, having learned nothing in her own life from the men she meets to break that cycle.

The pursuit of knowledge through science at any cost is often corrupt and destructive, but it is not the prime evil. Corporatism and Gekkonian officialism is often corrupt, but it is not the prime evil. Men themselves are responsible for much terror through callousness and fear of financial failure, but even they are not the prime evils. The true prime evil in the movie, that existed only to steal, kill, and destroy any hope of a non-Hollywood horror ending, was simply feminism, the philosophical abstraction created by many women and a few men, that cut women off from understanding the nature of man, the nature of themselves, and the nature of anything. Against this destructive soul

poison not even the greatest of marriages with both parties possessing the finest of minds, bodies, ambition, funding, and social acumen could last. Nor could their offspring, whether natural or artificial.

Few movies are made as well as this one. Fewer *science fiction* movies that are *rated R* that actually deal with *real child-raising issues* and *condemn feminism* are made…ever, though with success that trend may change. It's almost like a French film that grew up and married an American sensibility, trading away academic references to obscure authors for a modern sensibility, tighter plotting and a good special effects budget without losing the essential message. Good thing, too, since the last movie I saw by a French director was all about car chases and explosions, though that may have been an anomaly.

Hollywood is getting it. Support this movie and they'll get it that much faster.

State Department Releases Slavery Report, Ignores Problem at Home

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According the to the State Department's latest report on modern slavery, 12 million people around the world are trapped in some form of slavery, including forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution. Of course, media reports focus only on forced prostitution, which accounts for only about 10% of modern slavery, ignoring others – mostly men – who are enslaved for their labor.

It is probably the cavalier attitude toward the enslavement of men that perpetuates the barbaric practice, which is arguably officially condoned by judicial systems of Anglosphere countries through family law court orders.

The hypocrisy of a country that presumes to condemn slavery when it forces millions of men to pay their ex-wives under threat of imprisonment should not be lost on any man who has been divorced and lost his children.

The US alimony and child support system could fairly be described as debt bondage, in that men are often saddled with payments they cannot meet, and then face increasing restrictions on their freedom of movement, and finally face real imprisonment for debts they cannot afford to repay. It may be that, under the bonded labor category of slavery, the United States enslaves more people than any other country on earth.

Mangina Monthly

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Another Lone Nut comic.

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Conservatives Celebrating Feminism

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Ross Douthat recently wrote an article for the NY Times that basically endorses feminism, saying that conservative female candidates are proof of its success. Whether or not women in high offices is a good thing I'll leave up to individuals to decide, but there's nothing benevolent about feminism, which is at its core a supremacist ideology.

Only a couple decades ago, the idea that conservatives would embrace and support feminism would have been ridiculous, but here we are with Palin declaring herself a feminist and male conservatives emphatically agreeing and supporting her:

> The question of whether conservative women get to be feminists is an interesting and important one. But it has obscured a deeper truth: Whether or not Palin or Fiorina or Haley can legitimately claim the label feminist, their rise is a testament to the overall triumph of the women's movement.
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> What Tuesday's results demonstrated, convincingly, is that America is now a country where social conservatives are as comfortable as liberals with the idea of women in high office. More strikingly, they're comfortable voting for working mothers — for women publicly juggling careers and family obligations in ways that would have been unthinkable for the generations of female leaders, from Elizabeth I's Virgin Queen down to Margaret Thatcher's Iron Lady, who were expected to unsex themselves before being entrusted with the responsibilities of state.

The real problem with conservatism is exactly what its name implies: it seeks to "conserve" whatever happens to be the standard value system. In the Soviet Union in the 1980s, a Stalinist Bolshevik would have been a conservative. In North Korea, a hardline follower of Juche thought is a conservative.

In America today, an androphobic feminist who supports female supremacy can easily be a conservative.

I and readers who oppose the feminist status quo are considered wacky radicals who are not right-thinking Americans. We should properly be cheering every time a man's wife leaves him and takes his children. We should be clamoring for more severe extrajudicial police responses to men accused by their wives and girlfriends. The disappearance of the American male from college campuses should be cause for celebration, and the rising financial burdens on men even as they are pushed out of employment should give us a feeling of self-righteous satisfaction.

This is what has become of American conservatism.

The Face of an Abuser

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21-year-old Malorie A. Crisp of Boise, Idaho was arrested on felony battery charges yesterday after beating a man with a cane. Before or during the beating, Ms. Crisp attempted to disable the man's telephone to prevent him from calling the police.

Given that the man was beaten with a cane, it is likely that he was elderly or disabled and Ms. Crisp seized his cane in order to give him a more severe beating.

According to women's groups, abusers like Malorie Crisp do not exist, because domestic violence is all about perpetuating the patriarchy. Therefore, when a woman assaults a member of "the patriarchy", it cannot possibly be domestic violence. Note how the article states that she was arrested for "aggravated battery," whereas if it were a man arrested during a "domestic dispute" the police report would have indicated "domestic violence." This is one method by which domestic violence rates are skewed to make it appear that women do not perpetrate domestic violence.

In other news in Boise, a woman assaulted a store employee to help a shoplifter.

Woman Kills Ex-Girlfriend, Uncle in “Domestic Dispute”

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Kim Wolfe, a Nassau County corrections officer, allegedly shot and killed her ex-girlfriend, 45-year-old Stacie Williams, and her 56-year-old uncle in separate events this morning. She also gunned down her 88-year-old grandfather, but he was not killed.

After opening fire at her uncle and grandfather’s house, she seized her niece, kidnapping her at gunpoint before fleeing the scene.

After a womanhunt that lasted several hours, police eventually tracked down and arrested Wolfe, finding a 9mm handgun in her possession.

Neighbors and coworkers expressed shock, and reported that they’d never known of any bad blood between Wolfe and her relatives or trouble at work. It is unknown whether Ms. Wolfe’s girlfriend took legal actions against her prior to the outburst, but in many cases rubber stamp ex-parte HROs (Harrassment Restraining Orders) and other legal novelties introduced by VAWA have sparked mass murder.

Interestingly, a high court has just ruled that punitive measures in VAWA apply to gay partners – married or not – as well as to men.

Days of Sperm Donor Anonymity are Numbered

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In an article in Slate, the practice of using donor sperm to conceive is coming under scrutiny as more donor-conceived children reach adulthood. Many of them, it turns out, are not all that happy about not knowing who their father is:

> Others speak of the searching for their biological father in crowds, wondering if a man who resembles them could be "the one." One donor-conceived adult responded to an open-ended question on our survey by writing: "Sometimes I wonder if my father is standing right in front of me." Still others speak of complicated emotional journeys and lost or damaged relationships with their families when they grow up. One wrote at the end of our survey: "I still have issues with this problem and am seeking professional help. It has helped me to become a stronger person but has scarred me emotionally." Another said, "[I am] currently not on seeing or speaking terms with family because of this."
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> Listening to the stories of donor-conceived adults, you begin to realize there's really no such thing as a "donor." Every child has a biological father. To claim otherwise is simply to compound the pain, first as these young people struggle with the original, deliberate loss of their biological father, and second as they do so within a culture that insists some guy who went into a room with a dirty magazine isn't a father. At most the children are told he's a "seed provider" or "the nice guy who gave me what I needed to have you" or the "Y Guy" or any number of other cute euphemisms that signal powerfully to children that this man should be of little, if any, importance to them.

I always thought this would happen eventually. I've known a few women who have conceived with donor sperm, and I sometimes wondered whether these women were really suited to motherhood after all. It may be that many of the problems donor-conceived children report are tied to having somewhat dysfunctional mothers, but one cannot discount the fundamental human desire to know one's origins.

Human religion, culture and art have all been deeply preoccupied with our origins from the beginning, and it must be deeply disturbing to a number of people to have no idea who their fathers are.

Our society has become so radically dismissive of the importance of fatherhood that it may seem absurd to many people that biological fatherhood could matter at all, but the experiences of these children quite clearly suggest that it does matter very much.

Father's Day Fund Drive

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The time is upon *The Spearhead* for another fund drive, as your humble editor is running dangerously low on cash, and needs an excuse to continue devoting a great deal of time to the publication. Father's Day seems like a good time to make a plea for donations, and it's been a while since the last drive, but most of all it is need that spurs it.

Traditionally, I disclose some of the earnings of the site for those who might be interested in how The Spearhead funds itself and pays for expenses, so here's a rundown:

Google ads provide from $160-200 per month. This more than pays for internet overhead, which runs around $100/month, but obviously doesn't leave much over.

Book sales, including Roosh's books and Amazon affiliate sales add, on average over the last three months since the last fund drive, roughly $70/month.

Donations, including those from the last fund drive, provide about $700 per month (averaged), which is obviously the bulk of *The Spearhead*'s income.

So overall, The Spearhead is pulling in just shy of $1,000 per month, and every cent of that is needed. In fact, significantly more is needed, but I'm aware that these things don't happen overnight, and am committed to keeping *The Spearhead* running as long as I can squeeze by.

There is a good deal more that could be done to monetize the site. Given the amount of traffic *The Spearhead* pulls in, it could be making significantly more than that, but it seems to me that making the site purely commercial would detract from its mission. Nevertheless, there are still ways to capitalize on the traffic without selling out, and these projects are in development.

As for traffic, the site continues to grow, although at a slower pace than six months ago (which is entirely normal). Monthly stats at this time are:

- 41,000 unique visitors
- 283,000 page views
- 2.8 average pageviews
- 35% new visits
- 46% bounce rate

That's pretty good. Over 40,000 individuals per month are reading *The Spearhead*, and most of them are returning readers. This means that tens of thousands of people are visiting *The Spearhead* multiple times every month. Additionally, a 46% bounce rate is quite good, because it means that most people who visit *The Spearhead* are sticking around to look at more than one page.

I think the site is having wider influence than even these decent numbers suggest. The plight of men in the West is beginning to become a mainstream issue, and I credit the websites and articles that constitute the manosphere for that. People really are starting to pay attention, including those who are comfortably ensconced in positions of power and influence; those who are shielded from the worst abuses of contemporary family law and the excesses of misandry. Articles are showing up in the New York Times, The Atlantic and other influential publications. Our hundreds of articles, some of which have been widely linked, have begun to sway the pillar of public consciousness and open people's minds to the fact that something might be wrong with a society that has somehow organized itself

around the principle that men are worthless.

I'd like to thank those who have donated time and effort by writing as well as those who have generously contributed funds. Without the efforts of many people, this site could not have lifted off the ground, and without the contributions from readers it would not be able to offer anywhere near the same volume of content.

So, if you want to see *The Spearhead* continue to grow and thrive, and you support the effort to bring back perspective and a measure of justice to our society, please help out with a donation. Your help is vital to the operation of the publication, and very much appreciated.

Some readers have suggested setting up a monthly subscription system, which I think is a good idea. I'm going to reveal the details of that in a subsequent post today.

Donations can be accepted through the Paypal link on the main site's front page, or sent to the mailing address below that link.

New Vows for Marriage 2.0

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I wrote these up to more accurately reflect the state of marriage today. It's tongue-in-cheek, but largely true. Wedding vows are terribly outdated, and they are part of the problem for young men, who tend to take words at face value. Let them take vows that truly represent the situation they are entering, and then maybe they will be more careful about marriage.

Commenters feel free to add your own version.

Marriage 1.0:

MINISTER TO GROOM:

Do you GROOM take BRIDE to be your wife – to live together after God's ordinance – in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon her your heart's deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her as long as you both shall live?

GROOM:

I will.

Marriage 2.0:

Do you GROOM take BRIDE to be your wife – to be shackled to her by state ordinance – in the grim servitude of matrimony, from which there will be no manumission? Will you fear her, labor for her, obey and grovel to her, whether healthy or ill, for her enrichment and your impoverishment, for her betterment and your sacrifice, in sorrow and terror, to worship and continually bestow upon her your life's essence, forsaking yourself, keep yourself in chains and debt to her as long as you shall live?

GROOM:

Help…

Marriage 1.0:

MINISTER TO BRIDE:

Do you BRIDE'S NAME) take GROOM'S NAME to be your husband – to live together after God's ordinance – in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon him your heart's deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him as long as you both shall live?

BRIDE:

I will.

Marriage 2.0:

Do you BRIDE take GROOM to be your husband – to own him by state ordinance – in the profitable contract of matrimony, which is yours to rewrite at any time? Will you use him, ride him, emasculate and dominate him, whether healthy or ill, for your enrichment and his impoverishment, for your betterment and his sacrifice, in triumph and contempt, to render him prostrate before you and continually lay upon him your heaviest burdens, indulging yourself, keep him only as long as you

please and draw from his labor as long as he shall live?

BRIDE:

I win!

Marriage 1.0:

Exchange of Wedding Rings

MINISTER:

What token of your love do you offer? Would you place the ring(s) in my hand?

May this/these ring(s) be blessed as the symbol of this affectionate unity. These two lives are now joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever they go – may they always return to one another. May these two find in each other the love for which all men and women year. May they grow in understanding and in compassion. May the home which they establish together be such a place that many will find there a friend. May this/these ring(s) on her/their finger(s) symbolize the touch of the spirit of love in their hearts.

Handing ring to the Groom

Marriage 2.0:

MINISTER:

What tokens of mastery and submission do you offer? Would you place the rings in my hand?

May these rings symbolize the power of family law. These two lives are now arranged in a conditional relationship. Wherever they go, one shall be subject to the other's caprice. May these two be governed by judges in black robes. May they come to understand the futility of resistance to officials. May the home they purchase together be continually accessible to the police, so that GROOM may be removed by the state at any time. May these rings on their fingers symbolize the all-powerful reach of the state. May BRIDE honor the state for its benevolence, and GROOM cower in terror under the iron fist of the law.

Taking hold of GROOM's limp hand and shoving ring on finger.

Seattle Cartoonist Kicks Dads in the Shorts Before Father's Day

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It's become something of a tradition to bash men on Father's Day. Police departments stage raids on "deadbeat dads," hauling impoverished men off to jail to humiliate them and guarantee that they won't have any contact with their children, our President gives us speeches about how we men are dropping the ball, and editorials are penned about the crisis of fatherhood that place all the blame on – you guessed it – fathers.

male unemployment is so funny

So I'm not surprised to see a cruel cartoon poking fun at unemployed men, but I do wonder if it will ever end. It can be pretty demoralizing to be exposed to this right before a day that's supposed to celebrate the special, human relationship between fathers and their children.

The truth is that it is very hard on men to be unemployed, broke and struggling, and making them the butt of jokes before Father's Day is in pretty bad taste.

But that's par for the course here in the Anglosphere.

Another Woman Caught Shaking Down Soldiers

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Another woman has been caught taking advantage of the bonanza that awaits women who snag military husbands. In this case, Tammy Treat/Patton/Benson, actually managed to pull off bigamy, marrying one soldier, and then after he deployed finding another dupe. While her deployed husband was in Iraq, Tammy took every single bit of his money, and then when he came home and found out she'd married another man she made off with every cent, leaving both husbands in the dust.

Seems Tammy had been married before, and when reporters reached her first husband he expressed no surprise at all at the event, suggesting she was just doing it for the money. Her mother was also contacted, and, of course, blamed Tammy's problems on other people bothering her.

http://news.yahoo.com/video/denvercbs4-15750663/soldiers-families-upset-by-marriages-to-2-men-20402585

Military Fights to Halt Rising Suicide Rate

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An AP article with a misleading title, "A victory as Army mounts anti-suicide campaign," reveals what is all too frequently the triggering factor in military suicides: divorce. Family law in the US makes it exceedingly easy for women to take advantage of military spouses, offering them a raft of benefits for divorcing their soldier, sailor and airman husbands. Add that to the fact that military wives are notorious for infidelity, and there are bound to be a lot of casualties.

From the article:

> Godding, now stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and Sanders, at Fort Polk, La., told their story in telephone interviews after Godding received the Meritorious Service Medal for saving Sanders' life.
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> The two soldiers were in Iraq together with a 10th Mountain Division artillery battery in 2008 when Sanders' wife said she wanted a divorce, Sanders said.
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> "It was mid-deployment. Things were getting pretty hectic at the time, the temperature was rising," Sanders said. "I would mainly call her to kind of vent. She was the only person I had to talk to. She just said goodbye."

The "victory" referred to in the article is one instance of an aware and caring friend preventing a suicide by disabling his fellow-soldier's weapon. We have no way of knowing how many suicides have been prevented by comrades in arms, but there have doubtless been many besides this one. In Army Spc. Joseph Sanders' case, his friend had listened to him make a plea for help by confessing his thoughts of ending his life. Spc. Albert Godding, who took him seriously and took steps to prevent it, obviously did the right thing. Whenever anyone – especially a man – talks about ending his life it is not a joke.

Sadly, too many men are left to deal with very dark thoughts all alone in this day of the casual destruction of men's lives by politicians, judges and wives. Many men have few people to talk to, and many have been conditioned to bottle up their emotions. Additionally, as a culture, we have been trained to feel little sympathy for men, which probably explains the barbaric treatment they often receive at the hands of their wives and the courts.

That suicide is a response to stress and ill-treatment should be obvious, but the fact that men are some four times as likely to kill themselves as women is seldom taken as evidence that men have it harder in our society. When certain policies, such as abusive, anti-male family law, clearly lead to suicide, one would think that decent people would make some effort to change them. However, for all the talk about reducing the suicide rate in the armed forces, I have never seen any evidence at all that any officials intend to make any changes whatsoever to the family law policies that have created this problem.

Rats for Father's Day

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Nicholas Kristof, who is currently promoting a feminist book he wrote along with his wife, suggests that donating to charity rather than buying dad a gift is the right thing to do for Father's Day. The charity he has in mind is one that trains giant rats to sniff out land mines in Africa.

Of course clearing land mines is important work, most of which will naturally be done by men, most of whom are probably dads themselves, but one ought to ask whether Kristof would make a similar appeal for Mother's Day. Can one imagine a columnist telling people NOT to buy presents for Mother's Day? Say he wrote that instead of giving mom a gift, a gift should be given to a charity that, say, built biogas latrines in Cambodia. Somehow, I think the editors at the NY Times might have a word with Mr. Kristof about that.

All Mr. Kristof is saying in declaring Father's Day is "a triumph of commercialism" is that Father's Day isn't a "real" holiday. Certainly he wouldn't tell people not to buy roses for their wives/girlfriends on Valentine's Day, or presents for people on their birthdays.

In a way, I agree with Mr. Kristof. Father's Day should be about more than a tie or a card. For millions of men out there, I know they'd happily go without a single gift just for a chance to see their children on Father's Day. For those men away at war, in prison or deprived of their children by callous mothers and a ruthless, uncaring court, no card or small token – not even an enormous, African rat – could make up for the time they've missed.

Happy Father’s Day!

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Have a great day with your fathers and children, and don’t forget the men who, for whatever reason, are away from their families.

“Dad Camp” Empowers Expectant Single Mothers

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I was alerted to an article in Feministing about a VH1 “reality” show called “Dad Camp,” in which a bunch of single pregnant women get to decide whether or not to “allow these men [the children's fathers] to be romantically involved with them as they raise their children.”

Of course, Feministing posted this article directly before Father’s Day, which tells us all we need to know about the fine women who run the site. Rose Afriyie, the author of the article, referred to the men as “ain’t-shit baby fathers,” and suggested that absent fathers are inherent criminals. Sadly, a number of conservative men share her view. In fact, Rose’s language exactly mirrors what I could imagine coming out of some bigoted, backwoods judge’s mouth (honesty, I can’t wait until those socon dinosaurs are all in their dotage – or at least retired – leaving the feminists all alone in this world to bray into the wind).

In another parallel with with socons, the poor little pregnant women are portrayed by Rose as innocent victims in this game. Why, you’d think they were all virgins until they were fooled by some sneaky bastards imitating prince charming. Maybe the guys hypnotized the pants off the innocent little things, who surely never had any dirty thoughts ever in their lives.

But what really gets me angry is the automatic assumption that *any man* who isn’t there with his kids is a deadbeat. So many of us tried to be fathers, married women with the foolish idea that we were “doing the right thing,” and then got burned and unceremoniously yanked out of our children’s lives. By the standard employed by feminists and socons, a man can be a deadbeat whether he marries the woman or not. If he doesn’t live up to her standards, no matter how impossible, no matter whether he physically can, a man is a “deadbeat.” A man whose wife cheated on him, taking his house and putting him out on the street, causing his life to unravel so that he can no longer afford the bills and child support ordered by a judge, is a “deadbeat.” A man who is injured at work and can’t afford child support with his worker’s comp is a “deadbeat.”

They may say “no, we don’t mean you,” but the laws say otherwise. Deadbeat means only one thing: father. It is the only category that is absolutely open to every father in America. You may not be able to see your kids when you want (if at all), you may have no say in who babymomma drags in from the bar at night for some liquor-fueled love in the bedroom next to the kids, but you can always be a deadbeat.

So why should there be a camp for dads? Men have no realistic choice in the matter of whether or not to be fathers to their children. It is all up to the women, so what could this camp possibly be besides a gratuitous exercise of power over the men involved? Well, feministing pretty much gives it away by endorsing the show for “empowering” the single-mothers-to-be. This show merely demonstrates what depths a society will sink to when the highest virtue is “empowering” women — even and especially those who make the irresponsible, selfish choice to become single mothers.

Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics such as Cipro and Levaquin Ruin Lives

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Americans are being poisoned on a vast scale by toxins generated by corporations whose only goal is profit regardless of the consequences on humanity and its future. These corporations include but are not limited to pharmaceutical companies and the medical establishment, which thrive on treating illnesses with expensive toxic drugs rather than simple, natural treatments that wouldn't turn a profit.

I stumbled upon all this after experiencing side effects from Ciprofloxacin, a fluoroquinolone antibiotic that is highly toxic to human tissue yet still prescribed like candy by doctors. My side effects have been mild so far (aching joints and muscles, primarily) but were significant enough to drive me to research the causes and treatments for exposure to fluoroquinolones, including Cipro, Levaquin, Floxin, Avelox, and others.

I quickly learned not to blindly trust doctors regarding my health and when in doubt to do my own research. I also learned that the FDA is funded largely by pharmaceutical companies and thus has a glaring conflict of interest, which is why the fluoroquinolone antibiotics have not been pulled from the market despite the debilitating side effects. The FDA had to be sued just to issue an ineffective black box warning regarding only the potential for tendon damage.

The adverse effects of fluoroquinolones include chronic fatigue, tendonitis/tendinopathy, tendon rupture, joint pain, muscle weakness/soreness/fibromyalgia, peripheral neuropathy, muscle spasms, popping/cracking joints, endurance problems, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), heart palpitations, anxiety attacks, brain fog, depersonalization, memory loss, difficulty finding the right word at times, seizures, buzzing/tingling/vibratory sensations, dry eyes/mouth/sinuses, numbness (especially at night), floaters/blank spots in field of vision, depression, and death.

The worst part about the symptoms of fluoroquinolones is that they are not short-lived. They can cause chronic mental and physical pain and disability. They can ruin lives. And the longer you are exposed to them, the more likely you will suffer these "side effects". These chronic ailments are not often connected with the use of fluoroquinolones because doctors often rely on drug reps (salesmen) for their information rather than examining the readily available literature such as the Physician's Desk Reference on the drugs they prescribe, their side effects, and contraindications. Patients are not given informed consent about the dangers of these drugs.

Ciprofloxacin is routely subscribed for urinary tract infections, which affect women about ten times more often than men, even though there are far safer alternatives than Cipro. Lo and behold, fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome affect women about ten times more often than men, too, and these illnesses just happened to sprout up all over the place shortly after fluoroquinolone use became widespread.

Fluoroquinolones are also routinely prescribed for a variety of off-label indications such as suspected sinus infections or prostate infections. These antibiotics are extremely dangerous toxins that may cause symptoms of severe fluoride poisoning quickly in perfectly healthy individuals. Sometimes they are even given to children or in combination with NSAIDs such as Ibuprofin, which increase the dangers.

Many of the illnesses we see today, such as cancer, were exceedingly rare only 100 years ago.

However, toxins introduced into our environment by industry now circulate in our bloodstreams and reside in our tissues. These toxins and irresponsible agricultural practices have robbed vital minerals such as boron from the produce we buy from the supermarket, contributing to many chronic diseases of the heart, body, and mind. It is true that we live longer today and are more likely to be afflicted by cancer as we age, but at the same time carcinogenic toxins that permeate our environment, our food, and our bodies make cancer more likely at any age.

The government's fluoridation of our water supply has exacerbated our insufficient intake of iodine and is suspected as a major contributor to fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, thyroid problems, cancer, and various neurological pathologies. Aluminum, mercury, and other contaminants in the food we eat and the cookware we use may lead to chronic diseases such as Alzheimer's and cardiovascular disease. Yet the government continues to allow us to be poisoned and devotes no effort to investigating the ill effects of these contaminants even though research has shown their detrimental effects.

Doctors continue to ignore natural, diet and supplement-based strategies to combat illness, instead relying on poisonous substances to treat the symptoms of disease rather than the underlying causes. One-third of pharmaceuticals contain fluoride, which is toxic to every cell in the body, is not an essential nutrient, and was shown in one study to lower the IQ of children. Fluoride allows chemicals to penetrate human cells more easily and even helps aluminum contaminants penetrate the blood-brain barrier.

The typical American diet provides a breeding ground for fluoride-based drugs to do their damage: we ingest copious amounts of the toxic halides fluorine, chlorine, and bromine from our food and water while subsisting on a diet low in the essential nutrient iodine, which competes against these toxins in the thyroid and other tissues. The FDA's recommended daily intake of iodine is several magnitudes too low for thyroid sufficiency, especially in an environment where most fluids we drink contain added fluoride and most breads and flour contain added bromine. Neither the government nor the medical establishment is willing to recognize or even investigate honestly the disastrous effects such toxins and poor nutrition are having on us. It will be up to us as individuals and small communities to educate and protect ourselves and our families from the physical and mental horrors resulting from fluoride, fluorine-based drugs, and other toxins the establishment callously subjects us to.

If you or a family member suffers from symptoms of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, or an autoimmune disease, I'd urge you to check their medical history for use of quinolone antibiotics. Cipro, Levaquin, Floxin, Avelox are common ones but there are others, although many have been removed from the market due to the dangers. And please **never let a doctor give these drugs to you or your loved ones, especially children.** There are always safer alternatives.

Limiting one's fluoride exposure (through drugs, fluoridated water, toothpaste, and processed drinks) is important to overall health, but fluoride and fluorinated drugs such as the fluoroquinolones, Prozac, and Paxil are just the tip of this iceberg. The truth is that pretty much everything you can buy at the supermarket is contaminated with toxins. This makes it quite difficult to limit one's exposure to harmful substances.

Dr. Joseph Mercola runs a website exposing much of the dangers of common foods and products. He is a businessman, too, so you may take his advice with a grain of salt. Always do your own research. He does have an excellent article on the fluoroquinolones and the failure of the FDA which I'd urge

you to read.

I am actually thankful for my exposure to Cipro for two reasons. First, I was able to prevent my mother from taking a prescription of Cipro which I am certain would have led her to experience chronic joint pain for the rest of her life, if not worse. Second, I am now motivated to protect myself, my loved ones, and my future children as much as possible from dangerous chemicals which prevent people from reaching their full potential by stunting their growth, lowering their IQs, and leading them to an early death.

I'll leave you with a video of Bob Grozier, who lost his family, nearly died, and suffers from debilitating physical and mental side effects from the combination of Cipro and Vioxx, a dangerous NSAID. It is important to note that fluoroquinolones can do their damage alone, even without the combination of NSAIDs.

How Will it End?

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One of these days the deeply unnatural and aberrant society that has emerged in the West will come crashing down for one reason or another. There's no doubt that it will happen, just as the old society came tumbling down in the Postwar cultural revolution. But how will this end come about? Will it go out with a whimper, with minimal strife and minimal resistance from the regime, or will it end with a bang?

I'm starting to think that there will be some violence associated with the end of America 2.0. I didn't think so before, but violence is usually inevitable in cases of widespread moral outrage and injustice. When one finds cosmetics companies pimping seven year old girls, as Paul Mitchell did by sponsoring a prepubescent sexualized dance, somewhere, someone is going to come unhinged and do something extreme about it.

In the local news, I see an increase in family annihilation killings over divorce; the dysfunctional nature of family law has already started to produce a rather consistent flow of murders, assaults and suicides. Acts of sexually-motivated terrorism, like Sodini's rampage, will probably continue to be quite rare, but the fact that they are occurring at all indicates that something is truly off-kilter.

I don't think the issue of men's rights will be what forces change, but it will be part of a broader discontent that begins to make its way throughout society. I'm not sure when true dissent – as in people on the streets – will begin to show itself, but if the economy doesn't begin to rebound it can't be all that far off. Given the increasing taxation in a time of austerity, I'd guess that there will at least be some pushing and shoving come election time.

If one cares to extrapolate from demographics, there can be absolutely no doubt that the feminist West's days are numbered. Women-dominated societies simply aren't fertile. This has probably always been the case, and explains why patriarchy or other forms of male dominance have been the rule throughout all of recorded history. However, humans have this odd tendency to ignore history, so people always feel that there's something different this time for one reason or another. Well, that just isn't true. We may live in a time of unprecedented technological development and population growth, but the trends are the same as in a hunter gatherer society:

The more prolific tribes always come to dominate in the end.

So the question really is "how will it end?" rather than "will it end?" Will we end it before it destroys us, or will feminism and its associated pathologies be the final demise of Western civilization, ushering in a new era of Sharia, Latin American-style strongman patriarchy, or some modern version of Confucianism?

And, finally, how will it play out? This is all speculation, but sometimes speculating can help us deal with events when they finally occur. And someday they will, so we might as well start discussing postfeminism and what it will mean for us, our children and future generations.

Weekend Observations

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I took some time off this weekend as a kind of combined birthday/Father's Day break (my birthday was on the 16th), spending some time with my kids and a cousin who is about to become a father himself.

On Saturday night, I went out with my cousin and a couple of his friends for a night on the town, which is something I don't do very often any longer, having fallen out of the habit when I was married and not having picked it back up again. I'm glad I did get out, because it gave me an opportunity to see how things are first-hand these days for the young and single.

One thing I noticed was that the single are not quite as young in general as they were ten years or so ago. People in their 30s were pretty common, and there were more than a few 40-somethings out there. I'd say that the bar scene is about four or five years older on average than I remember from the late 90s, when the older types usually could be found only during happy hour or working behind the bar. I have no idea why this is, but perhaps there's more leisure time available due to the recession, and maybe the crashing marriage rate has simply dumped more of us back on the market.

Another thing I noticed was the increase in size even amongst the young women. Women have simply gotten bigger, and although men may have put on a bit of heft, it isn't quite as noticeable. Even the fit, attractive young women are bigger. Rather than being naturally thin, a lot of them appear to have achieved a toned body only through substantial time investment in the gym, leaving them rather muscular and solid rather than waif-like. I think my generation may have been the last one with a somewhat normal body size as youths. I'm not sure exactly why women have grown heftier, but I imagine it has something to do with corn syrup sweetener and overuse of antibiotics.

Finally, women are not quite as attractive, due to a combination of factors, the most important probably being the size. Although they wear sexier, tighter clothes than those of the grunge generation, the extra weight around the belly and on the upper arms takes away from the female form by giving them a more man-like physique. I really have to wonder whether there is something in the environment, because when women put on weight these days they tend to do so in the same way men do, at least from what I could see.

Next time I go out I'm going to take a camera so I can document these things.

Dangerous Women

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All of us who spend time at *The Spearhead* are well aware of the news stories of dangerous women that are featured in the headlines everywhere. We all know that evil women exist and that many laws presently enable their violence and destruction. We often read and discuss the aftermath of their dastardly deeds. As educational as all of this is, it does not adequately equip men or even women to protect themselves from the dark females who may seek to them harm. Evil women come in many forms and suffer with a wide variety of disorders that make them the way they are. Some have experienced trauma that has left them forever damaged. A large group suffers from personality disorders that harm all of the sane people with whom they cross paths. Some are emotional vampires, sucking away all of the life and love from their chosen victims. And some are dangerous, potentially violent sociopaths. No matter what the case may be, these women are dangerous and should be avoided at any cost lest you become their next victim.

Anybody can become the victim of a dangerous women, but men who are empathetic, giving, and compassionate are most at risk. These evil creatures target genuinely kind people as they know their goodness will make them an easy target. A nice person does not want to think ill of another person and will be more likely to ignore their gut instincts that a person with a bit more knowledge about the darkness that lurks in the soul of dangerous women. They may feel guilty for thinking this way and feel themselves to be the bad person when this couldn't be further from the truth. Your naivete and trust will be exploited until you have nothing left to give.

The signs of a dangerous woman are many and may vary depending on what causes her evilness, but most of the below mentioned traits are good ones to be aware of.

The dangerous woman is:

*emotionally immature and a bully
*a drama queen who turns the most minor of life experiences into a Big Deal but cares little about your struggles, trails, and joys
*uses guilt and shame to manipulate, oftentimes using this to guilt a person when their gut is saying "run run run!"
*makes you feel emotionally drained after spending any amount of time with her
*easily provoked and malicious
*may tell stories about having been raped, sexually abused, or a victim of domestic violence in an attempt to gain sympathy
*controlling but outraged if you "check up" on her or ask too many questions about herself
*uses mimicry to cleverly masquerade as a human with a conscience and empathy
*lives in a fantasy world of ideal everything and cannot tell truth from fiction
*is exploitative, always asking for favors but does nothing in return; a taker in relationships of all kinds
*possess a tremendous amount of entitlement and treats others as if they are lesser than her
*envious of others and vindictive towards those who better their lot in life or are better looking, more talented, more successful than her

This list is by no means exhaustive but is a start of warning signs to look out for when you cross

paths with a suspicious woman in your life, somebody seems “off”.

If you do run into a woman like this there are some beginner steps to remove yourself as her prey:

*Get away as quickly as possible.
*Accept that some people truly have no empathy and conscience, do not operate like the rest of us, and can never be understood. You have done nothing to cause this and cannot control the behavior of this sick woman. Do not redeem the unredeemable.
*Do not engage this woman, try to rationalize with her, or allow her to bully you into feeling badly about yourself. Instead get yourself out of their clutches and to safety.
*If you are already involved with her, share with those closest to you what is going on so that they may help with potential damage control.
*Document everything the dangerous woman does to attack you. Keep emails, voicemail messages, and other contact. Advise friends and family to do the same.
*Refuse any further contact with the evil woman, even if she is attempting to provoke you. Her attack may be vile, but remember nothing she says is true. Do not back down from your “ignore her” campaign and enlist people to help you keep up your resolve during moments of anger and weakness.

Female predators not only lurk in the real world, but online as well. The cyberbully and troll are two very common forms of dangerous women who target men online. While these varieties of dangerous women are typically less lethal than their offline sisters, they can still rob you of emotional energy and steal away bits of you. Avoiding these women and refusing to engage with them is your best means of defense. They derive pleasure from your anger and upset and will be ruthless in trying to make their fun at your expense.

I sincerely hope that none of you ever run across a dangerous woman, but just in case take the time to prepare yourself so you can be protected should such knowledge ever be needed. Better to know your enemy and never come across her than to experience the opposite!

Philanderers, Pornstars, and Tiger… Oh My!

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Today's Guest Post by: Alphattude @ http://thewateringholeblog.com

Three stories broke a while back regarding Tiger Woods and his recent harem kingdom of concubines. One being that Tiger impregnated pornstar Joslyn James twice, ending in a miscarriage and an abortion. Her blubbery 'alligator tears' press conference made me want burst out into laughter. A porn star crying about how Tiger Woods didn't love her back, only in America. In addition to this it was reported Tiger paid hush money over a sex tape filmed of him having sex with two women. The threesome tape seemed to be overshadowed by the other two stories, but read about it here. Now onto the third and final story. Tiger Woods made a 15-minute long public apology to his fans, his wife, and most importantly, his sponsors. What looked to be an Oscar award winning performance by Tiger Woods can easily be mistaken for sincerity if you don't read between the lines.

Yes, Tiger Woods apologized to appease the mobs and save his sponsorships; not out of overwhelming guilt for his actions. Whenever this topic of conversation comes up I hear conflicting views from men and what seem to be synchronized one sided opinions from many women. Men that cannot understand this unique situation that Tiger is in (no mortal man really can) side against Tiger. I hear, "Have you seen how hot his wife is?" Yes, yes I have. Also, "I'm all for sleeping with alot of women but not if you're married." <– This is interesting (Michael Jordan, Bill Clinton, JFK, FDR, John McCain, Donald Trump, Morgan Freeman, James Cameron, etc) . Women openly say that they're "disgusted by Tiger, how can he do this?!" What they're not saying is that if given the chance they would also sleep with Tiger Woods, or at least wonder if he would choose them. Women want a man that is wanted by other women. So what truly is the answer here? Was Tiger wrong?

Allow me to read between the lines here and truly take a look at the big picture. Growing up, how could Tiger Woods dream of having the opportunity to sleep with copious amounts of gorgeous women, a chance at fame and fortune, and be his own brand? He was a half Korean, half Black nerd that played golf. GOLF. Do you think he was a world beater in the dating game? I can imagine him getting swirlies and having things thrown at him on the bus. Tiger went to Stanford, not exactly a plethora of attractive females to choose from. He was likely introverted and socially awkward. His market value as a desirable mate probably didn't exist until his early 20's when he started on Tour.

Tiger Woods came onto the PGA scene in the late 90's and breathed new life into the sport, gaining international notoriety and a beloved fanbase. Tiger Woods is an icon. He has charm, charisma, and he's the richest athlete in the world. *Read* RICHEST ATHLETE IN THE WORLD with 800 million dollars in earnings over his 13-year career. And some guys would settle for being captain of the high-school football team. He will become the first billion dollar athlete when he gets back to golfing. To put this plainly, he can have any woman he wants and any number of them whenever, wherever. He's Tiger Woods.

The only mistake Tiger made was getting married in the first place. He should have taken a cue from ~~George Clooney~~ and Al Pacino. His wife is a beautiful woman, and no doubt is her value close to Tiger's, but make no mistake it is not in equilibrium. She's not the female version of Tiger Woods. Her beauty may fade, but he is and always will be an international icon. Oh by the way, I hear he's huge in Japan!

Tiger shouldn’t be held to the same standard as normal people because he is not a normal person. As a society we need to get over this notion of athletes being role models, those days are gone. They are entertainers and in that regard there is none better in the realm of golf than El Tigre. He’s doing what any former beta turned alpha male would be doing while salivating at all of the new opportunities that he never could have fathomed. Is he sorry? He’s sorry he got caught and sorry Accenture dropped him.

Tiger Woods has moved to the top of the ranks among The Dos Equis guy, Chuck Norris, Don Draper, and Hulk Hogan’s leg drop.

Police Kill Woman in Domestic Dispute

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A West Palm Beach, Florida man called the police Thursday when his drunk, agitated wife began throwing things at him. The man, Dean Perkins, had left the family home after his wife's display of belligerence, but stated that he did not fear for his life. However, he and a roommate suggested that Veronica Harding-Perkins, Dean's wife, was possibly armed.

Police approached the house in the usual manner – guns drawn and at the ready – and when, according to one officer, she pointed a gun at them, she was promptly shot dead. Usually, when a person is holding a gun, when they suddenly face another the gun does, too. Guns are designed to be held in such a way that this happens unless one consciously avoids it, which takes training and awareness. Therefore, it is all but guaranteed that there will be a lot of shootings when police suddenly approach and surprise armed civilians on their property (I know from personal experience that police use the element of surprise in these approaches and stay out of view until the last moment to gain a tactical advantage).

Mr. Perkins expressed dismay over the shooting, saying "If you know someone has a gun and they're drunk, do you just approach the residence? If they knew she had a gun, what were you hoping to accomplish by walking up to the door? I'm not painting my wife as lily white or innocent, but at the same time, I'm saying the way this was handled was unconscionable."

Unconscionable or not, this is the standard response to DV incidents, thanks to DV legislation demanded by feminists. Rather than allow people, many of whom are likely suicidal rather than homicidal, to calm down, arrests are mandated, and the sooner the better, which has resulted in an unending stream of shootings over "domestic disturbance" calls.

In the large majority of cases it is men who are killed, so feminists probably view these isolated cases as acceptable collateral damage in their crusade to have as many men shot by other men as possible.

I believe in the principle of harm reduction. The fewer people killed, the better. Feminists may point to a lower incidence of DV, but it is clear that this has come at the cost of a great number of extrajudicial executions, and has prompted many murder-suicides as people have grown aware that the likely response to a "domestic" 911 call is a swift and brutal arrest by storm troopers with assault rifles and body armor. It is easy to claim "progress" when none of the killings or violence carried out by the state make their way into crime statistics, but it is a deeply dishonest and inhumane policy to sweep tragedy under the carpet in this manner.

White Knight Tackled, Cuffed and Arrested for Intervening in Spat Between Man and Ex-Wife

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Rob Chilson, a 37-year-old white knight from Trenton, NJ, saw a man, Jose Cotto, respond to being slapped by his ex-wife by hitting back and then tried to intervene on the woman's behalf. When police arrived, Mr. Chilson attempted to give them his contact information, but was immediately taken down and cuffed. The ex-wife, Brenda Jimenez, was also arrested for slapping her ex.

Perhaps after enough of these incidents in which white knights are beaten, arrested, shot or otherwise inconvenienced while sticking up for "damsels in distress" such as Brenda Jimenez, these guys will get the message and leave well enough alone. Most women who are involved in an altercation with a man they know are far from the innocent victims feminists would have us believe they are, and getting into the middle of a dispute they may well have started can turn out to be very hazardous to one's well-being.

Unfortunately, there is a recent effort to encourage vigilanteism on the part of feminists, and that will likely lead to problematic outcomes for a number of would-be heros.

Chilson has filed a complaint against the police for false arrest, saying: "I want vindication, I want justice. Not just for me, but for this woman."

As Predicted Here, Van Der Sloot Already Receiving Marriage Proposals

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Happens every time. When a guy gets locked up for a notorious murder – especially if he killed a woman – the marriage proposals start flooding in. It's got to be about more than simple fame, because the guys busted for murdering or molesting children don't get the same attention. Perhaps it is simply an extreme manifestation of the inner fantasy so many women have about violent men — men who might do some violence to them. Seems this turns them on.

According to van der Sloot, one of them explicitly stated that she wanted him to impregnate her. Amazing. If women are left to their own devices as far as reproductive choice is concerned, they'd rather have kids with murderers. Perhaps this is where feminism will take us: to a society filled with murderous thugs who, despite doing nothing useful for humanity, will at least sexually satisfy more women than the betas who built the cities that have become their playgrounds.

Does US Family Law Destroy International Competitiveness?

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It is common to see reports bemoaning the lack of student achievement in the US, and the fact that US students are falling farther behind other countries in math and science. Corporate executives insist that there are not enough scientists, programmers and engineers to fill the jobs they have, and there are frequent appeals to Americans to study subjects that could prepare them for jobs in these fields.

There will always be a subset of boys who are fascinated by these subjects, and perhaps a few girls, but they are apparently not enough for economic progress. I'm not sure whether to entirely believe the companies that are complaining about a lack of talent, because it seems to me that they would prefer to cut costs by importing cheaper foreign workers on H1B visas rather than develop native resources, but as with most things there is probably a grain of truth in their complaints.

As many have indicated here and elsewhere, boys and men need some motivation to push themselves to strive to succeed. Traditionally, this motivation has come in the form of a (putatively) loving wife and family, which gave men something to strive for. Take that away from a significant portion of the population, and it is little wonder that we see boys and men increasingly skeptical about higher education and the dedicated effort it takes to succeed in demanding fields such as engineering and the sciences. It is, after all, much more difficult to cram equations into one's head than it is to smoke weed and play video games.

Although the old ideal of the responsible young man preparing to raise a family is still held up to young men as motivation, they don't seem to take that quite as seriously any longer. How could they, after all? When around half of them have grown up without their father at home, they must know that there's a good chance they will end up in the same boat as so many of the earlier casualties of easy divorce. Additionally, as they see the attractive – and even not-so-attractive – young women "hook up" with a train of hard-partying, careless guys who would never stoop to cracking a physics text, they must have serious second thoughts about the value of the young women they are preparing to support.

So our bright young man of modest means – the perfect entry-level worker for corporations – is presented with the prospect of living the life of a monk for four years after high school, devoting himself to study and deprivation as slackers and badboys rotate through dozens of the attractive young females all around him on campus. Some may keep a stiff upper lip and power through, but many of these young guys are going to take a look at that and have none of it. A middle-class kid who is facing at least a decade of hard work and virtual celibacy, without any guarantee that he will ever find a quality woman, may well just decide to forego all that effort. Or else he might decide to emulate the players and badboys who are having so much success. In any event, there's a good chance he's simply going to say "forget it."

Now contrast this to the ambitious young man of Bangalore or Hangzhou. Although his country may be inching toward Western decadence and dysfunction, he's still a shoe-in for a virgin bride if he gets a higher degree and a good tech job. His wife will cook and clean for him, bear his children and stand by her man without complaint. She has no motivation to divorce her husband, because her status at home will fall into the toilet, and she won't get the house or kids. In fact, she'll be proud and happy to have a responsible, dedicated and intelligent husband. Her pride and his status will also make him

more attractive in her eyes, and the fact that she hasn't had a string of casual sex partners will cement his feelings of love and loyalty for his wife.

Sadly, things are changing for the worse in the developing world as well, but the fact that the opportunity to succeed and have a rewarding marriage is quite realistic for intelligent Asian students tilts the balance in their favor. For Americans, this is all but gone, and virtually guarantees international decline as our young men watch the American dream hacked to pieces and devoured by selfish women and their avaricious attorneys.

As long as there is no reward for ordinary men to strive for success and excellence, there will be few who do, and the Anglosphere will slide from the height of power into mediocrity and civilizational decay.

Gender Wars

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Readers may have noticed that I've been posting a lot of articles about the crime and mayhem that the interplay between the sexes causes in the Anglosphere. At first, I thought it might be going a bit too far to highlight this stuff on such a frequent basis, but I've come to notice that rather than exaggerate the problem, it puts it in its proper perspective.

Our society has become so inured to the violence and tragedy caused by feminism and the war on men that we tend to overlook it and pay it little heed, whereas this level of killing, imprisonment, beating and seizure of property is really quite alarming from an outside perspective. For example, I once saw a COPS show in which an immigrant was arrested for DV (DV arrests make up a large portion of COPS' action). His wife had cut him on the face/ear, and he thought he'd diffuse the situation by taking the blame. Of course, he was promptly cuffed and taken to the psycho-chamber that is county lockup late at night. The man was stunned, as though he was in a dream; coming from India, he couldn't believe this was happening to him.

Sadly, none of this surprises us natives any longer. We truly live in a madhouse, and the consequences of that are beamed out of our TVs every day as apparently random acts of brutality, desperation and head-shaking senselessness. It is so common that we hardly notice any longer, as though we were in a war.

In fact, we are in a war of sorts. Back in the 1980s the "War of the Sexes" was a term frequently employed in the press, often with a sort of tongue-in-cheek humor, but today it isn't so much spoken of as it is acted out in a graphic manner in both reality and fiction.

Piercedhead, a long-time commenter, made some astute observations about this:

> One of the more striking differences between men and women is beginning to emerge on TV dramas. 40 years ago, there was virtually no gender on gender killing in a righteous context. Men certainly did not kill women brutally and carry the audience's sympathy. With the rise of women's influence, all that is changing. Women are killing men with their bare hands, and the context is always that they are right to do so (ie defending themselves, the community, the world or simply exterminating a thoroughly despicable man).
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> I first noticed the ferocity of it last year in an episode of Battlestar Galactica, where a female officer tortured a male prisoner for hours, the prisoner was then tricked into an admission by false sympathy from another woman, then promptly executed by her. Since then I've seen an escalation of violence on men by women (but never the reverse) so that it's now happening every week. The most common context is a female cop blowing away a male offender, though last night it was an ordinary woman smashing a man's head in with an iron bar after a physical struggle.

This is absolutely true. The number of cross-gender killings on TV has exploded since I was a child, when it was still pretty much unthinkable to portray women as violent. There are many other signs of a fundamental change in society's view of gender roles, and most of them indicate a similar theme of female empowerment; i.e. one that involves the perpetration of violence against men as a ritualistic exercise in enforcing a new norm.

So when you see these articles I put up highlighting the growing strife and increasingly public violence that has resulted from anti-male policies in the Anglosphere, try to put them in the proper perspective: they are essentially reports from the front, intended to keep readers updated on the progress of a war raging in our society.

Why Women Choose Thugs

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[Today's Guest Post submitted by Codebuster]

Let's be clear about two things:

• The New York Times poses the question, What do women want? It is well documented that women have rape fantasies;

• Feminists do not want you to know this (duh!). Indeed, at this early stage, evidence seems to suggest that not only do they not want you to know this, but they will implement measures in direct contravention of their cherished free speech traditions to ensure that you are denied the right to know this. We should expect the topic of women's rape fantasies to become the new taboo. But I digress.

We've covered the topic of rape fantasies before on Welmer's website, so we really don't need to revisit it in detail. Suffice it to say that I and the rest of us at The Spearhead abhor and reject the idea of rape. It is true to say that just because a woman fantasizes about being raped does not mean that she wants to be raped. Most of us will have no problem with respecting such basic rights and we would not wish to deny any woman the freedom to walk the streets unhindered. However, we must face the likelihood that women's inclinations to fantasize about rape must surely predispose them to making certain kinds of choices, whether it's the way that they dress or the men that they choose. Women's rape fantasies speak to the way that women actualize their realities.

What word should we use to describe this dimension of female sexuality? In her Diary II, Anais Nin made the comment, "To be violated is perhaps a need in a woman, a secret erotic need." It would seem appropriate to nominate "violation" as the word that best encapsulates this dimension.

It is nothing new or controversial to suggest that violation features in pornography – for example Frontline hosted a program called American Porn, where the violation to which one star was subjected was not entirely scripted, nor against her will. What is perhaps more controversial was her willing complicity.

Violation, then, is integral to female sexuality, and it manifests itself along a continuum. A woman fantasizes about having her prissy, crystalline niceness violated. Of course there are different contexts, but in terms of primal drives, violation is its essence.

The practical implications of women's rape fantasies

At one end of the scale is the rough stuff. It's why women have rape fantasies. At the other end of the scale is intimacy. It's why women fall in love and why they long to share their sexuality with someone to whom they are loyal. Female sexuality applies to all women, and they make their choices along this violation continuum. There are several implications:

• Every woman has within her the potential to betray and to like the rough stuff. Every woman has within her the potential to be loyal and to like the intimacy. Clearly it dishonours a man to betray loyalty – but it also dishonours him to harm even those who willingly so submit;

• I've seen fine, loyal women who've had everything going for them become sluts and I've seen sluts become loyal and loving partners. I've seen women who have had everything going for them partner up with idiots, only become the trash that they chose, and I've seen women with nothing going for them hit the jackpot by way of a wealthy fool to become entitlement princesses. Of course men also

change with the choices they make – but by and large, men seem to be more in control of their destinies than women do. My point? There's complicated stuff going on, quite profound actually (perhaps I'll do a follow-up blog). The only thing that I can assert with any amount of certainty is that women don't understand either women or men anywhere near to the same depth that men do. What women interpret as "empathy" has nothing whatsoever to do with understanding people and everything to do with diplomacy and social engagement;

• Important to understanding women is their reliance on superficial labels. Women don't apprehend depth. They don't have to – it's one of the costs of living lives of entitlement. Contrast this with men who, like our Game specialists, expend considerable effort in understanding what makes people tick. No such demands are placed on women;

• I'm thinking of a friend's daughter as I write this, 17 years old, and her boyfriend. Why do girls from solid backgrounds choose annoying, characterless twerps to impact on their destinies? Think "label". Adolescent males with adolescent priorities, leaving school early to enter the workforce, have their labels sorted out. Of course their labels are short-term and transient, but young, impressionable girls relying on peer acceptance don't see this. What do I mean by "label"? It's the badge, what they stand for, lifestyle – drugs, adolescent fashion statements, maybe as leader of a pack, or maybe as belonging to the "right" pack or peer group. It all comes down to label. This is the stuff of impulse;

• Men typically get their thrills from risk – for example, extreme sports, exciting business transactions, and so on. Women also get their thrills from risk. But where sports or business negotiations are of little interest to them, women get their thrills from risky sex. It's the thrill of the forbidden.

• Nice guys don't do the rough stuff, and raunchy sex with a nice-guy is a contradiction in terms. That's why casual sex with a nice guy doesn't do it for women. That's why a woman being pumped by a nice-guy is much more likely to want to get it over with, and she has to restrain herself from blurting out "aren't you done yet?"

• Only thugs or bad-boys can deliver on the rape fantasy. The most successful PUAs are the ones that can manage that fine line between thrill and fear. If a man spooks a woman and fails to appease her fears, she'll jump to conclusions and dump him without having the faintest notion of what he stands for or what he is. But if he comes across as too safe, if she cannot respect (fear) him, he'll become invisible to her as just another nice-guy. He'll become just another piece of that vague, amorphous mass of beta-hood, another piece of the furniture. This interface between thrill and fear presents to the seasoned PUA a fine balancing-act that calls upon all his skills in psychology, deception, confidence and charm;

• Bad-boys are more likely to initiate, and this simple fact swings the statistical outcome in their favour. Most men learn fairly early on in life that if you hesitate, opportunities will pass you by. Women don't have to confront the ramifications of this basic dynamic and it is another manifestation of their lives of entitlement that precludes them from having to take responsibility for their dumb choices;

• Game theorist David DeAngelo observes that "Most men fail miserably when it comes to online dating." I disagree with David on this. It's women that fail miserably when it comes to online dating. They don't have a clue, they jump to conclusions on the basis of limited information. In one sense, we can't blame women because they have to somehow sort through the large numbers of men that are

available. But in another important sense, women are essentially incapable of making astute judgements in the way that men can. And they multiply their ineptitude with their vacuous shopping-lists of requirements that bear no relationship to the Game techniques that can ultimately snare a date – on this latter point, we can definitely agree with David. You can virtually ignore what a woman states in her profile, and you will have much better luck, instead, snaring her with a bit of Game;

• Women realize, at some fundamental level, that they cannot compete with men on an intellectual basis, try as they might to deny it. Women have serious esteem issues that are very different from men's. Where men typically test themselves against reality's slings and arrows, women test themselves against the opinions of others (recommended keyword search – "relational aggression" "social proof"). One of the consequences of women's fragile self-esteem is the Groucho Marx syndrome "I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member". That's why many women are inclined to submit to the thugs that assert themselves. If he doesn't respect her, it is clear to her that he has the superior status that she values in a man;

• Within the context of male-female interactions, a nice-guy can make an ideal marriage partner, whose provider status can ensure a steady income for the rest of a woman's life. Nice-guys don't make demands, they pedestalize their wives, and they embrace their provider roles without complaining. But a nice-guy beta is never ever sexy, he never stirs the violation instincts of anyone. He is only ever "useful" as an agent of materialism;

• Women are more inclined to assume things than to question them. They are more likely to jump to conclusions about things, such as people's intentions. It's an extension of the mindset that relies on labels. Women don't have their delusions tested. Reality changes things and a bit of rough stuff can have the effect either of awakening a thrill that a woman never knew existed, or compelling her to retreat into a shell of frigid denial;

• How can we know this stuff? You can't ask a woman directly, not so much because she'll lie about it (though yes, they will lie), but more because she won't understand your reference point, she has no way of expressing her experience from a perspective that means something to you. You have to pretty much infer this stuff from a lot of observation, listening to women talk, and reading between the lines. You have to imagine how you yourself would alter your thinking if you were limited to a life of provided-for entitlement. Reading novels by women helps, because it can shed light on what they value and fantasize about. Reading philosophy by men helps, because philosophy concerns itself with probing analysis, and how it is that reality is perceived the way it is. Probing analysis is just not what women do.

The bottom line? The reason that women choose thugs is not a mirage. It's not a product of arbitrary statistical processes. There are very specific reasons why women choose thugs. Of course within the violation continuum, there are shades of gray and complex reasons that are factored into why women choose the men they do. But the point that I make here is that casual sex, at one end of the continuum, receives its motivations from instincts that are alien to what most men assume. Men have to come to terms with the nature of female sexuality and its relationship to violation and the forbidden. There is a direct relationship between violation, rape, female arousal and love. There is no such thing as "nice" violation. The rough stuff, at its most primal level, requires a thug. By contrast, love requires an archetype that is discouraged within the Anglosphere, wherein alphas – or at least paper alphas – go some way to filling the void. Nice-guys might make reliable providers, but they cannot be associated with respect, and they don't fall into either camp. They are just "useful" drones,

as expendable as cannon-fodder in the battles instigated and headed by alphas.

It is perhaps valuable to conclude this post with a quote from another era, to take note of the timeless parallels that seem to be implied:

> Very deep-seated differences are linked with what I have been describing. The mother-woman craves for respectability in the man, not because she grasps its value as an idea, but because it is the supporter of the life of the world. She herself works, and is not idle like the prostitute; she is filled with care for the future, and so requires from the man a corresponding practical responsibility, and will not seduce him to pleasure. The prostitute, on the other hand, is most attracted by a careless, idle, dissipated man. A man that has lost self- restraint repels the mother-woman, is attractive to the prostitute. There are women who are dissatisfied with a son that is idle at school; there are others who encourage him. The diligent boy pleases the mother-woman, the idle and careless boy wins approval from the prostitute type. This distinction reaches high up amongst the respectable classes of society, but a salient example of it is seen in the fact that the 'bullies' loved by women of the streets are usually criminals. The souteneur is always a criminal, a thief, a fraudulent person, or sometimes even a murderer.
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> I am almost on the point of saying that, however little woman is to be regarded as immoral (she is only non-moral), prostitution stands in some deep relation with crime, whilst motherhood is equally bound with the opposite tendency. We must avoid regarding the prostitute as the female analogue of the criminal; women, as I have already pointed out, are not criminals; they are too low in the moral scale for that designation. None the less, there is a constant connection between the prostitute type and crime. The great courtesan is comparable with that great criminal, the conqueror, and readily enters into actual relations with him; the petty courtesan entertains the thief and the pickpocket. The mother type is in fact the guardian of the life of the world, the prostitute type is its enemy. But just as the mother is in harmony, not with the soul but with the body, so the prostitute is no diabolic destroyer of the idea, but only a corrupter of empirical phenomena. Physical life and physical death, both of which are in intimate connection with the sexual act, are displayed by the woman in her two capacities of mother and prostitute. (1906: 233-234)
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Textual Harassment

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A new, insidious and traumatic form of harassment is striking fear into the hearts of women across the West: phone text harassment. According to an article in the Washington Post, women sometimes receive up to 100 texts in a day from their stalkers. Sometimes the texts even come during dinner, and the women feel "compelled" to reply. Somehow, there is a strange force that prevents the women from turning their phones off…

According to Claire Kaplan, director of University of Virginia's sexual and domestic violence services, harassment is "just easier now, and it's even more persistent and constant, with no letting up."

In some murders, police have (shockingly) found threatening texts sent to the victim.

I'll admit that I don't text. I think it's a waste of time and a poor substitute for a real conversation. I also find the messages inane and annoying. However, it is a very popular practice with the younger set.

What I find most ridiculous about this article is that if anyone doesn't want a text, they can simply turn off their phones, or ignore it. In fact, that's what bothers me most about texting: you never know whether someone has actually bothered to read it. It is one of those forms of communication that females love because they have complete control over whether or not they choose to respond. It is indirect, and therefore right up their alley. One could text a woman ten times before receiving a response, if ever, and I can say with some certainty that a lot of women would really enjoy getting numerous messages pleading with them to answer.

Texts are stored electronically and easily available to police. They have been used many times to track down criminals, and provide a very effective source of information for detectives. If anything, texts should deter rather than encourage crime. However, I imagine that the manner in which some women use texts might provoke some people.

Whatever the case, this article is simply another example of feminists hyping up a non-issue. If the girls don't want texts, they can turn off their phones, or even get rid of their phones. Or how about cancel the texting plan and talk to people like ordinary human beings?

This is what makes it all worth it

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I get emails quite frequently, and they are much appreciated. There are legions of men out there who are starting to wake up, and that always gives me a boost. However, nothing quite does it like a young man who has awaken to what he faces. When I hear from these guys I know I am doing something objectively good.

Therefore, I am happy to post this email, which ought to let us know that our efforts are not in vain:

> I turn 23 this August, and I have been fighting with my depressed bi-polar girlfriend for 3 years now. I just want you to know that I have been reading your site for four days now, and, well I fucking love you man. Seriously, just by reading the articles here you have solved a multitude of my personal relationship issues. I feel like I finally understand the world I live in, and you need to know that more men in my age need you to keep writing. No matter what happens you have my total respect for facing the issues head on, without letting any social or political prejudices cloud your work.
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> My whole drinking party has been busy this week discussing the content here, and I think we will be for a long time.

We are making progress, and it will be measured by the choices of younger men. We have an undeniable responsibility to them, and it is reassuring to see that we are having some influence.

Awareness Rising

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Welmer's article regarding the recent email he received from a young man was inspirational to read. This is what makes it all worth it, indeed! It was a nice reminder for me as to why I myself decided to begin blogging about Men's related issues in our Brave New World Order over 3 years ago, and still find the motivation and new angles to continually write about. It's precisely why I decided to jump aboard and help contribute to *The Spearhead* when Welmer first requested for contributor's. Let's keep paying it forward, Men!

It's good to see all of this time and effort put into this place making real world results. Some of the ideas put forth by registered members of the forum on that thread were also good at helping to continue to raise awareness by writing the Spearhead URL in public restrooms and printing up business cards are all good methods of continuing to build momentum and helping more and more men "Take the red pill" and wake up to the reality of the Feminist-designed Matrix that is our mass media influenced culture of today. Those ideas and suggestions also reminded me of one of the first posts I made when I began my own blog back in 2007, which contained some of my own ideas about spreading awareness of Men's Right's issues.

So, in the spirit of that post and the excellent commentary, here's my own suggestions I came up with back when I first "took the red pill" myself, and began trying to get others to take the red pill as well.

MRA in Your Personal Life

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I am of the opinion that being an MRA carries a responsibility to it that requires far more than logging on to the internet and raging on your blog about the unfairness, inequality and stupidity of feminists and their useful idiot manginas. Don't get me wrong, the proliferation of MRA blogs is vital in raising awareness, because it seems to be the only venue at this time in which MRA ideas can be discussed and disseminated to a wide audience, as almost all other mediums of communication have been corrupted by feminist groupthink and PC conventions. I myself lived a life of ignorance and just kind of went along with the general theme of feminism's ubiquity in the mainstream Western consciousness until I discovered MRA blogs.

What I'm trying to say is that Blogging about MRA, and reading other blogs daily (as I do,) is important, but it is ONLY the first step.

The next, more important one is this: each one of us that have attained awareness to just how corrupted society has become with the advent of feminist ideoloogy and it's pernicious influence on the relationship between the sexes, the justice system, the family courts and society's general attitudes and acceptance of misandry have a responsibility: we all have a personal duty to be ambassadors of men's rights in our real world lives.

This responsibility is one that really does not require much…but if we are ever going to take MRA beyond existing as a minority movement occupying a small niche in the blogosphere, it's gonna take what every grass roots movement needs to succeed: the successful transmission by word of mouth.

Because feminism has infested and corrupted just about every level of Western society, it is indeed a monumental task for us to take on…but as the old saying goes, every long journey begins with the

first few steps.

But the most important thing to remember is this: no matter how hopeless it seems, we MRA have the ultimate weapon on our sides in combating the rising tide of feminist thought…the truth.

Truth is our ultimate weapon, and we need to wield it wherever and whenever it is prudent to do so. This means we need to speak up when we can to help raise awareness of the ignorant and to counter feminist myths that are repeated as facts, and to identify and counter the folly of misandry whenever we encounter it in the real world. This, I believe, is far more important than blogging.

We MRA need to be especially mindful when misandry and feminist thought surfaces in the words and actions of people closest to you; because these are the people that you will influence the most, ESPECIALLY if you are not overt, aggressive or confrontational about it. In fact, I believe you will be far more effective by applying humor and teasing when dealing with the subtle misandry of people you are close to.

With that in mind, it is the following scenarios for which we MRA need to be on the look out for as opportunities to strike a blow against feminist ideology wherever and whenever possible.

*** Whenever you hear women in your life reflecting the general misandry of our culture — you should speak up and correct those erroneous assumptions.**

I was at a party a few weeks ago, and a few of the women in my peer group had gathered in a corner of the room to talk, and I overheard one of the ladies, who was my good friend's live-in girlfriend and mother to their daughter say "Oh David can babysit Lisa (there daughter) so we can go shopping." (Not their real names, of course).

I interjected politely that since he was Lisa's Dad, he wouldn't be babysitting, he would simply be raising his own daughter. All of the women gave me curious looks and a little uncomfortable giggles, but she did acknowledge that I was right. The point is I planted the seed of doubt in the common feminist attitude in all of these ladies minds…the next time they hear another woman refer to her children's father as a "babysitter" perhaps my point will stick in their mind.

*** Whenever you are watching TV with family and/or friend's, and the typical misandrist theme manifests itself, say something, no matter how subtle or small.**

This one especially applies to the common Hollywood fantasy of a single women defeating a larger, stronger man (or worse, yet a group of men) in hand to hand combat. I'll always say something like "Oh yeah…that was REALISTIC" while rolling my eyes.

If the typical "Dad is a buffoon, mom is superwomen to the rescue" theme appears, I found the best counter is "Good thing MY/Your Dad is not that dumb or incompetent, he would have handled that with no problem!"

Such subtle messages can be an effective counter that can possibly cause at least a little cognitive dissonance in the minds of women who generally think in the misandrist terms society has indoctrinated them too.

*** Be aware of how women manipulate men, than DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO DO IT UNCHALLENGED. Especially when it is sisters, friend's, girlfriends or spouses. who use this tactic.**

I know plenty of women that will often make off-hand remarks of how they are strong, independent

and don't need men to do things…until a spider or centipede appears; and than they are screaming and running and asking the nearest male to take care of the nasty critter. That's the best time to playfully remind them as you are killing the bug "I thought you don't need a man to take care of you?"

Same goes for women who act helpless to get men to do some particularly dirty or heavy task. If a female family member or a female friend who I do like tries this tact to convince me to do such things, I'll often do them (if I genuinely like/love her) – but I will call them on their tactics first. I'll say something like "No need to act like a damsel in distress, just ask me straight!"

Unpleasant tasks that females don't want to do also represent the perfect opportunity to remind them of any of their misandrist statements they've made in the past. For instance, one of the most over-used phrases I hear from women in my life is some variation of the "There's too much testosterone in this room," comment. So when the opportunity arises, use their own comments against them…. "Yeah, alright, I guess there wasn't not enough testosterone in the room to take care of this until I got here."

*** Whenever you do a favor or give a gift for a woman in your life, and she acts like she was entitled to it, immediately call her on it.**

An exaggerated "YOUR WELCOME YOUR HIGHNESS" while bowing deeply to them gets that point across fairly well.

*** Whenever you have women in your life complain, demean or degrade the men in their life, turn the tables on them.**

It seems like getting together and grumbling about the men in their lives is one of American Women's favorite past times, and even the nicest, smartest, happiest and non-naggy/bitchy women I know of will indulge in it if they are amongst a group of women who are also doing it.

If I hear a relative or friend say something like "He's such a dummy" I'll instantly pipe up "Well who's the dummy that married/moved in with/had kids with him?"

In summary, feminism and misandry have infested and corrupted society on just about every level, and even women in our lives that we love will in fact reflect this frequently with little comments or actions on occasion. By not letting any opportunity go unchallenged, while not being off-putting and aggressive to the women that otherwise do respect and value your opinions, you can at the very least raise awareness in women who otherwise wouldn't give their thoughtless misandry and feminist-influenced attitudes a second thought.

Feminist Coup Down Under

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[Today's guest post was written by Aussie Antifeminist]

In the most dramatic day in Australian politics since the dismissal of a Prime Minister in 1975, today Australia got its first woman Prime Minister. But, today was not an election day… 24 hours ago, the Australian public had no idea that there would be a new Prime Minister. A brief primer on Australian politics is in order: In the Australian political system, the people are not given the right to directly elect the leader of their country. Instead, people vote for their local member of parliament, and the political party that has the most members of parliament elected takes government. The elected members of parliament, of the party currently in government are the only people who get to vote on who leads that party, and whoever leads that party becomes the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is also a local member of parliament, and must fist win his local seat in parliament to be eligible to be leader of a party. There are no primaries, as political parties internally decide on the person will stand as a candidate to be a member of parliament for their party.

By the time any candidate is offered to the people to vote on, they must have the blessing of the internal party power brokers. Currently the leftist Labor party holds government, and internally this party has an affirmative action policy when it comes to who is offered to the people as a Labor candidate for the seats in parliament. An imported gift from the feminists of the United States, is the Australian version of the pro abortion Political Action Committee EMILY's List, who took advantage of the absence of primaries in the Australian system, and convinced the Labor party to institute a feminist affirmative action rule which mandates females be handed the right to stand for Labor in 35% of seats, regardless of the merit of any male candidate.

For you Americans, I'll make an analogy, imagine if you had lived in a particular city all your life, and had given much to the community, but you believed in the tenets of the Democratic Party and wished to stand in a primary to become a congressman. Now imagine if the DNC leader told you 'sorry, this is one of the congressional races we've earmarked for women only as part of our EMILY's list affirmative action quota'… that is what happens in Australia.

One of these female candidates in the 1998 election was a foreign born, 36 year old, childless, never married feminist lawyer at an ambulance chasing personal injury law firm, this woman was named Julia Gillard. In college she was the leader of the Socialist Forum. Her party lost the 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2004 elections to the conservative John Howard led Liberal party which dominated Australian politics for almost 12 years until late 2007, when the Labor party took government. Despite Australia's political system, come election time, the people do in a very real sense make their decision on which party to vote for based on the party's leader, even though as I said, the people do not decide who leads each party. Campaigns do take on a presidential air, and generally when Australians vote for a party on election day, they expect to be choosing between two alternative Prime Ministers for a three year term. They have come to expect leadership stability, especially in the first term of a government.

Before the last election, the Labor party internally voted for Kevin Rudd to be its leader, and for Julia Gillard to be deputy leader, as she was Kevin Rudd's preferred deputy leader. No male party leader could get away with not having a woman deputy leader in these feminized times. So in 2007 the

Australian people voted for a new Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, and its first female Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard. Kevin Rudd was a very popular prime minister during 2008 and 2009. He had record popular support in the opinion polls. In 2010, things fell apart, the government lost a lot of support after various policy disasters, the senate blocked a global warming tax, cap and trade, and a failed scheme to hand out free roof insulation for homes killed four young men who were electrocuted to death installing insulation, after the government artificially inflated the market, causing firms to rush to hire more hands, and setting deadlines for the free money that didn't leave time for adequate training of new insulation installers, many houses also burnt down, due to the foil insulation being laid on top of live wires, and thousands of Australian homes are still unsafe, old ladies have been burned and more people may yet die in fires, billions were wasted on this.

As usual, men are the ones that do the dying. Julia Gillard was also education minister during these recent years, and she wasted 15 billion US dollars on a failed scheme to build public school buildings, and construction firms saw dollar signs, and charged three times the price for the buildings, a huge scandal that saw schools get forced to accept unwanted multi-million dollar gymnasiums, when they needed classrooms, typical bureaucratic bungling. Then in mid 2010, the government tried to force a 40% tax on the mining industry, Australia's most important industry. Of course, thousands of men stood to lose their jobs, a huge backlash came, as mining threatened to go overseas where they would not face such unfair taxation. A new leader of the opposition Liberal party emerged, conservative Tony Abbott, and the polls started to go downhill for the government. An election is due in November this year, but will likely be called earlier by the new usurper feminist affirmative action Prime Minister, as she tries to capitalize on the honeymoon period she will get in the polls, and mindless sexists who will vote for her just because she's a woman.

So given Australia's internal party leadership rules, Julia Gillard saw that she could capitalize on the unpopularity of the government and the Prime Minister, so last night, she walked into his office, flanked by her mangina sycophants in the Labor party, and the news started to break all over Australia that she would this morning challenge him for the right to lead the Labor party, and so become Prime Minister. So behind closed doors, with the Australian people completely uninvolved, the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd saw that the other Labor members of parliament would no longer support him, and this morning, the party elevated Julia Gillard to the Prime Ministership. Since World War 2, no Prime Minister has not been allowed to complete his first term in office. There was no sex scandal, no high crimes, just pure political opportunism six months out from an election. Basically, in Australia if you're Prime Minister and you're down in the polls, your colleagues can stab you in the back, and within hours, you can be removed from office. Rudd fronted the TV cameras today, literally crying, tears streaming down his face, in High Definition, with his wife beside him (his wife is a feminist who never did take her husband's surname), he was a broken man. The woman he had chosen as his deputy, had now thrown the man elected by the Australian people out on his ass. Maybe the next male Prime Minister will choose his deputy more carefully.

Never a manly man, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd left in tears, blubbering. Tellingly, Kevin Rudd was raised fatherless, after his father died when he was 11 years old. A mandarin speaking former diplomat, he was widely reported in the press as an angry and bitter man. Stories of him flying off the handle at staffers, throwing around the C word at newspaper editors, followed him like a bad smell. His resignation was very hard to watch, seeing the most powerful man in your nation reduced to tears, there was no dignity in it. So now, the Australian people have a new Prime Minister, the first female Prime Minister. In an era of radical feminist career women, I am not surprised that this

historical milestone happened to be imposed on the Australian people, rather than the Australian people being offered the right to go to an election and make a choice based on the merits of any potential Prime Ministers on offer.

The Prime Minister of Australia lives in a residence called The Lodge. Many families have lived in The Lodge over the years, and now this woman will move in. Currently she has a 'partner', a male hairdresser, who she does not currently live with. It is of course no surprise that such a careerist affirmative action radical feminist would choose to date such an unaccomplished beta. She reportedly doesn't even cook. One TV special on her showed her apartment, with its empty pantry and fruit bowl on display to all. She has no children and has no plans to, plus she is 49.

In 2007, a controversy arose when a conservative senator said she was unfit to ever lead Australia because she was 'deliberately barren'. A brave comment, and of course, he was lambasted as being a 'dinosaur'. A feminist reporter in the Sydney Morning Herald today wrote "From the suffragettes to Australia's first female parliamentarian Edith Cowan, from agitators such as Germaine Greer and Faith Bandler, women have forced their way into Australia's public life." Forced indeed. Disloyalty is a theme running through the feminized western world, over the past days, she repeatedly publicly stated she was not planning to challenge for the leadership, looked the Australian people in the eyes and consistently claimed she was very loyal to the Prime Minister she has today unseated. She's always talking about the education system, and the kids who deserve the best public schools, of course, she doesn't even have kids. And those schools she claims to care about so much, have been complaining about her wasted billions from the flawed school buildings scheme. As usual, it seems failure by women is rewarded, sometimes it seems, with the highest prize of all.

Labor Senator Claire Moore, co-ordinator of affirmative action group Emily's List, said "I think in many ways it's actually one of those symbolic moments that people are going to look back and say that is something that has been achieved, and as you know Emily's List has been all about ensuring that women are part of the political process," Of course, these women speak about equality but contrast this with their affirmative action man hating policies and you see they are nothing but feminist fascists. So in the wash up, Australians went to bed with an elected Prime Minister, and woke up with an unelected affirmative action radical feminist Prime Minister that was never offered to the Australian people at an election as one of the choices for Prime Minister.

This is a woman who is constantly talking about what she thinks she can do for 'working families', a woman who doesn't even have a family, is now the most powerful person in Australia. It's a pathetic system, blatantly undemocratic, and clearly all too easy to be co-opted by feminist activists. It is a sad day for Australia. In a way, the sooner any nation gets it's 'first' leader of any so called 'oppressed group' out its system, the better. Get it over with, so that maybe one day we can get back to merit based elections, if that will ever be possible during the long decline of the west. Third in line to the presidency in America is Nancy Pelosi, can you imagine one day waking up and she's president? This is a waking nightmare here in Australia today, and I urge all Spearhead readers to keep Australian men and families in their thoughts during this traumatic time.

I think these events speak to an overall theme of the degraded self identity of women in our societies. There is no future in a civilization where the little girls of this world grow into single minded career politicians who eschew all life experience apart from working 16 hours a day with a one eyed ambition toward gaining and wielding power for power's sake. This is a woman who never ran a business, never raised a family, never got involved in a single thing apart from climbing a career path that she hoped would one day lead to her being 'the decider', the kind of aloof arrogance that says 'I

know how society should be structured and run better than anyone else', and here we are, she's not earned, but instead seized her prize, the highest office in the land. You can just imagine her getting her congratulatory phone call from Obama and the giddy, shit eating grin that will be on her face. She's got the power, now what? Now it's time for more affirmative action, more man hating, more 'violence against women' programs, more taxpayer subsidized childcare 'stranger-care', more taxes, more spending, more debt, more social engineering, from the unelected radical affirmative action feminist Prime Minister Julia Gillard. Boy, are you people in America lucky to have the constitution your founding fathers created, because ours is clearly utterly worthless. Again, keep your Australian brothers in your thoughts during this horrendous time as we reel from what is essentially a feminist coup.

Al Gore Not Sufficiently Alpha?

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Everyone's probably heard about the sexual assault accusation against Al Gore, and I wonder whether it's an indication that the former Vice President just doesn't have sufficient Game with women. It's true that Bill Clinton has been accused of sexual assault by a number of women, but when a massage therapist does so that looks pretty bad. Given their line of work, I'll bet massage therapists are propositioned on a regular basis. If they accused everyone who did so they'd be out of work very quickly, I imagine.

Here's what she says happened:

> In a transcript of the interview, the massage therapist said she had been doing requested abdominal work on Mr. Gore when he demanded she go lower.
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> "I was shocked and I did not massage beyond what is considered a safe, nonsexual area of the abdomen," she said. "He further insisted and acted angry, becoming verbally sharp and loud.
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> "I went into much deeper shock as I realized it appeared he was demanding sexual favors or sexual behaviors."
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> She alleged he later tried to have sex with her.

I'd like to contrast this with what Rielle Hunter, John Edwards' lover, said about her meeting with the presidential candidate:

> Because I had never experienced anything like what was flowing between us. I sat on the other side of the room. I wouldn't go near him. And he kept saying [she mimics his southern drawl], "What are you doin' over there? Come over here. I can't even see you. Come closer. I won't bite you." I was just—there was sooo much attraction and sooo much… I want to say love, but it wasn't love at that point. You know, it was just this, this magnetic force field like I had never experienced. It terrified me. Absolutely terrified me. And, um, I eventually walked over to his side of the room. [laughs] He was pretty relentless. And that's all I'm gonna say on that! Now fade to black!

So, when Al Gore tries to make a move he's accused of rape, but when John Edwards does so he's a "magnetic force."

I wonder what Roissy would make of all this.

Misandry: A Reading List

June 27, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

[Today's guest post submitted by EconMan]

So I couldn't sleep one night and randomly decided to come up with a reading list of anti-male books to see how many were actually out there. In fairness, I found a few books that do the opposite, but there are very few and the most obvious one, Dick Masterson's *Men Are Better Than Women*, is hard to take seriously. In his top ten list of why men are better than women, number 7 is men live less than women, number 6 is men write illegibly and number 3 is boys destroy things… I'm sure exposure to such hatred will ruin the self esteem of countless, impressionable young girls.

Now I guess there are a few book titles that may be considered sexist toward women, such as *How Women Manipulate* or *That Bitch: Protect Yourself from Women with Malicious Intent*. But even those are pushing it. Now I have no problem with poking fun at each other, or books with titles such as *Women are Crazy, Men are Stupid* and *Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps.* We shouldn't take ourselves too seriously and I think it's fine if men and women make a few sexist jokes from time to time. It takes the edge off. But the discrepancy and double standard here is simply ridiculous. Just look at the list one sleepless night and Amazon.com can put together:

- Why Men Are Clueless
- Let's Face It, Men Are @$$#%\c$,
- Are Men Necessary (the answer is, from what I can tell, no)
- Adam's Curse (men are going extinct and that is a good thing)
- The Descent of Y (ditto)
- Stupid White Men (with a chapter titled "The End of Men" again, that's a good thing)
- How to Get Stupid White Men Out of Office
- Why Women Should Rule the World
- Why Women Should Rule the World (different than previous)
- Why Women Should Rule the World (again, different than previous)
- Men Who Hate Women and the Women Who Love Them
- Christian Men Who Hate Women
- Men Are Not Cost Effective
- Can Female Power Save the Planet: The Fate of the World Depends on Women
- The Future–If There Is One–Is Female (let's go ahead and reduce men to 10% of the population)
- Things You Can Do with a Useless Man
- The Natural Superiority of Women
- The Chalice and the Blade (or as I call it, The Vagina and the Penis, basically matriarchies = peaceful, patriarchies = lots of death)
- Societies of Peace: Matriarchies Past, Present and Future (ditto)
- The Deepening Darkness: Patriarchy, Resistance and Democracy's Future (patriarchy is, from what I gather, quite bad)
- 101 Reasons Why a Cat is Better than a Man
- 101 More Reasons Why a Cat is Better than a Man

- Why Dogs Are Better than Men
- 101 Lies Men Tell Women
- The Fragile Male: The Decline of a Redundant Species
- How to Make Your Man Behave in 21 Days or Less Using the Secrets of Professional Dog Trainers
- Men Are Dogs
- Men Are Dogs: In the Best Possible Way (I guess that's better than the last one)
- Stupid Men Jokes
- Totally Stupid Men
- Why I Hate Men
- Why I Hate Men (different than previous)
- I Hate Men (surprisingly, there is actually a complimentary I Hate Women book in this series)
- I Hate Men (different than previous, but with no complimentary book)
- I Hate Men Who…
- 100 Damn Good Reasons Why it's OK to Hate Men
- Men We Love to Hate
- Why Men Hate Women (because the opposite question obviously doesn't need to be asked)
- Boys Are Stupid, Throw Rocks at Them (yeah there's a short book along with the t-shirt, the complimentary book is Girls Are Weirdos but They Smell Pretty)
- Why Are Men So Bloody Stupid?
- I'm with Stupid (And by that she means some guy of course)
- Rule Number 1: Men are Stupid
- Completely Stupid Men
- Totally Stupid Men
- Men Are Stupid… And They Like Big Boobs
- Man Has Lost His Damn Mind: The Stupid Things Men Do
- Dogs Are Stupid: After All, They're Man's Best Friend!
- Little Book of Totally Stupid Men
- Little White Whys: A Woman's Guide Through the Lies Men Tell and Why
- The S.C.U.M. Manifesto (Society for Cutting Up Men)
- Over 70 Zingers You Can Use to Send Him Packing
- How to Aggravate a Man Every Time
- Ditch That Jerk
- Kiss-off Letters to Men
- A Bad Man is Easy to Find
- Men Who Can't Love
- Why There Are No Good Men Left
- Demonic Males
- No Good Men
- How to Catch Him With His Pants Down: and Kick Him in the Assets (haha, get it?)
- The Woman's Book of Divorce: 101 Ways to Make Him Suffer Forever and Ever
- Hit Him Where it Hurts: The Take-No-Prisoners Guide to Divorce-Alimony, Custody, Child Support and More
- He Had it Coming: How to Outsmart Your Husband and Win Your Divorce
- He's Just No Good for You

- Get Rid of Him
- The Woman's Way of Divorce: 101 Ways to Make Him Suffer Forever and Ever
- Beat Him at His Own Divorce
- Cutting Loose: Why Women Who End Their Marriage Do So Well (*cough* alimony *cough* child support *cough*)
- Kick Him to the Curb And Keep On Smilin'!
- How to Heal the Hurt by Hating (hating men of course)

Indeed, that's not the whole of it. I could discuss the innocuously titled *Intercourse* by Andrea Dworkin, which at the least, implies that all sex is rape. Or in her brilliant, nonsensical way of putting it:

"There is never a real privacy of the body that can coexist with intercourse: with being entered. The vagina itself is muscled and the muscles have to be pushed apart. The thrusting is persistent invasion. She is opened up, split down the center. She is occupied–physically, internally, in her privacy."

Uhhhh, OK. Moving on there's Frances Swiney's *Woman and Natural Law* which asserts that men were nothing more than a genetic mistake. Of course, there's also the whole body of Catherine Mckinnon's work. Or how about Susan Brownmiller's *Against Our Will* which states that "[Rape] is nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which **ALL** men keep all women in a state of fear" (emphasis mine). I was under the impression that I thought rape was abhorrent. I was under the naïve assumption that most men detest the idea of their wives, girlfriends, mothers, daughters, sisters and friends being raped. I believed it would be nice to do away with the danger of false allegations. I thought it would be easier to approach women and build trust if rape simply didn't exist. But nope, Susan has enlightened me. Rape, even though it's a crime I would never consider committing, is a weapon I personally use to intimidate and control **ALL** women.

Given all this nonsense, the title to David Samson's book may sum up the times better than anything I could write: *Men Who Hate Themselves and the Women Who Agree With Them*.

Woman Abducts American Child to Poland, American Courts Enforce Polish Child Support Order

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Gerardo Serrano was ordered to pay child support by a Polish court, and the state of Illinois has frozen his bank account and seized funds to turn over his son's mother, despite the fact that Cook County found her to have "unlawfully removed" the child from America some ten years ago.

This is an interesting case, because the Hague Convention, which I believe Poland is party to, provides for the return of children abducted from their country of residence. However, the state of Illinois apparently cares more about Polish child support orders than international law, and will seize Americans' property to enforce them.

What is most telling is that Mr. Serrano has been found to be the custodial parent by a US court, but the state of Illinois is enforcing a foreign government's contradictory order anyway. For those who care about sovereignty, this may be an issue worth looking into.

Fathers Hold The Key

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Having just come off of a few days with my kids, I'm a bit worn out. Dealing with such little ones is hard work. One of the odd contradictions of being a parent is that when you aren't around your kids you miss them terribly, but when you are with them they can drive you nuts. It is this kind of sentiment that leads me to believe that parenting is instinctive for the human male. If it weren't, after all, wouldn't men just abandon their kids? That so many do not, despite the best efforts of so many women and the state to kick men out of their children's lives settles the question.

Here on *The Spearhead*, we've gone over the reasons men are important to children many times. Men have a civilizing influence, they protect their kids, they instill values that boys need to learn from other men, they teach girls a sense of honor and how to relate to men without resorting to the use of their sexuality and so on.

However, I think there's a far more complementary interplay between men and children. I'd go so far as to say that children need men in order to fully develop as human beings. Deprived of certain aspects of male psychology, kids will miss out on one of the most unique and fundamental characteristics of humanity.

What I'm thinking of here is art. Creation for creation's sake. Drama, music, storytelling, works and industry. The manner in which men relate to the physical world is special and unique, and fundamentally different from women. Physical creativity has always been dominated by men so overwhelmingly that it would be entirely disingenuous to suggest that there isn't an innate difference that has made it so. Of course, that doesn't stop the feminists from claiming otherwise, but their defiance of truth and reality is nothing new.

From the dramas acted out by primitive man with intricately carved masks around the campfire to the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, this fundamentally male expression of humanity has evolved into a cultural DNA that is passed down from one generation to the next. We see it in architecture, hear it in songs, feel it in the ancient sagas and legends that have marched on through the centuries, surviving as relics from those distant ages obscured by the mist of time.

Every single human society is characterized by myth and art. More than anything else, this is what makes us unique in this world. Chimps can learn to use money and tools, they can make war, they can communicate, and they can count and figure, but they can't paint pictures in their children's minds.

As it turns out, the humans who expend the most effort doing this – the ones who give the overwhelming share of these mental gifts to children – are men. Until I became a father, it never dawned on me what significance this could have for children. We all hear about the importance of reading stories to children at bedtime, and I assumed that was mainly to encourage literacy, so I dutifully cracked the children's books and read away. But over time I grew tired of them, and eventually dispensed with the books and simply made up stories for my kids. I found myself making up tales about supernatural animals, adventures, strange lands, etc. It seems to come perfectly naturally to me, and the kids absolutely love it, and now far prefer my stories to the books. Before bed, we all lie down together and I tell them stories made up on the fly, going into some detail about things that they've never seen or heard of before. Amazingly, they remember them with great clarity,

and seem to learn more effectively from these stories than from school, TV or simple instruction. However, what really surprises me the most is how much these exchanges are a part of my own nature — using my imagination to teach children seems to be an innate skill.

Different men will naturally have different strengths and use different methods to teach children, but in the end it all comes down to a form of communication that transcends utilitarian language, which may transmit information quite efficiently, but doesn't seem to "stick" in children's minds. Art takes that information and gives it an extra dimension, creating a canvas upon which children can paint their own images, and giving them a narrative that provides structure for their own stories.

The man who is a builder can imbue his work with meaning, as can the fisherman, the farmer, and even the butcher. Obviously some of them do so quite effectively: Jesus was a builder who drew from his work to drive home his message in parables. Laozi drew from the work of a skilled butcher to explain the effortless nature of the Dao. The Hebrew prophets called forth the imagery of the fields of wheat, the vines and the orchards that all knew and saw every day. Being engaged with the world around us offers us more opportunities to teach and to spark the imagination of children. Today's professional storytellers – the moviemakers, TV producers and so on – are probably significantly less effective at developing and influencing the minds of children than the ordinary men they see around them every day.

Unfortunately, it seems that this human connection between men and children, that crucial human link that separates us from the beasts, has been suppressed in favor a shallow electronic substitute. Perhaps this explosion of mass media and entertainment has simply helped to create the impression that fathers are no longer necessary — what good is the guy when you can just park the kids in front of the TV anyway?

As I have learned from the time I've spent with my kids, there is no substitute. Humans are far more compelling than a flickering screen, and human interaction in service of imagination and learning is far superior to the sterile media to which children are overexposed. Children with an engaged father who unlocks their minds with his own imagination are receiving a nutrient essential to their full mental and psychological development, and men who engage children are fulfilling a role that nature itself has granted them. It may be – and I am starting to believe that this is the case – that the relationship between fathers and children is the foundation upon which human civilization has been built. Without this feature of humanity, we would simply be intelligent beasts living in stasis in a world devoid of meaning and significance save for the fleeting physical and emotional urges that compel us to eat, breed and survive.

The art and imagination of men unlocks gates and frees our minds. For most children, it is their fathers who hold the key, and they must be encouraged and allowed to use it.

NY Times Applauds Trend of Female Violence in Cinema

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In an article titled "Tiny but Tough: The Newly Empowered Petites," Maria Ricapito of the NY Times details how petite women are "shattering stereotypes" by shooting people, planting bombs and beating people up. Needless to say, their targets are overwhelmingly men.

Ricapito chalks it up to male fantasy:

> The violent femme, of course, is an enduring male fantasy, a Lolita who just can't help herself around a gun. She also does double duty as a symbol of Grrrl power, particularly when she appears in the form of cute-as-a-button crime fighters like the PowerPuff Girls (cartoon kindergartners whose motto was "Saving the world before bedtime").

However, she lets slip that women such as herself cherish the idea as well:

> It's anybody's guess why these anti-archetypes are striking a chord. Perhaps Americans feel powerless in an era of gushing oil, ongoing wars and a slippery economy, and want to believe that the little people can vanquish the big bad guys. If so, it might be a good sign for the small-stature Elena Kagan, who is, after all, said to wield a mean gavel.

I'd say that the ass-kicking babe is getting kind of worn-out. The theme is overdone these days, and because it no longer offers anything new it no longer feels edgy and risquée. I'm not even sure that it is much of a male fantasy any longer, especially since more men must be noticing that the real women around them are increasingly aggressive in a rather distasteful manner. When so many men have a female HR manager breathing down their neck, I wonder whether they find the idea of being targeted by an aggressive woman all that alluring.

I remember watching Hong Kong movies back in the early 90s, when this violent femme trend was in its infancy here in the US. In the Chinese kung fu flicks, women did a lot of the fighting. Not only were they kicking ass, but getting their ass kicked as well. There were even a number of jokes that incorporated women getting kicked between the legs, falling flat on their faces, being beaten, etc. I wonder whether the Hong Kong movie industry had any influence on the kick ass babe phenomenon here in the US. I suspect it did, but rather than adopt the full range of violence found in Chinese movies it was adapted to American feminist sensibility and the women were portrayed as eternal victors over bad men.

Today, the genre seems kind of flat. There's no balance to it, it isn't funny, and, as the author of the NY Times article suggests, it's heavily politicized.

In short, this stuff is starting to look a lot like ham-fisted propaganda of the Soviet sort.

British Woman Jailed for False Rape Allegation

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Bernadette Kore, a 29-year-old mother, was sick of her husband and decided to get rid of him somehow. Although her reasoning seems a bit confused here, perhaps because she was drunk, she decided that making up a story about a stranger rape might do the trick, so she invented a violent, gruesome rape and told her story to police.

She said she had been attacked at a nightclub by two men, and although she didn't name anyone, a couple guys were later arrested. As her lie grew, the young men went through the customary hell until she finally admitted she'd made the entire thing up.

Finally, she ended up being sentenced to 18 months by Judge Alasdair Darroch, who chided her for causing serious damage to the lives of two innocent young men.

In contrast to the US, British women are actually being sentenced for making false rape claims, which have become enough of a scandal that the new government is considering granting anonymity to the accused. "Victims" have been granted anonymity for 35 years now, which seems to give women the sense that they can use rape allegations as a weapon against men, including innocent ones.

Feminists are strongly against anonymity for the accused, but support anonymity for accusers. In this sense, they advocate punishment before conviction, because a public rape investigation is extremely traumatic for men, whether guilty or innocent.

Women Leaving their Husbands for Vampires

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An article on Yahoo! Movies somewhat misleadingly states: "Twilight Fans' Vampire Addiction Affecting Relationships." The problem with the article is that it doesn't explicitly spell out which parties – husbands or wives – are wrecking the relationships in favor of their imaginary vampire lovers. Obviously, the vast majority of "Twilight" fans are female. A *Spearhead* author, Whiskey, has already detailed the hysterical devotion felt by female fans for Twilight, and I suspect most of our readers can figure out what's going on here, but I think I'd be negligent if I didn't highlight the facts.

Vampire romance is the aqua vitae of female fantasy — it is all the sweat of women's desires collected and distilled into a bloody, intoxicating cocktail from hell. The lovers are superhuman, they are murderous killers, and they can impregnate women with transhuman sperm. Also, they can fly around and are not bound by the laws of physics, which gives them a magical, feminist flair. And, furthermore, there is an eternal battle between the beautiful, androgynous vampires and the hypermasculine werewolves, which gives the tale a double-whammy butch/pretty-boy tallywhacker of an approach that is absolutely guaranteed to itch whatever scratch the female fan may be feeling at any given point in her hormonal cycle.

According to the article, women are naming their children after the characters in the show, which was originally penned by a Mormon female. Although the article claims that one male is addicted to the show, this is obviously an attempt to camouflage the true nature of the fad, which has middle-aged females swooning and quaking and, naturally, comparing their aging husbands to adolescent males who are swooping around at night to sink their gleaming fangs into the supple necks of virgins.

When I was in high school, there were a few guys who actually wore capes and fake fangs to school. Needless to say, they were always getting pounded and shoved into lockers by the homeboys, but they may have been ahead of their time. Too bad they didn't have superhuman strength and speed they could use to school their tormenters, but so it goes for pioneers. Perhaps Stephanie Meyer spent some time with these sad specimens, and their fantasies formed the basis of her literary efforts. If this is the case, I suppose the befanged denizens of basements, smoking cloves and playing *Magic: The Gathering* (unsurprisingly from Seattle), have finally made an impression on the women who always spurned them.

Too bad the girls only love the fantasies rather than the men themselves. And so the eternal tragedy plays on.

Female Senator Brings up Vampires, Werewolves in SCOTUS Confirmation Hearings

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Apparently feeling that this was a matter of serious national significance, Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota asked whether Elena Kagan preferred vampires or werewolves, in reference to the rivalry between Edward and Jacob (vampire and werewolf respectively) for the affections of Bella in the Twilight series. Kagan responded that she hasn't seen the film, so she couldn't make up her mind at this point.

I suppose one could say that discussions about sports teams are equally as inane, but it still seems surreal to see that discussions of teen fantasy books are brought into confirmation hearings for what is supposed to be one of the most dignified offices of the United States. Sometimes, I wonder whether these institutions will devolve into something resembling a daytime talk show. They certainly seem to be headed in that direction.

LTR Game & The Great Recession

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OK fellas, the Summer is officially here, we're about a week out from the Nation's birthday, and…you're brokedown and busted financially. Hopefully, you're not one of the more than a million "hobos" Congress fronted on the other night and halted your hard earned UC bennies-but wherever you find yourself on the socioeconomic ladder these days, everybody's feeling the crunch, and this is especially true of you're a Brotha-let's face it, we tend to have a tougher time of it financially than do our White brethren, in aggregate.

So, in this post I wanna try to address a few points that go right to the heart of your love life and by extension, your Game. The great Carl Jung once said that every moment in time is good for something, if you but figure out what, and I say true dat-this Great Recession is an excellent time to determine how tight your overall Game is. I say that because the most commonly used "form" of Game, is what I call Wallet Game-the guy simply attempts to buy his way into a Woman. While this can and often does work, it is very, very corrupting on a whole host of levels-first off, it makes a Man lazy. We Men are serious creatures of habit, which explains why so many of us fail at Game to begin with. It's so much easier to simply buy ole gal a frilly frock than to really appeal to her natural born instincts as a Woman and her desire for a psychosocially dominant Man. This is why guys who are loaded, *and* have no or very weak Game, lose their Women to other guys so very quickly-money alone, simply ain't it used to be anymore, people. The sooner a Man figures this out, the better off he'll be when it comes to Women.

Another reason why "Wallet Game" is weak is because it is contingent on your cash flow and your cash flow alone-and as we all can see as of late, such a thing can come and go like a thief in the night, right? So when the loot runs out…so does she, if that's all you had to offer her in the first place.

On the other hand, if you've been diligently honing your Seduction skills, studying Womens' ways, taking stock of yourself and making adjustments, and more, you'll find that the current economic climate isn't that impactful to you at all. Of course, one could always use more cream, no doubt about it-but, for the skilled Gamesman, it just isn't as big a factor, if at all, as it is for the poor saps who have nothing else to hang their hat on.

So, let's take a look at a few things…

1. Me and Brown Sugah went out recently to a very nice venue, and we both couldn't help but notice a most disturbing trend-all of the ladies were dressed so nice in their summer dresses, their hair was did up, makeup looking good-and ALL the fellas looked like they just came from off the Appalachian trail, or came out from working under a muscle car changing the muffler, or were so sloppy/unkepmt/out of shape as to give the whole of Manhood a seriously bad name. In my humble view, they might as well to be walking around with a sandwich board that said "please come an PWN me and take my Woman right from under my nose".

Fellas, I thought we've gone over this before-you gotta clean yourself up, hmm? That means, if you're gonna take your Woman out somewhere, that means that you DON'T wear:

Sneakers. You're a grown-assed Man, look like one. Unless you're running errands, running ball or just busting it up with the homies on the block, there isn't really any reason why you need to be wearing sneaks on an outing with your girl. Get some shoes, or if preferable, boots, which is my shot.

But please, whatever you do, NO Timberlands. Why? Because Trees are for one thing, over-saturated-every guy wears em. They infer nothing unique about you at all; you seen one guy with a pair of Tims on, you seen em all. Remember, you gotta specialize. Personally, I wear anything BUT Tims, and this is coming from someone who's quite a few pair-but only because of the nature of my work profile. I couldn't get out of those things quick enough come quitting time, LOL.

Now, for me, I like to wear stuff that best expresses my personality, who I am on the inside and I bring that out. So, another reason why I tend to wear boots is because it's a nod to my motorbike days-so yup, I tend to wear biker type boots. In fact, I've got on a pair right now that I copped last month on the humbug-I was just walking down the Ave in my native Philly, and decided to dip into one o the many sneaker/footwear shops. Once inside I checked out the Men's footwear section; they had the obligatory Timberlands. But I noticed that they also had a couple of nice pair of boots, and the one that jumped out at me reminded me of some boots I had many years ago. So I copped em, took em home, gave em a Marine Corps spit shine, and the rest as they say, is history. I've gotten compliments on em from guys and gals alike-even a gaggle of 12 year old girls liked em. Try getting that kind of fever with some run of the mill Trees.

Next, this droopy pants thing has gotta stop, chief. That, put together with the "beach bum" short deal I see far too many Brothas doing, just ain't gonna get it. While I own both khakis and dress slacks, for most times whe you're taking your lady out jeans will do just fine. But here's the trick-its the type of jean and its cut and fit. I mean, think about it-does Anderson Cooper wear droppy jeans? Does Hugh Jackman have his underwear all out on display? Nope. And neither should you. Get some jeans with a nice cut and fit, top if off with a nice belt. I like to wear bootcuts since I tend to wear boots a goodly bit. Take some time to actually try on different types and brands of jeans, Man. Trust me when I tell you, no one, including your girl, really is all that interested in looking at your saggy jeans wearing butt.

Shirts-that whole wife beater thing? Dead it. You're taking your Woman OUT, NOT lifting weights with the homies in the yard, hmm? Same deal with the Shaggy style supa dupa long tee shirts-uh uh. Here's a novel idea: try wearing a shirt that one, actually fits properly and two, actually looks nice? And I don't mean you gotta spend a fortune on em either-you can hit up many a vendor for some for nominal cost. I have, iin fact I'm wearing such a shirt right now. It's fitted, olive green, with a black gryphon on each side of the chest & wings on the back-definitely urban, but it looks nice. I have a number of shirts like that when I'm going out & can "dial it up or down" in terms of shirts depending on the venue. One of my favorite types of shirts to wear are the military style, real durable and they're cheap. And, if you're gonna work tees, make them fitted ones. No one wants to see you in the equivalent of a burlap bag.

Now, personally, I wear shades a lot, but not because I'm trying to look cool-well, maybe just a little. But the major reason is because I have very light sensitive eyes, and when its really bright out, it hurts. In the summers it is not at all unusual for me to wear my aviators until sundown. Here's the thing though-you gotta make sure whatever shades you're gonna wear actually fits your face and the size/shape of your head. Otherwise, you'll win up clowning yourself. Yes, people are indeed laughing at you.

Cuts and smell goods, general grooming and the like should at this point go without saying, but given that I've recently had to endure multiple Brothas on the bus who were so damned funky that I almost hurled and passed out, I gotta speak on this yet again-fellas, I get that times are hard, but damn Man, the dollar store got deo and soap, you dig me? I know because I done made use of that option myself

many a time when the ends were low. Same deal with cuts-like Brown Sugah said, and she's right, if you can't afford to hit up the barbershop on the regular, invest in a pair of clippers and go for self. I know quite a few Brothas who've done this. Looking like a Mountain Man just ain't cool. Same deal with the smell goods-how many times do I have to say that Women have a stronger sense of smell than we do-especially around that time of the month, or when they're pregnant? Don't take my word for it, ask them. You coming through with the funk to overpower Bigfoot…uh uh. Granted, errbody can't afford to go in for say, Armani's Aqua Di Gio, but surely you can put together $5 for some Muslim oils? Again, I've been there done that and haven't had any complaints. As long as you're clean, smell non-funky and look somewhat together, for most Women, you're good to go. It's a kinda low bar, and that's kinda sad, but it is what it is. The good news, on the other hand, is if you're a guy who understands all this, and diligently works to put your best foot forward, you'll have no trouble in the least "breaking the ice" and/or keeping your Woman in love/lust with you. Trust me when I tell you, they are acutely aware of the fact that Men like you are in short supply.

The great thing about all this is, that it don't cost a lot, fellas. You can get cleaned up for a mere fraction of the cost that it take for most Women, trust me. Those boots I was telling you about? They cost me half the price I would have paid for some Trees, and I got a lot more compliments on em, too. Shirt I mentioned? $20. Jeans? $40. Shades? $25. Toss in the $15 I pay for a cut/shave, and another $25 for the Paris Hilton for Men I got on, and you're looking at under $200-trust me, Women can easily spend that on getting their hair/nails/toes and maybe eke out a dress alone. Take some time to look nice, Man. It don't cost a lot.

Now, let's go to the next thing, which is taking your lady out on a tight budget. First of all, what I'm about to say assumes that you're already in a LTR; she's earned her spot and its only right to do right by her. It's important for Women that you take them out periodically. Women are much more socially inclined than we fellas are; so, being cooped up in the crib, while it may not be a big whup to you, can be problematic for them. Plus, being out and about signals to everyone that you're together, which is huge for Women; trust me, few if any Women wanna be a Bootycall, or think that they are, because you never take them out. Like anything else in life, your LTR is an investment; what you put in, is what you get back. You invest some time and ends in your Woman, and the ROI can be quite substantial.

The great thing about the Summertime, is that you can find a lot to do for very little cost. Take some to find out what's going on in your town; I like what T aka Ricky Raw said about knowing your town and how important this is for a Man. Women HATE planning outings and dates, and would much rather her guy do it. Personally, I'm a big fan of waterfronts and piers, sidewalk cafes and parks. Usually such venues are in the middle of or near other events that are going on, so that gives plenty of opportunities for spontaneity, too. Have some sense of where your going, know the lay of the land, what things cost, etc. Have it all planned out as much as you can. Usually, all this won't run you more than a Benjamin or so, and again if you're creative and have done your homework beforehand, and/or if you're someone who can improvise on the fly like me, you'll be able to keep your love life strong even as the economy crumbles around us. Keep in mind, the hospitality business is hurtin BAD-and
by that I mean, anyplace where people go to chillout, relax and have a good time, which includes the aforementioned venues. Trust me, there are deals galore. The greeter gal at the spot me and Brown Sugah went to practically begged us to have a sit, and it turned out to be quite nice.

Alright, that's it. Come on fellas, you can do this!

Now adjourn your grimy asses…

*Obsidian's iPod is playing: Kick Push

The Obsidian

This Story Has Everything

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[Today's guest post written by MB]

The Daily Mail reports that Jennifer Capriati recently attempted suicide. This story has absolutely everything – the special snowflake, entitlement syndrome, girrrl power, the Alpha bad boy and finally the Wile E. Coyote moment. There must be a rejected nice guy in there somewhere but the Daily Mail skips that part of the story. Let's take a look.

"Capriati had a glittering career as a teenage prodigy after bursting on to the tennis circuit aged 14. She was hailed at future champion (sic) and had four successful years, including reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals in 1991 when she was 15-years-old."

Special snowflake. So far so good.

"But at the age of 18 she went off the rails with arrests for shoplifting and drugs."

Entitlement syndrome.

"After a spell in a Miami Beach drug rehab centre she relaunched her career and went on to win the Australian Open in 2002 by beating the world No 1 Martina Hingis. Months later she won the French Open and went to reach the Wimbledon semi finals."

Girrrl power.

"Her career came to an end in 2005 due to shoulder and back injuries."

Interesting. One thing the feminists somehow fail to mention to young women in their pursuit of girrrl power is just how much more susceptible women are to sports injuries than men. For example, take a good look at the knees of men and women. A man's knee is bulky, the joint capsule and associated ligaments strongly braced by the surrounding muscles while a woman's knee is much narrower. Due to this and other musculoskeletal differences, women suffer sports injuries at a higher rate than men with the incidence of ACL (knee ligament) injuries much higher in women.

"Adult film actor Dale DaBone, 34, dated Capriati from 2003-2009."

Dale DaBone. DaBone. Aha. Ahahaha. Da. Bone. Dated Jennifer from when she was 27 to 33. Do I need to spell out Da Bone's role in this medieval morality play?

"Former tennis star Jennifer Capriati is reported to have attempted suicide after becoming depressed over her failed career."

Wile E. Coyote. Jennifer is 34.

"Today a former boyfriend told celebrity website TMZ that Capriati had been depressed over her failed career……..He said that her emotional state may have been heightened by his decision to return to his porn career. He told the website that he had spoken with Capriati at hospital and said she was 'hysterical' over his decision."

So.…..looks like Jennifer tried to make Da Bone choose between his career and her. Might have worked when she was 23.

Atheists Having Difficulty Attracting Women

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In a Scienceblogs.com article titled "The Woman Problem," a male atheist outlines some of the problems facing male atheists, the main one being, in his opinion, that women are not interested. His attempts to attract women, however, may provide us with at least a partial answer as to to why this "problem" exists.

Here author PZ Myers suggests a solution:

> I think the right answer is for us males to shut up now and then and listen. It's not for us men to tell women how to fix our (both men and women) problems, but if we're to have a lasting and equitable representation at the tables of atheism and skepticism, the guys who currently dominate need to step back and stop pushing.

He may think it is the pushiness and that the atheist men simply have to be nice, but I would beg to differ, and suggest to Mr. Myers that the problem is actually that women have little interest in either Atheism or Atheists. Why would they, after all? What is it about Atheism that contains anything of interest to women?

Myers also writes with a style that could be considered anything but alluring to females:

> I know there are some great blogs out there run by women — Skepchicks and Greta and Ophelia and more — so share more wealth. Skepchicon 2010 is happening this weekend, so people can nag me there, too. I shall be a passive receptacle for your ideas.

"Passive receptacle?" He seems to be calling himself a douche, here.

He goes on to recommend taking a back seat to the women, promoting them and getting out of their way, and taking other submissive measures to encourage them. I'm pretty sure this won't work all that well with women in general, although it may draw a few dominatrix types.

Predictably, the women Atheists who have responded have sensed weakness and are going in for the kill. One female commenter has already demanded scholarships and childcare from Atheists:

> Here's my suggestion: Set up a fund to help women be part of the mix. Offer child-friendly activites, day care, or some other way that they don't have to leave the little ones behind with an expensive babysitter (or a fundamentalist grandma). Offer scholarships for working women to enable them to attend.

Another woman suggests that many Atheist men are "creeps" (code for beta):

> Here's an idea – creepy guys can fucking stop hitting on every woman who walks by instead. And when non-creepy guys see other guys doing it, they can tell them to fucking stop it so that it's not always up to every woman in attendance to do so.

Although I'm not an atheist, I'll give Mr. Myers a bit of advice: don't give them anything. Act like they don't matter, and then they'll want in. They'll even offer to bake cookies and make coffee. More women than men volunteer for "patriarchal" Christian churches and Jewish synagogues. Do priests, ministers and rabbis seek to gain female followers by putting women in charge? No, they do the

opposite, and claim authority over women, and the women flock to services in far greater numbers than men.

But perhaps Atheism – at least the organized type – is a different kind of faith. If that's the case, I imagine it will always be a fringe religion, and never gain all that many adherents. Communist nations may have had some success with their atheist faith, but they backed that up with very male personality cults that portrayed leaders – all men – as godlike figures. And the Christian and other mainstream religions that have gone "equal" have failed miserably in the numbers game — witness the precipitous decline of the Episcopalian Church.

The thing is, when you put women in charge of something and subordinate the men, it kind of turns women off. It's just human nature.

Encouraging Transsexualism in Kids

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Feministing is cheering on this unfortunate documentary produced by some kids in New York, in which a boy who seems to have gender identity disorder (yes, it is a real disorder) is portrayed as combatting "stereotypes." The title Feministing chooses to give it is "Beyond snakes and snails and puppydog tails."

From the title, it seems that they think this is a trend to be encouraged, and represents what males should become. If Bob Connell and his buddies at NOMAS have their way, they might actually mandate that boys dress in pink and talk like girls. I'm sure that would please feminists to no end.

If anyone thinks I'm exaggerating, recall the anti-racism class one teacher promulgated that encouraged singling out blue-eyed children for abuse. Does anyone actually believe that boys will be immune from this kind of selective abuse given the climate feminists have created?

The video's below. I feel no malice toward little Merlin, but the hard truth is that he's not a normal little boy, and trying to get other boys to behave as he does would be dysfunctional and inappropriate.

Male Birth Control Breakthrough

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This could be very important news, or it could be another flash in the pan, depending on whether the drug makes it through trials. Israeli researchers have come up with a new method to render men temporarily infertile by chemically altering the proteins on sperm, rendering them unable to fertilize eggs. In tests on mice, there seem to be no behavioral side effects, but the drug is still in the process of being tested.

Professor Haim Breitbart of Bar-Ilan University said that one of the problems with previous male birth control techniques was that hormones were used, and these had a tendency to cause behavioral side effects, such as a loss of sex drive, which caused men to reject them. Researchers working with Breitbart say the new drug will be "100% effective at stopping pregnancy" and will be free of hormones.

According to polls, women have suggested that they don't trust men to take pills, but I am not sure they are being entirely honest. Control over reproduction and fertility has long been a feminist priority, and an effective male birth control pill could have wide-reaching consequences that give women pause. Obviously, many men will benefit from being able to control their fertility, but there could be negative consequences as well. For example, I can imagine that it will be used to strengthen the justification for putting all of the blame for illegitimacy on men, and reinforce the notion that men are ultimately entirely responsible for all pregnancies and must pay no matter what the circumstances.

Report: Tiger Woods to Pay $750 Million for Divorce

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Tiger Woods has reportedly been nailed with the biggest divorce bill in the history of the world, and is going to pony up $750 million to wife Elin Nordegren. Additionally, he is not allowed to introduce his children to any girlfriend unless he marries the woman. Given that he just lost a fortune for marrying a woman, that's got to be a tough pill to swallow, and seems like she's just rubbing it in his face.

Elin Nordegren will now be one of the world's wealthiest women, all for divorcing a pro golfer. The question has to be: was she worth it?

I can imagine 3 billion women around the world in awe of Elin Nordegren as the ultimate triumphant female. Perhaps shrines will be dedicated to her in temples throughout the world, and she will become a goddess of sorts that women pray to before they apply makeup and make go of it at the local hot spot.

Supermodels Dig Alpha Thugs

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Naomi Campbell has had a subpoena served on her for testimony in the war crimes case of warlord and mass murderer Charles Taylor, the former President of Liberia. In 1997, she attended a party in South Africa hosted by Nelson Mandela, and for some reason Mr. Taylor gave her a big rough diamond as a present.

Taylor, who presided over mutilations, ethnic cleansing and mass rape, has claimed that he never had access to diamonds, so Campbell is being called to testify to set the record straight. These diamonds are the so-called “blood diamonds” that have been used by various strongmen in Africa to fund their insurgencies, purchase weapons, and, it seems, attract supermodels. Naomi Campbell has long had a thing for badboys, and is known for her own scandalous behavior, but Taylor surely tops the list in outright savagery. In one election, Taylor campaigned under the slogan “He killed my ma, he killed my pa, but I will vote for him.” He was elected in a landslide, probably because he threatened another killing spree if he lost.

We may never know what the relationship between the bratty supermodel and the Liberian butcher came down to, but it’s certain that Charles Taylor was very popular with the ladies. He probably had an entire harem to choose from in Monrovia — even as the corpses of his victims ripened under the hot, African sun.

You’d think people would have noticed the obvious discrepancies between what women say and what they do and rejected the lies of feminism from the beginning. However, perhaps when you have them on one the hand declaring peace, love and harmony, and on the other courting mass murderers, the contrast is so glaring that it blinds people. Or maybe men are blinded by beauty, and most women are hard-wired to be able to accept blatant inconsistencies, and this is really what does it.

Perhaps as Orwell put it: “To see what is in front of one’s nose needs a constant struggle.”

An Open Letter To The Spearhead Readership

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In light of the nature of the overall response to my recent article on Game and the Recession, I thought to write what I hope will be a brief and to the point reply.

Over the past few years in my time of observation and involvement with what has become known in some circles as the "Manosphere", I've noticed what I consider to be a palpable strain of discontent among its denizens. Men, often angry and bitter, seem attracted to this odd nexus of the Internet, where Men's Rights, Game and "HBD" all seem to converge, or at the very least, are only mere "doorsteps" away from each other. To say that there is no legitimate locus of these Mens' anger, is to be disingenuous; marriage, dating, and sex have radically changed, and not for the better. For far too many Men, the changed landscape is a veritable battlefield; one that is littered with the bodies of otherwise decent guys, trampled by the sociopolitical machine born of our "enlightened" age. Many Men have run afoul of the anti-male court system, be it via divorce or child support, or with regard to rape and sexual assault accusations. No reasonable person can say with a straight face that not only can these systems be abused, but they also contain within them very real imbalances that can prove extremely costly to Men in too many ways. On these and other points, I truly do commiserate with my brothers.

But when the anger and righteous indignation on the part of my brothers becomes counter-productive – to the point that even the mere suggestion that Men should take care in their appearance is tantamount to being gay or putting Women on a pedestal… That my friends, is where we part company.

And that's where the "Men's Rights Movement", if one wishes to call it that, is right now, in my view. It is a deeply held concern I have shared in private with The Spearhead founder, Welmer. I, for one, hope that he does something about it, because, let's face it: silence implies consent, and for those who are our opponents – namely, Feminist Ideologues – it is the shrill voices that give them the rationale and justification to paint ALL of us in the exact same light. Those who wish to denigrate any but the most obstreperous views, then, are only helping to tear down what we are hoping to create, blinded by their own bitterness and pain.

Welmer has asked me to focus a bit more on Game-related pieces for The Spearhead, and this is something I have agreed to do, because let's face it: for the vast majority of Men out there, Women will play a big role in their lives. And I for one, actually like Women, and I refuse to apologize for that. Nor am I some bitter chump in a dank basement somewhere, and that brings me to another point:

One of the most striking things I had observed about the Manosphere, was the sheer bile and vitriol; the ferocity of bitterness and anger directed at Women, and, by extension, anyone who suggests, even in the most benign way that Women ain't all that bad. This took me aback because those who seemed the most angry and bitter, were by all intents, America's Most Wanted & Preferred: White Guys. And let me refine that point just a bit more, if I may: I'm talking about middle class, college educated, good money earning, White Guys. Take it from me, a Black Male Blue Collar "Prole", who's seen a lot more pain, suffering and strife in his life than the vast majority of you will ever know in two lifetimes: you guys have the world on a string. You, for the most part, live where you want. Pickup

and travel at pretty much where you want to go. There are real opportunities that are open to you that will never be open to me. You will never have to worry about being shot by those who are sworn to protect you when you go out to get something to eat. And you are still on top of the real money making and status heap. Sure, you may encounter some setbacks, but then, what guy doesn't? The point is that, all things being equal, if anything, one would think that it would be me who was bitterly grousing about the unfairness of life.

But, I don't. Somehow, I made Game work for me, found some measure of happiness and joy and yes, love, out of this place we call our world. Is it perfect? No, but then I never set out for perfection. Just a bit of satisfaction.

So, I'm really and truly sorry fellas, but I just cannot get to all that bitterness so many of you seem to revel in. The notion that a guy who takes some interest and care in how he looks, is akin to him being "gay", simply doesn't compute for me. The idea that treating the Woman who you've been with for an extended period of time as a human being is somehow weak or pandering, I just don't get it. The line of reasoning that says that being neat and clean for one's own sake, as well as that of your mate, is a kind of anti-social behavior that I find anathema to all that I stand for.

As far as I am concerned, Game can be used to improve a Man's life where it matters the most, no matter how many of you may want to try to deny it, and that's with regard to Women. I don't see the idea of advocating for basic decency and fairness on behalf of Men or Women, and also actually liking Women, as being mutually exclusive. There's a middle ground, a "both/and"; that's been the story of my life, and it still continues to work now.

I am NOT a PUA, nor am I an "MRA". I'm just a Brotha who's trying to live some semblance of a decent life, and who believes in basic justice and fairness. The ideals propounded by the PUA & MRA communities, assist in that effort, for me. Nor do I have to be nasty, vindictive or bitter about it either.

The Spearhead is on the cusp of something truly great. I can feel it. And I am just hoping that it doesn't get ruined by those who, because of their unwillingness to move beyond their own past hurt and pain, are quite fine to execute a kind of scorched earth strategy in order to make their point. If they win, we will have done no better than the very Feminist Ideologues we decry at every chance we get. We can do better than that, fellas. The Spearhead has given us a chance to really highlight what men are all about, and guess what, it's more than angry fist-pumping in the air. There's room for Welmer's great recipes (more, please!), there's room for neatly presented issues of import for us, and yes, there's room for Game, too.

I'm just sayin.

The Obsidian

We Should Not Worry About The NSA Or DHS

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Last week a troll tried to claim that The Spearhead was being tracked by the Department of Homeland Security (or similar law enforcement/anti-terrorist entities). This idea has appeared at various times in various places in this part of the internet. We should not worry about the DHS or the NSA (National Security Agency) coming after us.

We must remember that we have no evidence that the DHS, NSA, or any other government agency is tracking us. It is imperative that we base our actions on known facts not what someone or some group may or may not be doing. While the Obama Administration's focus on "domestic terrorism" is a source of concern for several reasons (many not related to this subject), we should not automatically have a bunker mentality. We have nothing to hide. We should not act like we do. We are not a shadowy organization. We are reasonable men (and a few reasonable women) with a reasonable position. We need to be bold and out there speaking about the issues facing men. Hiding in the shadows regardless of what some three letter government agency may be doing is no way to live.

It is doubtful that men's rights and related ideas are on the radar screen of homeland security. By the time that they are, it will be much more complicated than the DHS going after us. There will be opportunistic politicians who will see the potential of developing a power base of men based of men's rights. That will make the idea that "MRA's are a bunch of terrorists" much harder to be taken seriously.

On a personal level I have much more to lose than most of you here for speaking out about men's rights. Many of you know that I work in a job in the defense industry with a high level security clearance. Various defense and homeland security government agencies have the right to search what I do online. I could lose my job because of what's on my blog or what I have written on The Spearhead. The NSA could be tracking my online activities right now. While I don't know if the NSA is tracking me online or not, it does not matter to me. I have and am going to continue to speak out about men's rights like I always have.

I hope that the NSA or some other government agency is tracking me right now. Why? Because defense and homeland security agencies aren't made up of anti-male robots. They are made up of men like ourselves. Like with any group of men there will be plenty of manginas and white knights. But there will also be plenty of men working for these agencies who will be ready to hear our message. Men who work for the NSA, DHS, FBI, ICE, etc. still go through the same things the rest of us do. These men are no less likely to be ass raped in divorce court, to have their children taken away from them, to be the victims of paternity fraud, to have false rape charges and false sexual harassment charges leveled against them, etc. If we are being tracked by a homeland security agency then after seeing are blogs and websites plenty of men working there will not think these guys are terrorists. Many of them will instead remember how their aunt divorced their uncle for no reason and their uncle was reamed in divorce court or how their best friend lost their job because some woman decided she didn't like him so she made up a bogus sexual harassment complaint against him.

Working in law enforcement or homeland security does not automatically make a man a mangina or a white knight. These are men going through the same problems we are due to female supremacism, and we should remember that rather than treating them like a faceless hive.

Software Upgrades This Weekend

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This Weekend, I'm going to put some effort into upgrading software and making a few tweaks to the forum and commenting system. WordPress 3.0 was released recently, and it comes with a lot of changes that I'm cautiously optimistic about. However, as welcome as these changes are, I'm going to have to reconfigure the site's settings, plugins and add-ons, probably throwing away some of the old ones and installing new ones. This might be a bit tricky, and it will definitely cause a few changes for readers, although none will be all that big.

I'd like to let you all know exactly what the end result will be, but until I can actually install the new release and see for myself, I can't say anything with certainty. So, if the site momentarily disappears into the ether, or starts behaving strangely over the weekend, that's because I'll be under the hood with a wrench fiddling around with it.

Hopefully, all will go well, but if not I can always restore from backups and go shopping for a php pro who can handle whatever I might have missed.

How Did Elin Nordegren Make Out Like a Bandit?

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Given the reported $750 million divorce settlement in return for a promise not to ever talk or write about Tiger, a few of us have been speculating on what she had on Tiger Woods.

What could be worth that much? Well, as far as Tiger is concerned, only one thing: his career. What could permanently derail his career?

Getting caught cheating with performance enhancing drugs.

Although this is pure speculation, and the settlement hasn't even been confirmed yet, this seems like the most likely explanation to me for such a ridiculous divorce payout. Tiger has faced some scrutiny – including a very recent interview – for associating with a doctor who touted the benefits of human growth hormone, and who undoubtedly had access to a pharmacopia of hormones and other drugs. If, as his recent physique suggested, he had been juicing, Elin would have been privy to it. She may even have physical and documentary evidence. This would be enough to permanently derail his career and all his ad contracts, and possibly even earn him some jail time. It would be an insurmountable scandal — far worse than Tiger's dalliances with skanks and porn stars.

What Americans are Commemorating Today

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> ***We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. –That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, –That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness…***

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Another Woman Jailed in Britain for False Rape Allegations

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It seems that the British are way ahead of the rest of the Anglosphere in prosecuting false rape claims. These days, it's one after another biting the dust for victimizing innocent men.

In the latest case, Temitope Adenugba was having some trouble getting her homework done on time, so she called the police and said she had been raped. When they arrived, she pointed the finger at janitor Kunle Ogunmole, who, as luck would have it, just happened to be standing around at the time. After the janitor was arrested, her story fell apart when inconsistencies and a prior false rape claim came to light.

In the US, women make false rape allegations all the time, but even in the most egregious cases, such as the Duke Lacrosse scandal, women are very rarely punished. Feminists like to claim that the rate of false rape allegations is vanishingly small, but Britain's initiative in dealing with the problem shows that to be far from the truth.

Duke Lacrosse Accuser Holds Press Conference

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Crystal Gail Magnum, the woman who accused the Duke Lacrosse players of raping her, recently held a press conference to defend herself against domestic violence charges that have been brought against her. Currently Magnum is under house arrest and must wear a motion bracelet on her ankle at all times due to an incident between herself and her ex-boyfriend that happened in February. In addition Magnum is facing charges of arson, child endangerment and attempted murder. Police allege during the incident in February that Magnum set an apartment on fire and tried to kill her ex-boyfriend while her three children and two police officers were in the apartment.

Magnum said in the press conference:

> I don't feel like I'm going to get the justice that I deserve through the judicial system and I feel this my only and last means to reach out to the public and let them know that I did not set a fire that night. To let the public know that I am being unfairly treated due to preconceived notions that people have about me concerning another case. I feel like enough is enough.

The other case Magnum refers to is when she brought up false rape charges against the Duke Lacrosse players. She has also made claims that her ex-boyfriend abused her and about that said:

> I can't explain to you why I keep going through issues with domestic violence. Maybe it's mistakes. Maybe I tell men too much about my past and they try to take that for granted. Maybe domestic violence is more prevalent than people think.

UK Bodybuilder Goes on Rampage After DV Jailing, Targets Police

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Raoul Moat, a bodybuilder who lives in Northumbria, obtained a gun and went on a shooting spree on Saturday, wounding his girlfriend and killing her new lover, a martial arts instructor who was shot down when he ran outside to confront the armed man. The girlfriend is expected to survive. Later, Moat wrote a lengthy diatribe about how he has lost everything and intends to keep killing – targeting police officers in particular – until he is dead. He made good on his promise to attack cops by shooting one through the window of a police car. The officer was critically injured, but is currently in stable condition.

Prior to the rampage, Moat's girlfriend, the mother of his three-year-old child, had taunted him by saying that she was sleeping with a policeman. After the shootings, she issued a plea retracting her words, saying that she had only told him she was sleeping with a policeman because she was "frightened."

Moat's manifesto has not been released to the public because of the sensitive nature of the information it contains.

Given the chaotic state of sexual relations today, these incidents are inevitable. There is no avoiding the fact that certain unstable individuals, such as Mr. Moat, will crack and take violent action over jealousy or a sense of betrayal. If there is anything remarkable, it is the fact that it happens so rarely despite the pressure so many people face in the chaotic sexual marketplace, which touches on some of the deepest nerves in the human psyche.

For a dystopian view of a society in which bloodshed and murder over sexual rivalries was commonplace, one need only read the blood and gore-soaked annals of pre-Christian European literature. Perhaps we are returning to such an age, where women's proclivity to seek out violent, brutal men for drama and excitement will lend a crimson cast to our lives.

Barefoot Bandit's Mother Cheers Him On

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Colton Harris Moore, the Camano Island, Washington native who has been evading authorities since leaving a halfway house in 2008, was raised by an obviously dysfunctional single mother, who is proud of her son for his criminal exploits. First arrested at the age of 12, Moore eventually became quite a prolific thief, burglarizing homes and stealing vehicles and boats in the islands of Puget Sound. It is therefore little wonder that he has apparently chosen to fly a stolen plane to the Bahamas, which although tropical, would be a familiar environment for the Island County resident.

What is remarkable about Moore is that he has taught himself to fly (but not land, it seems) simply by using instructional books and videos, and has a knack for breaking into secure airports and marinas. However, as someone who grew up with some association with the kind of people who tend to live on the waterfront and own powerboats and airplanes in the greater Seattle area, I know that it isn't all that difficult to penetrate their security. Actually, what protects them more than anything else is the exclusivity of their lifestyle, which prevents most others from even imagining that all these toys are simply there for the taking, which they are. Additionally, your common criminal would have some serious difficulty operating a Bayliner, not to mention piloting aircraft.

I'd assume that Colton Harris Moore grew up around a number of these wealthier kids, and was only distinguished by being poor and having a particularly lousy mother. Unfortunately for Colton, that distinction might have meant the difference between becoming a respectable citizen and becoming a wanted man. Maybe he is a born criminal, but that doesn't appear to stop certain people having phenomenal success in business. From a young age, Colton probably saw all the toys the wealthier folks around him had, and figured he'd partake. I knew some rich kids who behaved like criminals at that crucial age right around puberty, but their families had the means to steer them away from that. With a mother like he had, Colton did not have that luxury.

Here are a few things Pam Kohler, Colton's mother, has had to say about her son's crime spree:

> "When the cops come and bother me that's when I think 'run Colton run, fly Colton fly.' I'm proud that he taught hisself how to fly."
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> "I just want to hug him, I'm proud that he can fly planes with no lessons. You're damn right I am."
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> "If anyone profits from this thing it should be me and Colt." (She intends to hire an "entertainment lawyer")

What a wonderful example she must have set for her son all these years. Maybe the teenaged Colton, now on the other side of the continent, can finally take some time to reflect on how he ended up a wanted man with an FBI reward on his head.

Bodybuilder Stepmom in Missing Child Case Accused of Attempting to Have Husband Killed

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Terri Moulton Horman, the Portland, Oregon stepmother who is facing police scrutiny in the case of missing seven-year-old Kyron Horman, has been accused of offering to pay a landscaper to off her husband Kaine Horman, the boy's father. When police notified Kaine of the alleged plot, he moved out, obtaining a restraining order and filing for divorce.

Shortly after Kyron disappeared in early June, Terri Moulton Horman began to draw scrutiny, as she had been the last person to see Kyron alive at a science fair, for which the little boy had created a diorama about the red eyed tree frog. Kyron has been described as a sweet, well-behaved boy who would be unlikely to wander off.

Terri is a large, powerfully-built woman with the physical wherewithal to easily subdue an obedient little boy with poor vision. She has so far avoided arrest, but has been put under considerable police pressure. Given the landscaper's allegations, she is beginning to look like a very credible suspect.

I must admit the focus on Terri Horman confused me a bit at first. What motive would a woman have to surreptitiously kill her stepchild, after all? If she did it in a fit of roid rage, that would be one thing, but it would take an uncommonly twisted individual to plan something like that. However, in chimp colonies, females have been known to kill their female rivals' children, so perhaps hatred of the biological mother could provide sufficient motive.

Female Columnist Calls Obama a Woman

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This Washington Post editorial, written by Kathleen Parker, is about a week old, but I thought it would be worth bringing up anyway, so as to show an example of barely concealed shaming language. Below, Parker suggests Obama isn't sufficiently Alpha:

> No, I'm not calling Obama a girlie president. But . . . he may be suffering a rhetorical-testosterone deficit when it comes to dealing with crises, with which he has been richly endowed.
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> It isn't that he isn't "cowboy" enough, as others have suggested. Aren't we done with that? It is that his approach is feminine in a normative sense. That is, we perceive and appraise him according to cultural expectations, and he's not exactly causing anxiety in Alpha-maledom.

To back up her assertions, she points out that he is verbose and given to consensus-building rather than assuming the role of a commander.

This editorial isn't all that compelling, because it reads as shaming language rather than true analysis. If anything, it seems to me that Obama is acting like a lot of guys who were raised by dominant women (his grandmother in Obama's case). Men who grow up in such a situation can develop a habit of evasiveness, because directly confronting women, even when they are the ones who are really in charge, is culturally taboo. In fact, I think this evasiveness, which is characterized by a lot of empty, feel-good talk on Obama's part, has become fairly typical amongst the post-boomer generation. It is exceedingly common for younger male politicians in the Pacific Northwest – including Republicans – to behave in this manner, and the population in general shares this tendency, which often manifests itself in a kind of passive-aggressiveness.

No, I don't think Obama is acting like a "woman," but rather like the kind of man that has been created by a society that is increasingly dominated by females such as Kathleen Parker — those who shame men for being effeminate even as they demand more authority and display aggression and contempt toward those they look down upon.

Resonance

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Over the last few days, something's been bothering me a bit. Because I can't exactly put my finger on it, I've withdrawn a bit, and sought some answers in art, which I've often found to be a better medium than the standard blabber for clearing one's mind and putting things in perspective. I thought it might have been the exceptionally muted 4th of July – probably the least enthusiastic in my living memory – that was giving me pause, but I still can't say for sure.

I felt compelled to seek answers from the years surrounding my earliest days on earth, probably because our own genesis has so much significance and would seem to hold answers. Those earliest memories resonate throughout our lives, coming up from the depths even when the present time makes little sense. My grandmother, who by the end of her life had lost almost all awareness of the world surrounding her, began to revert to the Norwegian her parents spoke to her when she was a small child, even referring to herself by her Norwegian rather than American name. Prior to that, I never even knew she had a Norwegian name. To me, she had always been grandma Sylvia, but she became a little girl named Solveig at the end. After everything else had faded away, those early memories remained, like the solid foundation of a burned out building.

So I turned to movies from the 1970s and thereabouts, trying to understand what it was about those earliest times of my life that might have framed my own sense of the world, and given me the ominous sensation that has been stalking me for some days.

First, I watched *Taxi Driver*, released when I was a very small child, and then *Midnight Cowboy*, which was filmed some five years before I was born. Although both are set in New York, and I'm no New Yorker, the films touched on some national themes and social moods that were prevalent at the time. Both also dealt quite explicitly with the theme of masculinity, and hinted at some impending futility. Robert DeNiro's Travis Bickle of *Taxi Driver*, a young man driven to kill by disgust for corruption and filth, was certainly a more sympathetic character than Christian Bale's Patrick Bateman in *American Psycho* – a soulless killer who is absolutely alienated from concepts of morality – but he is an ambiguous character whose actions are disturbing and leave one with some discomfort concerning his motives.

Midnight Cowboy, for its part, is a film that lays waste to the age-old American dream of making it in the big city. Joe Buck, played by Jon Voigt, dreams up one of the world's worst business plans – selling himself to women – while washing dishes in Texas, and hooks up with "Ratso," a sick, crippled hustler played by Dustin Hoffman. Needless to say, the pair fails miserably, and Joe Buck comes of age through the same pointless tragedy that characterized his young life up to that point. It's a deeply depressing and sad movie, but well worth watching for its touching humanity.

As I try to make some sense of these two movies that came out right around the dawn of my life, what strikes me most about them is the profound loss of confidence that characterized society at the time. I've written before about how American men live their lives much as though they have been vanquished in war, and perhaps the art from this era can give us some insight into why this is so. As I strive to recapture the mood from the time, it occurs to me that my generation was born into a very troubled time, and has lived with the consequences for our entire lives.

Perhaps, as we come of age, we are expressing that sense of futility and that loss of confidence, and

that is what I have felt bearing down like a heavy weight in these recent days. Given the strange, nihilistic mood of today, I fear for my own children and others who are coming of age during the last gasps of this dying civilization.

Citizen Renegade Analyzes Californication

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Given the recent hubbub here at The Spearhead over whether Game is about pedestalization, liberation, or something else entirely, I thought today's post by Citizen Renegade (formerly known as Roissy) might be edifying to readers.

In the post, he takes a look at the *Californication* TV series from the point of view of someone who practices Game. While he praises character Hank Moody's (David Duchovny) technique, ultimately he sees something amiss in his tendency to sentimentalize and pedestalize women.

Personally, I think tomcatting and chivalry go together like oil and water, but perhaps, as Citizen Renegade suggests, this is the ultimate female fantasy:

> Think about it for a minute. What is the perfect man in a feminist's eyes? He is first and foremost that charming cad who gets them wet. We all know the tingle is the necessary ingredient on the way to female fulfillment. Second, he is utterly nonjudgmental, no matter how badly the women in his life behave. Everything, ultimately, is his own fault, and he feels deeply sorry for "hurting" women, even when he can't help but continue "hurting" them. Third, he will defend a woman's honor at risk to his own well-being, health and reputation, even when the woman in question has little objective honor worth defending. Fourth, he will forgive everything bad women do to him, absolve them of all their sins (they know not what they do, lord, for they have mere vaginas), and fight those who would disagree.

Check it out for an interesting take on Game in popular culture.

Financial Crisis, Mancession Prompt Congress to Mandate More Affirmative Action for Women

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If anyone still has any questions about why feminists such as Hannah Rosin can smugly declare "the end of men," they need only look to the law of the land, which, with each passing year, favors women more and more explicitly. In the Dodd-Frank financial regulation bill, Congress snuck in a provision that will create yet another office dedicated to enforcing "equality" by mandating "race and gender employment ratios" in financial institutions that do business with the government.

In an article in *Real Clear Markets*, linked in the forum by Spearhead commenter JohnJ, Diana Furchgott-Roth details the breadth and scope of this new government intrusion on behalf of women (affirmative action has *always* benefited women more than the minority men it was originally intended for):

> The Treasury, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the 12 Federal Reserve regional banks, the Board of Governors of the Fed, the National Credit Union Administration, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau…all would get their own Office of Minority and Women Inclusion.
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> Each office would have its own director and staff to develop policies promoting equal employment opportunities and racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of not just the agency's workforce, but also the workforces of its contractors and sub-contractors.
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> What would be the mission of this new corps of Federal monitors? The Dodd-Frank bill sets it forth succinctly and simply – all too simply. The mission, it says, is to assure "to the maximum extent possible the fair inclusion" of women and minorities, individually and through businesses they own, in the activities of the agencies, including contracting.

Furchgott-Roth brings up the abuses of Title IX, questioning how exactly this is going to work out, and warns that the new law may increase waste by forcing contractors to hire redundant staff and underqualified individuals. This is certainly a problem, but what about the obvious question:

Why is Congress passing new affirmative action laws in the middle of the mancession?

If anything, this bill is a kick in the pants to the millions of laid-off men who are struggling to pay the bills — often to their wealthier ex-wives, who have states bludgeoning impoverished ex-husbands to give more money to buy shoes and such.

Institutionalized hatred and oppression of men is officially the norm in the United States, and women, rather than have some sympathy for their brothers, husbands, fathers and sons, sit back and write articles about the superiority of their sex. Morally speaking, women are beginning to look like the uglier – not the fairer – sex.

Med Student Has Baby on Airplane, Tries to Flush it Down Toilet

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Indian surgeons rushed to save the life of a child critically injured when its mother tried to dispose of it in the lavatory, where she had given birth. The baby was taken to the hospital still attached to the toilet bowl, which had to be sawed off to remove the child from the lavatory.

The mother, who had recently completed a degree was returning home via Turkmenistan Airlines. She managed to get off the plane before the child was found, but was identified and arrested in the airport.

Whether or not she will eventually become a doctor is unknown.

Rebuttal to “The End of Men”

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The End of Men article in *The Atlantic*, penned by feminist authoress Hannah Rosin, has spawned a number of copycat articles, such as the recent “Women Will Rule the World” piece in Newsweek. There hasn’t been much to counter it in the mainstream media, probably because right at this point it seems to be a done deal. However, the American Spectator came out with a nice critique that’s worth reading, even if all it does is rehash themes we’ve done to death here at *The Spearhead*.

Here’s a passage from the article, titled “The End of Men, The Beginning of What?” and written by William Tucker:

> Remember “The End of History,” Francis Fukuyama post-Cold-War thesis which said that now that everything was settled between the Soviets and the West, nothing of historical importance would ever happen again? That was like saying “The End of Yugoslavia” would mean nothing interesting would ever happen again in the Balkans.
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> David Brooks nailed all this in Bobos in Paradise, when he charted the rise of a typical public intellectual:
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> *The title of her first book [his choice of pronoun] will begin with the phrase, “The End of…” The benefit of endism is its dramatic finality; few people will remember a book called Ideology is Aging. But decades after its publication, the title The End of Ideology will still be referred to (even if its contents are utterly forgotten). The difficulty in writing an endist book is in finding things that haven’t already ended. History, equality, racism, tragedy, and politics have all been taken, and The Death of…takes in just about everything else. The End of Gardening just doesn’t have the ring of a bestseller.*

Full Text

She’s in the “Alimoney”

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Linda Hogan is enjoying her time in Miami, frolicking on a yacht named “Alimoney.”

Check out the photo at TMZ (warning: includes partially clothed Linda Hogan in US flag bikini).

The Ins and Outs of Online Dating

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[Today's guest post written by Zammo]

Being single means treading the murky waters of online dating once more. I've used online dating in the past and it worked pretty well.

Of course, I'm not chasing girls, I'm chasing women over 35. But the fundamentals are still pretty true in the whole dating and relationship game, even if online. For men who have pretty much given up on woman and the entire relationship game, that's perfectly reasonable. This is in no way a recommendation for online dating or pursuing women. For the rest of us, knowing how to exploit online dating can be important.

I'm using Plenty of Fish (PoF), a free online dating website. As I live in a very large metropolitan area, my options are quite large. If you live in a smaller town, online dating may not work. The biggest problem with PoF is that it's free so women can merely dabble in it to get their attention fix or bide their time to switch to the next relationship. All online dating causes a false sense of abundance. There's always another guy who just might be a bigger, better deal. I can deal with this and always keep my own eyes out for the bigger, better deal. Whatever games that women play online, I match them.

There is another problem with online dating – people tend to say what they are expected to say. The woman who claims she's "looking for a nice guy" is simply parroting back what she has heard in all the TV talk shows, Oprah, and various women's magazines. What women doesn't want a nice guy? It turns out, most women don't want a nice guy. They do, however, want to be rescued. Lots of profiles mention the "knight in shining armor" or "Prince Charming".

It's quite clear that far too many women are victims of emotional pornography. They actually believe that dating and relationships should resemble the wildly unrealistic fiction of romantic comedy movies, Sex and the City, Cosmopolitan Magazine, Oprah, etc. There is the constant mention of "chemistry". This is merely woman-speak for "vagina tingle". Women still want to be swept off their feet into the arms of an alpha provider/protector and into a life of decorating, shopping, and ease.

Underneath all the social bullshit expressed in words, women want confidence over sensitivity. That want the successful alpha male with a strong backbone, emotional strength, and yes, some douchebag behavior. This goes way back in our evolution when we were running around the plains chasing mastodons with pointed sticks in an attempt to prepare dinner back at the split-level cave. The successful hunter got the women because he's the one with dinner. The poor fucker who couldn't toss a spear got to eat roots and berries and watch the better spear hurler have sex with the women. The fundamentals of this still hold quite true. Even today, women mostly insist on dating guys taller than themselves just like guys like dating women who have a pronounced feminine form and are usually younger than them. It's biology, no point fighting it.

Online dating is mostly a numbers game. Women will reject a man for quite a few reasons simply based on a photo and a few brief words. It's important to keep things organized. If there are quite a women who fit my requirements, I keep a spreadsheet of whom I have contacted and the response (if any).

The process goes something like this –

1. I peruse photos and profiles looking for some specific attributes of a potential date – attractiveness (to me) in face and body, family situation (I prefer women without kids or with kids out of the house), geography (no more than about 50 miles away), intelligence (good with words), etc. At this point, I mark the woman as a favorite so she knows I have an interest.

2. I send a brief message with mentioning something in their profile and invite them to read mine. This is the frustrating and time consuming part. Shotgun emails simply don't work unless you're a really good looking guy. Crafting a good opening message is not easy. My messages have the profile-specific response at the top. I try to find something in the woman's profile that I can respond to. While I only need two or three sentences, it requires reading the profile fairly carefully. Do not compliment a woman's photographic appearance with more than a few words. It's far better to mildly compliment her words, her pets, her outfit, whatever.

As an aside, here is what I have learned about key phrases that women use in their profiles –

No players – I am attracted to players.
No games – No man who plays better games than me.
No drama – I am a drama queen and don't need the competition
Looking for a good/nice guy – Still looking for an alpha but might accept a beta if he's affluent enough
Prince Charming/Knight in shining armor wanted – hopeless romantic and borderline gold digger.
Make me laugh – Keep me entertained as my personal court jester.
My partying days are over – 30-something former party girl with a bad case of baby rabies
Shopping as a hobby – gold digger
Real Man Wanted – she likes the BadBoys
Where are all the real men/nice guys? – worst of the worst… she's a former party girl, current gold digger, and incapable of understanding that her dating net worth is lousy.
I'm a real woman – I'm fat with a bad attitude
Friends first/looking for my best friend – I want the option to reject you first or put you in the FriendZone while I date other guys
Family is important to me – my kids, my parents, my aunts and uncles and cousins, my very distant and never-seen relatives will always come before you

A word about single moms: they present a scheduling problem more than anything else. Their child visitation schedule will dictate their dating schedule. This can work in your favor. It can be quite easy to juggle several single moms by knowing their child visitation schedule. As well, single moms are usually more willing to share you as long as you don't make it obvious that you're dating other women.

Once I send a message, here are the typical reactions –

1. My message is deleted without being read. They saw my profile and said "ewwww, as if".

2. My message is read and then deleted. They saw my message, my profile, and said "not my type".

3. My message is read and not deleted. They saw my message, my profile, and said "not my type" and had the manners to not delete my message. It's a polite form of rejection.

4. They send a polite "no thanks, but good luck" message.

5. They send a "I'm intrigued, tell me more" message.

Of those five possible options, fewer than 1 in 50 will result in the "I'm intrigued message". This is

life and I accept it. That's why I send out a lot of messages and have become completely immune to rejection. It is extremely important to have a very thick skin. Women can and do reject men for the most ridiculous of reasons. If I get no response or a negative one, I delete the woman from my favorites list and never, ever contact them again even if they contact me.

Once a woman responds favorably, some Game strategies kick in –

1. Don't spend valuable time messaging back and forth or chatting online. The purpose of online dating is to meet women in person. Three messages and/or 10 minutes chatting online is quite sufficient to move on to a first date.

2. Never respond immediately. Wait at least 24 hours between messages. You're busy and they need to know that. This also implies you are dating other women. This provides you with some valuable social proofing.

3. Escalate but be extremely cautious about any direct sexual connotations. Every woman wants to be perceived as a "nice girl" even though they are hoping to be fucked senseless on the first date. The sexual element of dating is always implied so being direct about it is a needless risk.

4. Be confident with your online messaging. If she asks, "what are you doing this week?" as a friendly query, answer with Going out with you" If she stops communicating at that point, tough shit, move on. If she responds with anything other than a "no", she's impressed with your confidence. If she does say no without a counter, move the fuck on.

5. Never, ever ask to go out, state it. "It's time for us to meet so we're going out this Friday." If she dodges and doesn't counter with another time, she's not that into you so be prepared to move on quickly. In fact, you should have at least three other prospects you're working concurrently.

6. Like in real life, women flake online constantly. You might be having a correspondence and suddenly, poof!… she stops writing. Or, something in your words made her reject you. Remember that women are incredible fickle and the wrong word or phrase will stop them dead. Don't overthink what happened, move the fuck on.

7. Don't have "oneitis". The woman you are corresponding with has at least six guys she's corresponding with or have already started dating.

As for your own profile, having a good photo is crucial. Women online are extremely visual. They will look at a photo and make a judgment in a nanosecond. In the text portion of the profile, use strong and confident words that highlight your independent and masculine nature. Women loathe sensitive, emotionally accessible guys even if they state that is what they are seeking.

The final point is that it's highly unlikely to find a woman of quality through online dating. The vast majority of women still value themselves far too much to be a suitable, long term romantic partner. Their solipsistic nature means they are incapable of understanding they must bring something to the table other than their vaginas and tits. I simply use online dating to yield some sexy time and learn more about women so I can share it with other men.

Some of my observations from online dating experiences over the years –

1. Fat is the new average when a woman describes her body type. Even an "athletic" figure may be 20 pounds overweight. This is the disappointing reality now.

2. Everyone lies about their age, especially after 40. Men lie by about 2 years, women by about 5 years.

3. Photos are misleading. If not explicitly stated, "photos are recent", expect pictures that are several

years old. If fact, I have seen completely false photos.

4. Any woman who describes herself as a princess, diva, queen, sassy, strong – and doesn't explicitly state that she will treat her man like a prince or a king – is only good for humping and dumping.

5. Attractive women get bombarded with messages. It's easy for them to say "next, next, next…"

6. Women still expected to be pursued. Unless you're a savagely good looking guy with major money, the men send the messages, the women do the rejecting.

7. Many women will put up a few photos and almost nothing in the text part of the profile. This means they only value their looks and will use any responses from guys like a catalog from which to select their next date.

8. Photos of faces without bodies (even if they claim to have an athletic figure) means that the woman is fat.

9. Women continue to over value their worth.

British Airways Settles With Man They Treated as Potential Pedophile

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Mirko Fischer, the man who was forced to move from his seat next to his pregnant wife because it placed him next to an "unaccompanied minor," recently reached a settlement of about $5,000 with British Airways, which he donated to an orphanage. Mr. Fischer said he was humiliated by the forced move, and complained that the policy was discriminatory, stating: "It is sex discrimination. I want this policy to be substantially changed as it is a matter of principle. Women are not treated like this."

BA is defensive about the policy, which treats men as a danger to children, but was "pleased to have settled the matter."

As a child, I flew next to men unaccompanied, and neither I nor my parents ever had any anxiety about that. It is likely the case that the full-scale demonization of men that began in the 1990s has affected popular perception, leading to these restrictions, which were never seen as necessary in the past. The institutionalized hatred and distrust of men in the Anglosphere resembles a case of mass hysteria, if not full-blown psychosis.

Male Self Defense 101

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[Today's guest post written by Cato]

The manosphere is rife with advice for men these days. Don't get married. Don't have children. Don't trust women. Fairly decent advice in today's world, but I suspect that many men out there aren't sure how this applies to their daily lives. Some men do want to get married, eventually, to the right person; others would dearly love to have children someday, either through a paid surrogate or with that one magic person they trust to stay with them for the long term. Others aren't willing to be celibate, and risk their future every time they get frisky. The problem seems to be that there aren't any clear, concise instructions on how to dodge the landmines of this dangerous modern world, written for the men who need that advice the most.

Hence this article.

First, some relevant information about the author. I am currently divorced, with one child just over ten years old that I rarely get to see. My child's mother is not my ex-wife; rather, she is an ex-friend who was strongly attracted to me back in the day. Even though I told her, honestly and directly, that I did not want to sleep with her, for fear of unwanted pregnancy, she got hold of me after a night of hard drinking and made me an offer that I should have, but did not, refuse (she was damn good at oral sex). A few months later I got the call: she was pregnant, she was keeping it, and she wanted money for the medical bills from her prenatal appointments. Things went downhill pretty quickly after that. All the rest of this sad story, issues with her family, the ridiculous bureaucracy of her state trying to administer their child support program, is fodder for another time. Simply understand that I currently pay just under $900 a month for a child I wasn't ready for, and that I got sniped before I made anything remotely resembling decent money.

So, on with the advice:

The two most common threats to men in today's world, in my humblest of opinions, are marriage and unexpected pregnancy. Marriage I leave to each individual man: consider staying single first, consider cohabitation second, be together for a few years at least, get a pre-nup, and don't go through with it unless you are absolutely sure you trust the person in question. Pretty simple.

Pregnancy is another beast entirely. Reproductive control is almost exclusively a woman's prerogative in today's world; no offense to our female readership, but let's be blunt: if a woman decides it's her "time" to get pregnant, then barring any medical issues, she will. Pills can be missed, condoms can be pinholed; the truly determined (or desperate) can acquire sperm through oral sex, then visit the restroom to "spit it out," while not letting on that it's going to be a mouth-to-vagina transfer. At the most nefarious end of the scale are the scheming women who will slyly become pregnant with another man, and then attempt to convince their provider-type boyfriend that it is his child. Many states limit paternity challenges with specific time windows and other restrictions, making this disgusting tactic a viable one for the maternally obsessed woman.

Thus the question: how do we, as men, prevent unwanted pregnancy? Modern birth control is, frankly, woefully inadequate; condoms have a dismayingly significant failure rate, and all other common methods (save abstinence, of course) rely on female cooperation, and are therefore, for the purposes of this article, untrustworthy. All methods, that is, except for one: surgical vasectomy.

“Oh my God!” I hear some readers thinking. “A knife to the nutsack!? This guy is insane!” Could be, I suppose, but then, I’ve had it done already, and I know it’s not that bad. About three days recovery time, and you’re back on your…um…feet. “Ah, but I may want kids someday! So this solution won’t work for me!” Actually, it will; all you need for kids is sperm, and there’s an alternative to constantly pumping out your own: freeze some choice swimmers now, while you’re (definitely) younger and (probably) healthier than you will be down the road when you decide you want kids. Yes, I did this too, just on the off chance I meet that magic someone someday.

So I offered some clear, concise instructions up above, and without further ado or discussion, here it is. A simple guide that could really be the best information some young man out there ever gets his hands on.

1. STOP HAVING SEX. Can’t emphasize this enough. You can easily defeat your own efforts if you don’t adhere to a strict no sex policy until you’re done with the whole list. It doesn’t make much sense to put in the time, money, and aggravation required by this guide, just to conceive a child in the middle of your efforts.

2. FIND A CRYO BANK. Use the internet to locate a reputable cryogenic storage facility in your area. For me, it was Fairfax Cryo; your mileage may vary.

3. GO THERE. Schedule an initial interview. You’ll sign a contract for storage (mine was about $1700 for a five year contract) and provide a sample for screening and reviving testing – where they’ll freeze a sample, give them a day or so, then thaw them to make sure they’re still wiggling after the thaw. You get these results back in a few days.

4. GO THERE AGAIN. AND AGAIN, AS NECESSARY. After the initial appointment, make further appointments to provide samples for freezing. Plan on at least two, and possibly as many as four, donation appointments. I produced an average of ten vials of sperm per appointment; it takes two vials to attempt a pregnancy. If you want to be sure you’ve got enough juice for the future, so to speak, make four trips.

5. GET CUT. Ah yes, the centerpiece of this whole strategy for male reproductive control. Find a reputable urology clinic and schedule a vasectomy. You’ll need a friend to drive you; you won’t feel much like driving afterward (it is simple outpatient surgery, with local anesthetic).

6. CLEAR THE PIPES. Even after you get cut, you can still knock someone up. It takes about two weeks or fifteen ejaculations (if I recall correctly) for the viable sperm already in the hopper to filter out.

7. GET TESTED. Return to the urology clinic, and provide a semen sample for testing. They should call back within a day or so and let you know if you’re clear.

8. SCHEDULE FOLLOW UP TESTING. Go back to the urology clinic every six months or so and get tested again, just to stay on the safe side.

9. ENJOY! Do whatever and whoever you like, however you like, without fear of unexpected pregnancy. You should still use condoms, to protect yourself from STDs, but that choice is up to each of us individually.

There it is. That’s it. Once you’ve completed this list, you should be incapable of getting anyone pregnant. Total bill for my process was just shy of $2500, since, while my medical plan covered vasectomy, I had a five hundred dollar deductible I had to wade through. While I realize this is quite a bit of money, especially for young men just starting out, I’d like to point out that $2500 doesn’t

quite cover three months of my child support; and my child was conceived before I ever had an idea that I'd be making decent money someday. By the time I'm done paying child support, I'll have spent well over a hundred grand over eighteen years – to my mind, that makes $2500 a superb investment for today's men. Also, bear in mind that if I had actually found that magic someone over the past ten years (or if I should find them in the next eight), that money I'm paying to my child's mother is money that I wouldn't (or won't) have available to support the family that I choose to have – the family that I would actually get to be a real part of.

I hope someone out there finds this article useful, and worth the read. If this article is enough to persuade just one man out there that it is worth doing, just to be safe, then it is worth the time it took to write it. Smart men learn from their mistakes; wise men learn from the mistakes of other men.

TIME Bemoans Suicide Among Afghan Women, Ignores Male Suicide at Home

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The plight of Afghan women who kill themselves to escape bad marriages is held to be a humanitarian disaster by TIME Magazine writer Abigail Hauslohner, who focuses on immolations, probably because they are sensational. Of course, the Taliban takes the blame in a number of links in the article, but as far as I can tell these women are not members of the Pashtun ethnic group, from which the Taliban draws support. Actually, the article suggests that they may be immolating themselves because of an Iranian movie that featured a self-immolation on the part of a girl in a forced marriage, which suggests that they are ethnic Persians — not Pashtuns. Therefore, it isn't even clear that the Taliban has *anything* to do with them.

Interestingly, the article actually goes into some detail about the strange family relationships that characterize these cases (and Afghanistan in general). Cousin marriage and polygamy appear to be major factors in the decisions of both girls to torch themselves — probably far more important than spousal abuse as it is understood by Westerners, which involves, in the popular imagination, some drunk brute coming home from the bar and smacking his wife around, e.g. Stanley Kowalski.

Ironically, the wanton destruction of the Western nuclear family by feminist culture-warriors will inevitably bring some different form of marriage, because without some cooperation in child-rearing our population will simply die out and be replaced. Prime candidates include the Muslim paradigm, as in Afghanistan, or The Law of the Jungle, as in the Congo. Either way women are big trouble. East Asian style patriarchy is out, because it is proving to be just as susceptible to the ravages of Western family law as Western families.

However, what is most telling about the focus on Afghan women's suicide is the silence in Western media about the highly increased rate of male suicide after divorce in the Anglosphere. Afghan women, half a world away, merit more sympathy and attention than men in our hometowns who are driven to kill themselves by a highly punitive "justice" system that is not dedicated to justice, but rather to removing children and property from divorced men.

Recently, a man immolated himself in public – right in front of Brisbane's Supreme Court – over a family law matter. There has been no public pity, no calls for change — nothing. Yet we have thousands of troops fighting and dying in Afghanistan, and this is justified on the basis that it is a fight to stop the abuses that lead women to kill themselves.

Just think about what that says about our governments' priorities.

Fashion for a Dying Civilization?

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The Berlin Fashion Week featured some hideous displays of androgynous models who look like they emerged from a spacecraft from some mutant world. The men and women wear the same clothes, have roughly the same physique, and sport the same wispy beards.

I'm really curious as to who actually supports this garbage. There can't be a huge market for it, but I'm sure the designer makes a lot of money.

There is one thing that strikes me as appropriate about the show: the models look like aliens. Fashion, "culture" and all the rest is increasingly alien to ordinary people, and has little connection to the real world we live in. Just look at the photos.

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Male Children of all Ages More Likely to Die From Abuse

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We often hear about the tragedy of female infanticide in China, the abused girls of Africa, Afghanistan, etc. But how many people know that boys – including little babies – are significantly more likely to die from abuse or neglect in the United States? I'm not sure about the stats from the UK, Canada, Australia or NZ, but I assume boys make up the majority of abuse fatalities in those countries as well.

And it isn't just fatalities — boys are significantly more likely to be seriously injured in cases of abuse and neglect. We're not talking about a spanking, scratch or little bruise here: "serious injury" refers to concussions, broken bones, stab wounds, gunshot wounds, internal bleeding, etc. The most at risk group of children is baby boys under the age of one. Think about that for a moment. Children who are most likely to be fatally abused or neglected are tiny, helpless, baby boys. Not sullen or provocative teens, rambunctious little kids, or even mischievous toddlers, but little babies who can't even walk and talk, and usually they're boys.

Feminists like to make a lot of noise about child sexual abuse. It's a pretty horrific thing that is mainly perpetrated by males against female victims, and they use it as ammunition against men on a consistent basis. But they are strangely silent about child fatalities and serious injuries. Rarely does one hear a peep about murdered children, severely beaten children, or fatally neglected children. Actually, there's a good reason for that: in most of these cases the biological father had nothing to do with the child's death or injury, so feminists can't use the statistics to keep making the case that fathers should be summarily ejected from children's lives. Fathers acting alone are less than half as likely as mothers acting alone to be involved in a child's death. Interestingly, the graph does not make any distinctions between biological fathers and stepfathers, which, given custody statistics, would likely show that children are safer by far around biological fathers than any other adults.

Perhaps another reason the feminists fail to mention physical abuse and neglect of children is the fact that most victims are male children, and mothers are involved most of the time.

Feminists are not concerned about children's welfare so much as they are about gaining political leverage through the use of blame and moral grandstanding. As moral cripples, feminists use sexual abuse as a crutch to give themselves the appearance of righteousness, but the statistics on child fatalities and serious injuries reveal the truth about their position. Feminists don't really care about children; they only care about political power and the leverage that gives them to steal and appropriate resources and positions of influence.

Remember: every time feminists make a moral case against men, they are covering up a festering sore of their own creation.

End of the Line for Barefoot Bandit

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Colton Harris Moore was finally caught in The Bahamas, taken into custody after a water chase in which Bahamian police opened fire on his boat, disabling the engine. Colton grew up as a poor boy in a single mother household in Camano Island, Washington, learning to steal from a young age. He spent a great deal of time in the thick evergreen woods of Island County, into which he would disappear after burglarizing houses and businesses.

The teenager taught himself to fly by watching instructional videos and using flight simulators, and soon began stealing planes, which he used to leave his pursuers in the dust. After the net started closing in on him in Washington state, he fled across the country, stealing a number of cars to make his way to the midwest, where he broke into an airport and stole a Cessna, flying it to the Bahamas and crash-landing the plane near the beach of Abaco Island.

In the Bahamas, rather than maintain a low profile and hide out, Colton broke into several homes and businesses, stole boats and hung out in bars. Eventually, his brash defiance of the law led to his capture on Eleuthera Island, and now he's facing time in a Bahamian prison, and eventual extradition to the US, where he will certainly face numerous charges, and the prospect of a long stint in prison.

In the meanwhile, his mother, Pam Kohler, is lining up book and movie deals, from which she hopes to profit. Colton Harris Moore's life as a free man may be essentially over at this point, but at least the mother who did such a lousy job of raising him will get something out of the waste of a young life.

Rampage in New Mexico over Albuquerque DV Case

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A man armed with a gun stormed into a fiber optics manufacturing company today killing five, including his ex-wife or girlfriend, before taking his own life. Four others are in the hospital with gunshot wounds, including two who are undergoing emergency surgery. The man's children have been located and are fine. According to one article, the man was a former employee of the company, so there was obviously some grievance besides simply the ex-wife/girlfriend. Perhaps some of her coworkers were offering her support in a pending court case, or perhaps he was laid off; these are a couple of things I can think of that have sparked mass shootings in the past.

Interestingly, the police are quoted saying that the shooting resulted from a "domestic violence dispute." This could mean that the man had recently been served with a restraining order, which seems in many cases to provoke these shootings. When a couple lives together and one would like to end the relationship, they may avail themselves of a restraining order which will summarily eject the unwanted partner from the domicile by force of law. This is supposed to prevent contact, but in some instances so enrages the recipient of the order that he (or she sometimes) retaliates with deadly force.

We don't know whether this is the case in this particular shooting, but given how many suicides these breakups cause, there are bound to be some people who will take action against others besides simply themselves.

Reporting Recent Facebook + Blizzard Copy-Pasta Fail

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Ok, first a disclaimer.

I haven't played WoW since April. Got fed up of drama and bullshit and cat-herding dorks with a sense of entitlement who should have never crawled up from their "No child left Behind" classroom.

That out, if any of you got even close to a videogame blog, you just couldn't have missed the spectacle.

It all starts with this:

> The first and most significant change is that in the near future, **anyone posting or replying to a post on official Blizzard forums will be doing so using their Real ID — that is, their real-life first and last name –** with the option to also display the name of their primary in-game character alongside it.

Oh yeah. You read that right. Want to post in the forums? Well, you have to put yourself in mercy of the Internet.

As you can see for the 81 page thread (without mentioning the many, many others on those forums alone), anyone with, I don't know, **a life,** said: No. Screw That.

The funny part is this:

> The official forums have always been a great place to discuss the latest info on our games, offer ideas and suggestions, and share experiences with other players — however, the forums have also earned a reputation as a place where flame wars, trolling, and other unpleasantness run wild. Removing the veil of anonymity typical to online dialogue will contribute to a more positive forum environment, promote constructive conversations, and connect the Blizzard community in ways they havenâ€™t been connected before.

Uh huh. This is is totally for cleaning out the forums, and NOT for grabbing Facebook monies.

I'm not going to link ALL THE POSTS that cry about this, but going around the Internet found this.

Ok, first of all, I am against Facebook. For any man who has to use it, I recommend this guide. Now the basic matter, keeping it as short and simple as possible, is not only that it isn't a good idea to using Game over the Internet, but also the main reason Facebook is a problem: It sells your information for profit. That's enough money to cause a backlash.

More specially designed publicity for keeping the Consumerism machine running. Or getting death threats from whatever group decides to be offended.

Yes, I have evidence.

Also, to state the obvious, somebody is going to get **killed** when Dorky McDork realizes that the camwhore that he has so faithfully served isn't going to put up. Or when hubby discovers that the soon-to-be-ex (but with future payments ensured) has been getting some extra penetrations in her orifices.

Newsflash: Everybody with your name + your IP can find where you live, where you work, who is your family. Just ask the sacrified minion. Or the recent memory of "Lady" (sic) trailer trash's attack on a esteemed member of this community.

To make a long story short, after some days of raging, and (of course) getting the Legal (6 months or less, CNN is going to be broadcasting the $100 million lawsuit) and Accounting (the flow of the money has been disturbed) teams' opinion, they decided to pull it back.

Of course, many of the arguments against this measure were to protect women, children and "minorities" from the EVIL STRAIGHT WHITE GUYS. Take that as you will.

-Gx1080

The Symbiotic Relationship Between Misandry and Power

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Not long ago, I had a vivid dream in which I was given the opportunity to confront someone who had done me wrong. There were several characters who were encouraging me to air my grievances and to act on them. They were even amplifying them, blowing things out of proportion and getting me worked up. As I went down the list of injustices, growing angrier and more indignant, I eventually reached a point where I lashed out and struck the object of my rage. At this point, everything changed, and now I was the guilty party. My feelings of anger changed immediately to fear and guilt.

It sounds like a simple dream, but it gave me a bit of insight into how people justify treating others badly, abusing them, and doing them harm. It seems obvious on the face of it that an object of scorn, fear and hatred will receive harsh treatment, but we tend to assume that we are rational people who are not susceptible to a base appeal to emotion. However, on some level it affects all of us. Perhaps the effect is subtle for the individual, but mass society magnifies it, and then politicizes it, and then it takes on a life of its own.

The demonization of men in our society is a case in point. At first it seemed that just a few crazy feminists were making ineffectual noise out there, but some of what they said struck a chord with a lot of women. It must not have been too hard to play to women's insecurities in the early days of second wave feminism, when women were still largely dependent on men for both financial and physical security. I can't exactly put myself in a woman's shoes, but I can imagine that being surrounded by stronger people with more wealth and political power would be a bit disconcerting. Relying on these people might seem a bit risky, especially during the culturally and sexually anarchic time of the 1960s and 70s. Playing to women's fears and anger at their plight right at that time would be an astute political move, so savvy activists and politicians did just that.

After the breakthrough in the late 60s, there was a crescendo of anti-male hatred that grew at least until the 1990s, when it culminated in some of the most abusive and punitive laws ever passed in the United States. Some other countries followed suit – most notably Australia and Canada – but none went quite so far. It only took a few decades of vilification of men to twist social policy into a truly oppressive instrument of punishment and resource extraction. And, paradoxically, it didn't take outright misandry or radicalism on the part of most women, or even a majority, but rather only a little fear and a little anger in enough of them to sway their votes. And all it took to place those seeds in women's minds was a few activists, a few movies and a few sensational stories.

Perhaps this is one of the inherent dangers of representative democracy in mass society. Shocking stories are transmitted instantly, blown out of proportion and turned into common experiences. Subtle undercurrents of fear and discontent are exploited by politicians for a crucial edge in elections. Promises are made, laws are passed, and in some cases the negative fallout can even appear to justify legislative fiascoes. Power is gained, above all, by exploiting, encouraging, and amplifying emotions — positive or negative is of little consequence if it can get votes and bring in the money.

In this light, it is easier to see how misandry has been exploited for over a generation — women's emotions have been fuel for the generation of political power. Misandry has made careers, elected presidents, and influenced the makeup of the Supreme Court. However, as my dream suggested, there is a dark side side to this. These emotions eventually culminated in action, and many men have been

at the receiving end of this pent up hatred and anger. Just as the few sensational crimes become a common experience, so does the generalized hatred of men.

And so the fear and frustration – some of which was doubtless justified – has resulted in a great deal of injustice. Men are automatically suspect, their due process rights are ignored, and they are dispossessed without a hint of guilt. After years of being painted as the enemy, it was inevitable that men would eventually be treated that way.

According to Army Times, 18 Vets Commit Suicide Per Day

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Amongst veterans who are receiving some treatment from the VA, there are 950 suicide attempts per month, but most vets who commit suicide are not receiving any treatment. The overwhelming majority of successful suicide attempts are committed by male vets, including 1,621 known attempts by Iraq and Afghanistan vets last year.

The article in the Army Times does not delve into the reasons for suicide, but others have, and divorce and family destruction apparently play a larger role than anything else.

Attempts by the VA to perform a sort of triage for soldiers whose lives have been wrecked by wives, babymommas, girlfriends, etc., are alleviating the problem to some degree; a hotline the VA set up gets some 10,000 calls per month.

Unfortunately, the article ends on the familiar "blame the men" note we're all familiar with, stating:

> In general, VA officials said, women attempt suicide more often, but men are more likely to succeed in the attempt, mainly because women use less lethal and less violent means while men are more likely to use firearms.

This is not true. Men succeed more often because they know they will not get as much sympathy and help, and therefore have a greater desire to die. Women – especially soldiers – are not so stupid as to be ignorant of what's required to successfully kill oneself — they simply know that a suicide "attempt" will gain them great sympathy and help. As long as our culture encourages abuse and exploitation of men for the benefit of women and elite men, the male suicide rate will continue to be some four to five times as high as the female rate. Trying to obfuscate that fact by pretending that women are equally as burdened, but simply too frail and delicate to actually carry out a suicide, is part of the reason this problem is perpetuated.

Animals of the Manosphere

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I've noticed that feminists often like to bring up animal behavior to justify feminism. There are some animals that behave in a manner that's agreeable to them, so they frequently point to these species as shining examples of how humans could improve themselves.

It's an interesting concept, so I thought I'd bring up a few animals and how they might relate to different philosophies and lifestyles from the gender relations point of view.

To be fair, I'll start with the feminist animals.

Egalitarian, liberated Feminist in the trees: The Bonobo

The animal feminists most often bring up in public is the bonobo, which is a lesser kind of chimpanzee they hold to be given to matriarchal organization, promiscuity, homosexuality and group masturbation. There is some dispute over this; in the 1980s some researchers reported that this behavior was primarily caused by captivity, but certain female researchers have upheld the traditional view of matriarchal, sexually liberated bonobos.

In bonobo society, groups of females dominate the communities, often rubbing each other's genitalia to reinforce their social bonds. Bonobos unbeknownst to each other will often copulate upon meeting, and they do not form monogamous pairs, but rather freely copulate with each other, including immediate family members. Interestingly, it seems that common chimpanzees, which are larger, stronger and more aggressive than bonobos, have a very different society in which males dominate. In common chimp society, the males have more access to heterosexual sex, whereas bonobo males often must compensate for lack of hetero sex through homoerotic behavior.

Although seen as peaceful animals, bonobos do sometimes practice cannibalism. In one case in the Congo, an infant died of unknown causes and was then consumed by its mother and an older sister. It appears that family bonds mean little to bonobos, since they have sexual relations so freely and with so many different individuals.

Radical Feminist of the savannah: The Spotted Hyena

The spotted hyena is a carnivorous animal that lives in matriarchal packs and frequently scavenges food. Hyenas are notable for their enormous jaw strength, which allows them to crush bones with a bite, and their cackling call that sounds like the laughter of a lunatic.

Female hyenas are not only larger and more aggressive than males; they have a similar organ known as a “pseudopenis.” Formed from a greatly enlarged clitoris, the pseudopenis, which can attain an erection, is used for copulation, urination and giving birth. When attempting sex, the male hyena must cajole the female into presenting her pseudopenis for insertion. It is a tricky maneuver, and can take considerable time, during which the male may be shoved aside by another male, or possibly attacked by a predator.

Female hyena dominance is a bit of a mystery to scientists, but may have evolved due to intra-litter competition between cubs. The female cubs often fight each other while in the den, and the winner obtains the most food and survives. Over millions of years, this appears to have resulted in very aggressive, large and dominant females.

African folklore tends to view hyenas as unclean hermaphrodytes with shape-shifting properties. Tanzanian tales tell of witches riding hyenas; West Africans see the animals as representing abnormality and immorality.

MGTOW in the open sea: The Sperm Whale

Also known as the cachalot, the sperm whale is so named because spermaceti, the milky-looking substance found in its huge head, resembles semen. Male sperm whales can grow to almost 70 feet long and weigh over 60 tons. In the past, before commercial whaling took its toll by selectively hunting larger males, they may have been larger. Accounts from two hundred years ago describe sperm whales of up to 90 feet long. Former whaler Herman Melville, captivated by the story of the sinking of the whaleship Essex by a large bull, wrote Moby Dick, using the white whale to symbolize both the profundity and futility of men’s struggles with fate.

Upon reaching maturity at about 18 years of age, male sperm whales break off from the pod and travel to the richer waters of higher latitudes. There, they form groups with other males to keep each other company, and possibly to cooperate in hunting giant squid, their favorite prey. As males get older they tend to travel in smaller groups, with some old males living essentially alone. From time to time, these males will return to the tropics to mate with females and then, their desire satisfied, return to their hunting grounds.

Bonding between males is little understood, but stories of males beaching themselves together suggest that they form close attachments, and may have a great deal of affection for their fellows. Having nothing to fear from any other beasts of the sea, perhaps loneliness is the only hazard of being an adult male sperm whale. Little is known about these intelligent animals, which have the largest brain of any organism on earth, due to their preference for open waters and their ability to dive to extreme depths (over a mile) for up to an hour and a half at a time.

The Noble Masculinist: The Lion

Lions, the big cats with a regal bearing, used to occupy a much larger range, living in Europe in historical times and Asia until very recently. There exists a relict population in India, but they have been extirpated from much of their former range, so almost all wild lions currently live in Africa.

Lions have long been associated with nobility and virility, the glorious manes and rippling muscles of the males contributing to an impressive form, augmented by a fearsome roar that can strike terror into those who hear it. As apex predators, lions dominate the African savannah, taking prey as large as elephants. The most social of the big cats, they live in prides dominated by a few males.

Female lions live exclusively in prides, and do the majority of the hunting. Day after day, the females are sent off to hunt while the male or males that rule the pride patrol the territory to stave off attacks by potential marauders. When the lionesses bring back the prey, the males are the first to eat, although they are more tolerant toward cubs than the females and will often allow the little ones to dine alongside them.

Male lions, upon reaching maturity, will leave their pride and form pairs with other males, with whom they cooperate in hunting and play until they are ready to take on a pride of their own. Prides usually consist of half a dozen females and a male or two, although sometimes more males may form a coalition to run a pride. Female lions do not tolerate outside females, and males must fend off opportunistic nomad males from time to time.

Aside from humans, the lions' greatest rival is the hermaphroditic, feminist hyena, who often scavenges his kills in packs and will attempt from time to time to drive lions away. The enmity between the species is extraordinary, and they have been observed systematically exterminating each other. One male lion, for example, killed several hyena matriarchs in quick succession, leaving their corpses to rot as a warning to other would be harassers.

Herb of the eelgrass: The Sea Horse

The timid, odd-looking sea horse, a distant relative of the pipefish, has a peculiar method of gestation in which the male rather than female tends the young. Female sea horses deposit eggs into a pouch on the males abdomen, where they are then sealed in by a growth of tissue and internally inseminated by the male. To attract females, the male flutters around in front of the female, pumping water through his pouch to display his receptivity to her eggs.

Once the eggs have been deposited in the male and fertilized, he produces the hormone prolactin, which is used in humans to produce milk, to stimulate the growth of the fertilized eggs. After about two months, the eggs hatch and the baby sea horses emerge as tiny, but fully formed, little fish.

Males are known to compete with each other for female attention. They have been observed slapping each other with their snouts and pulling each other's tails, but they put more effort into forming bonds with females prior to mating. In tests, the male seahorses that made an effort to greet the female every morning by holding grass with her and matching her color changes were preferentially chosen by the female.

White Knighting Socon of the rocky shores: The Elephant Seal

Elephant seals, a huge, noisy seal species in which the male sports a large growth around his nose, spend an inordinate amount of effort trying to corral herds of females. Weighing in at up to five tons and insulated with a thick layer of blubber, elephant seals can nevertheless move surprisingly quickly on land. They can dive for longer than any other seals, and have voracious appetites.

To achieve dominance, and therefore mating rights, male elephant seals inflate their fleshy snouts and utter loud challenging snorts. If that fails, the males confront each other, butting chests and snorting all the while while attempting to chase each other off. In these contests, vicious bites can be exchanged, but the results are seldom deadly. In most cases, smaller or immature males are simply chased away by the bellowing bulls, who then may monopolize a huge harem of up to 100 females.

The dominant males are extremely aggressive in "protecting" females from other males, and therefore the vast majority of male elephant seals never achieve alpha – or even beta – status. It is estimated that only 10% of males will ever have the opportunity to attain breeding rights.

All in the Family: The Wolf

Widely distributed across the northern hemisphere, the ancestor of domestic dogs and rival of humans, the wolf has proven to be one of the most adaptive and successful carnivores in the world. Wolves are handsome animals, revered and feared by ancient tribes for their wit and ferocity. Although physically impressive, wolves' success derives mostly from their ability to cooperate in both the hunt and raising young. It was those traits that made them attractive companions to men in the Paleolithic, leading to the domestication and eventual evolution into dogs of some ancient packs.

The term "alpha male" is often used to denote the dominant male in a wolf pack, but in the wild this has little meaning, as packs are essentially monogamous nuclear families with some pups and juveniles biding their time until they can strike off on their own. The adult pair, one male and one female, is very intolerant of outsiders, and interlopers are frequently killed. Polygamy may occur from time to time, but females will kill the litters of their rivals, so this is not a successful mating strategy.

In providing for the family, the male and the female – and sometimes juveniles – cooperate to bring down prey, and the cubs are given preferential access to the food. While wolves will discipline cubs by nipping them from time to time, they are very tolerant of the little ones and will put up with a good deal of abuse from playful pups. When mothers are nursing very small pups, fathers hunt alone to provide food for the family, but after a few weeks the mothers rejoin the fathers to jointly provide sustenance for the young.

Most wolves eventually pair up, and do not seek out a new mate unless the current partner dies. They are unfailingly loyal to each other and dedicated to working together to secure a future for their offspring. This combination of qualities allowed the wolf – prior to its widespread extirpation by humans – to occupy one of the largest ranges of any mammalian land carnivore on earth.

After Rampage, Raoul Moat Becoming Cult Hero

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Raoul Moat, the Newcastle man who went on a shooting spree after being jailed in a domestic violence dispute and subsequently killed himself during a police standoff on Saturday, has attracted the attention and sympathy of thousands in Britain. A number of people feel that Mr. Moat was mistreated by the courts and the law, and sympathize with his rage toward police officers, which appears to have been set off by his girlfriend – the mother of his child – taunting him by saying that she was sleeping with a cop.

I must admit that, as an American, this is a bit astonishing to me, as men are killed by the police in pretty much the same circumstances on a daily basis in the US. Perhaps the British people have not yet become desensitized to killings over family law disputes.

However, some of the glee over Moat's rampage is a bit unseemly from my point of view:

> A mother, who did not want to be named, said she was horrified when she heard young children playing in the street singing the words â€œRaoul Moat is the man, heâ€™ll kill the coppers when he can.â€
>
> The 26-year-old said: â€œBelieve it or not he had a lot of support around Kenton, but that is the mentality of people.
>
> â€œI seem to be the only one that thinks that what he did was wrong. Everybody was supporting him, they even made up a song.
>
> â€œItâ€™s like heâ€™s some kind of hero. My friendsâ€™ kids are running around singing about him.

Perhaps there are two things at work here:

In some respects, the US is far worse than the UK, and in others the UK takes the cake. For example, American men are killed all the time when they become despondent/enraged over being done wrong by a woman. It's fairly routine — the cops sneak up in battle gear, surround the house, and then make a surprise move to apprehend the man. If there's any resistance, "suspicious movements" or such, they try to kill him right there. If not, he's dragged to jail and thrown in a rubber room with a small hole in the floor (suicide prevention). However, if they can't actually kill or apprehend him with the surprise tactics, there is often a drawn out standoff with helicopters, loudspeakers, neighborhood evacuation, etc., that is pretty much guaranteed to place the maximum amount of stress on the subject. Often, this prompts some irrational move, which allows a sniper to take him out with a head shot, or it simply drives the man to kill himself (this seems to be the most common scenario). This is really awful stuff, but commonplace in the US. Perhaps it would be (rightfully) seen as barbaric by British people.

Where Britain may be worse than the US is in the yob/chav culture, in which young men and women behave with utter disregard for social norms. One can see drunk young men fighting in the street, young women passing out in their own vomit with their pants around their ankles, etc.

So maybe when one mixes legitimate disgust for the treatment the man received from family court with the rather degenerate behavior of a certain segment of the British population, there's bound to be

some admiration for what Moat did.

Of course, here in the US, people are cheering for Colton Harris-Moore, who just got nabbed in the Bahamas following a long crime spree.

Whatever the reasons for the outlaw cults, they suggests that a whole lot of people on both sides of the pond have little respect or love for the folks in charge of running things. That doesn't bode well for long-term stability.

Have to Do It

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I've been wanting to install WordPress 3.0 for some time now. Unfortunately, I can't do so without breaking the connection between the site and forum. Hopefully, WP-United will come out with a mod soon, but I can't wait forever.

What this means is that the forum will no longer be connected with commenting on the main site. Those who registered with the forum will still be able to post freely there, but now posting on the main site will be open (with moderation for first-time posters). This will probably increase posting volume, but hopefully we can maintain some quality.

What I'd like to see is some evolution of the forum into a core group of people who are seriously dedicated to men's issues. I think this will happen naturally, but time will tell. No more drive-by commenting will be tolerated in the forum, so it will become more of an elite club. We'll see how that works, but I can guarantee that disruptive forum commenters will face a lot more scrutiny from here on out.

How we Kill Johnny

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It was three weeks after I left the last residential treatment center for which I would ever work. A Saturday morning to be precise, and the phone rang- jarring me from the rare pleasure of a sleep in.

It was Camille, so I knew it wasnâ€™t good. She wouldnâ€™t call me if it were good.

â€œYou remember that boy Johnny you worked with, the one from Louisiana?â€ she asked.

â€œYeah, why?â€

â€œDead,â€ she said. It was uttered in the tone of someone doing a poor job acting like they didnâ€™t like delivering bad news.

â€œDrugs?â€ I asked.

â€œNo,â€ she replied, â€œSuicide. Killed that little girl he was married to, as well. And shot some guy she was sleepinâ€™ with, but he made it.â€

I just lay there silent.

â€œAnyway, I knew you would want to know.â€

I hung up without saying anything else.Â *Knew I would want to know?* My ass. Couldnâ€™t wait to tell me was more like it. This bitch was a feminist crusader, on wheels. She made a career of telling the men we counseled what louts they were for being men, and I made a career of pulling them aside and telling them how full of shit she was. We were the only two counselors in that program and the mix was volatile. I spent many days in the administrative offices fending off complaints about my â€œunusual styleâ€ in dealing with male clients.

That is what they called not hating them.

Johnny wasnâ€™t the first in twenty years of doing that kind of work. Quite honestly, I had lost count. But counting is just for statistics anyway. In the work I did the numbers had faces. They had families and stories that I learned from listening to them. And they had pain that mostly went unnoticed by the very people that were supposed to be there to help them.

I remembered Johnnyâ€™s story, and his pain. He was a twenty two year old stock boy at an auto parts store in the hot and humid swamp lands of southern Louisiana. When he spoke, it was with rural earnestness, and a Cajun accent thicker than gators in bayou country.

â€œMan, Paul, I doan know what to do â€˜bout that girl oâ€™ mine. I know she cheatinâ€™. I know I doan make a dime what she donâ€™t spend right away. Sometime she spend it on some other guy. But I canâ€™t help it. Every time she call my name I got to come runninâ€™. Lord never made a bigger fool than me.â€

And Johnny was right. He was a fool, and couldnâ€™t be talked out of his foolishness. Just like all real men. And his story isnâ€™t reserved just for those who drink and drug themselves into oblivion because they have a woman they canâ€™t live with, or without.

In this awful age of misandry, we live so many lies about men that we have lost all touch with the reality of what they are really like. And the cost of it is written in caskets and countless souls lost in a world with no memory of why they died.

You see, men love. They love with the most profound intensity and selflessness of which any

creature on this earth is capable. And the steely bond between them and women is, unlike their hearts, unbreakable. When men die on the battlefield, they often fade away telling fellow soldiers â€œTell my wife I love her.â€ Others cry out for their mothers as blood soaks the soil.

They are flattened by divorce, and many will eat a gun rather than face the loss, even if it is the loss of someone that has already destroyed their lives.

They will lay down in traffic for the women they love and stand in the way of bullets to protect them. And they will strike down any many who dares offend them. They have been doing this for all of human history.

Yet all this has been rewritten with misandric ink. It has been revised by scholars who tell us men are bad, by psychologists whose main field of work seems to be recommending divorce, complete with male scapegoat, as a cure all for women for whatever petty dissatisfactions they feel about their mates. And it has been inculcated into the consciousness of our family law system, driving men to despair and despondency on levels never before seen in history.

If you want the statistics, go look them up. I am tired of turning dead men into numbers and â€œprovingâ€ there is a problem to the Camilleâ€™s of this world.

I hope, more than anything else, that at some point in our future that people start to think. When you see the story on the evening news about a man who set himself ablaze outside a family court, ask yourself what kind of pain could drive someone to cure it with fire? When you read in the newspaper about the man who holed up in his house with a gun and his children, threatening to take them all out, ask yourself if this is just a crazy man, or a man driven to the brink by a pain so monstrous and devastating that even the unthinkable could become an option?

Indeed, there is a great deal we have to ask. The only problem is that all the wrong people are asking all the wrong problems. We have a president who marks Fatherâ€™s Day by shaming men for not being better Dads. We have psychotherapists telling us that it is women who love too much. And we have a system of higher education that cares more about the life expectancy of a fruit fly than a young man who blows his brains out.

And this in a culture that still raises men to put women in lifeboats and then try their hand at breathing saltwater, as though death were their only true calling.

Is it any wonder why, when we create men to so devalue their own existence; to be disposable, that we can so often see them doing just what we have insisted that they do? And shouldn’t we, perhaps, question at times whether it is suicide that takes these men… or murder? Who, after all, is putting the gun in their hands and promising them the pain will stop if they only pull the trigger?

Perhaps Obama, in his own erroneous way, is right. We do need better Dads.

We need Dads to teach their sons, not “how to treat a woman,” but how hold their own with them. We don’t need to teach them to “take care of their woman,” but to only accept one who demonstrates the character and integrity to be trusted, from the start. And we need to teach them how rare that is in modern life. More than anything else, we need to teach them how to let women go, and watch them as they grow up to make sure they can do it. And we need Dads to role model that, in their own families with their own wives.

In other words, we need to do a lot of things that we are not doing.

I know it is obligatory. I canâ€™t write a piece like this and not include some resources for men to call in in times of crisis, such as those paltry resources are. So I will include something at the end.

But I would still like to think, that somewhere, at some point in time, we can quit offering Band-aids for men to put on tumors and start helping them with their real problems.

It seems, hell or high water, that we are going to continue to destroy men in courtrooms and therapy offices and offer them up as convenient political fodder. It isnâ€™t anything new. So we better start calling on the fathers of this world to stop raising their sons to do nothing more than stand against a wall for whatever woman is in their lives, just waiting for their turn in a box.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

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Raoul Moat's Manifesto

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At the beginning of Raoul's ill-fated defiance of authorities and vengeance raid, police mentioned that he had written a 50 page manifesto detailing his grievances. Of course, this hasn't been published, and I don't know whether it's been released or not. However, I think these things ought to be exposed so people can see what's going on inside the mind of someone who has lost it and is willing to kill.

Now that Mr. Moat is dead, there's no good reason to withhold that manifesto, and I'd like to see it. I'm sure I'm not alone in that sentiment.

If anyone can obtain the manifesto, I would be happy to publish it so people can see what drove this man to a murderous rampage. I think the Newcastle city council is morally obliged to release the information, so that we may prevent these kinds of incidents in the future.

If anyone has access to Raoul's manifesto, please contact me through the contact form. I guarantee that anonymity – if it is so desired – will be maintained. As an American, I have absolutely no restrictions on publishing this material, and will do so no matter how the Newcastle authorities feel about it. Additionally, I am not obliged to reveal any foreign sources, so whosoever might want to send it to me has nothing to fear.

The Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins With a Single Step

July 14, 2010 | by Featured Guest | Link | Original Link

[Today's guest post was written by Meistergedanken]

Just thought I would share a storyâ€¦ There are a couple commenters here who every so often show up only to accuse the SH readership of being whiners who do nothing but complain about their circumstances and how unfair society has become. â€œYou losers never DO anythingâ€□, they intone self-righteously.

Well, last weekend my sister-in-law was getting married to her lost-cause beta provider (who will provide her with the funds necessary to mold her two daughters from the first marriage into the princesses they deserve to be), and my wife and I were hosting their cousin from Las Vegas, who brought along her boyfriend of six months.

While the women were out Friday night cutting loose with a â€œbachelorettеâ€□ party (the purpose of which escapes me, because while the bachelor party is commemorating a voluntary relinquishment of freedom, the â€œbachelorettеâ€□ is only getting more control), I was tasked with spending time with the boyfriend. I stifled my introverted nature and made an effort to get to know him, and he turned out to be more interesting and intelligent than I anticipated. Heâ€™s 24, currently unemployed because he lost his IT job, and aware that he is at a crossroads. Over a fine dinner and a few drinks we talked about goals, and how to be content in life, and how crazy everything is right now. I sensed my opportunity, and I took itâ€¦

I told him about the hidden pitfalls of long-term relationships, and we discussed gender dynamics. I told him about how marriage for Western men is a raw deal. I described what you lose, and what you gain (not much), and warned him as much as I was able. He was receptive and agreed with everything I said, having suspected some of it already, and had lots of questions about why women act the way they do, which I did my best to answer. We had a great time, despite all the heavy discussion.

The next day the cousin was curious as to what we talked about for six hours, and without disclosing the above, we mentioned a host of other topics that came up, making her eyes widen in wonder. â€œI think you know more about my boyfriend now than I do!â€□ she exclaimed. â€˜Thatâ€™s because you talk too much, and donâ€™t listen enough,â€□ I replied. She frowned.

At the wedding reception Sunday evening, the boyfriend made an off-the-cuff comment about how, even if he did ever get married, it would be many years from now, causing the cousin to storm off in a huff. I gave him kudos for the sentiment, but cautioned him at his lack of discretion.

Last night, my wife said â€œI donâ€™t know about the boyfriend, he doesnâ€™t seem to want to make a commitment. I think heâ€™s immature!â€□

â€œHa!â€□ I thought to myself, â€œmaybe heâ€™s more mature than you think.â€□

We know better, donâ€™t we, gents?

Our success will come with that old, but still puissant mechanism: word-of-mouth. If everyone on this site can just convince one or two guys a year to open their eyes and make a few different choices, then the impact will inevitably ripple throughout the entire society. Itâ€™s Chaos Theory at its finest.

Upgrades

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I've been putting in some long hours trying to make this transition smooth, and although there have been a few bumps in the road (still having some problems with text encoding causing weird characters in old posts, but I think I can find a fix), it could have been a lot worse. Good job, WordPress!

Not sure what the upshot will be in the immediate future, but now *The Spearhead* will be able to host multiple sites. The idea is to give men and supportive women the opportunity to host their own blogs here. A few writers have already expressed interest, so I decided to go ahead and install this feature. Despite the frustration involved with installing the network capability, I think it's a pretty cool thing to have.

We can now import blogger blogs, wordpress.com blogs, etc.

I think this could be a powerful tool for getting the word out and giving men and women who are tired of our dysfunctional society an opportunity to be be heard and to make their case. That's really the founding idea behind *The Spearhead*, and I sincerely hope these new features prove to be a step in that direction.

Glowing Accounts of Female Texas Mayor Who Killed her Daughter

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Coppel Texas – Jane Peters, the mayor of an upscale Dallas suburb, committed a murder suicide last Thursday, killing her daughter and then herself with gunshots to the head. She left several suicide notes, including a warning tacked on the door to anyone who might show up to check on them.

Neighbors have expressed shock and sorrow, and a number of people are in a state of disbelief, as Peters was a respected and well-liked member of the community. They have characterized the event as a senseless tragedy, and mourn the passing of both women.

What strikes me as a notable about this reporting is that whenever a man does something like this, no sympathy is reported. Sometimes the occasional neighbor is quoted as saying he never had any trouble from the man, but this is often used to indicate that there must have been some hidden dark side to a man who appeared to be normal on the outside. Usually, the man is portrayed as a horrible person, and guilty and deserving punishment. His death is the "cowardly, easy way out." There might be some truth to this, but why the lack of any blame when a woman does the same thing, killing her own child?

There is something very odd about Anglo culture that holds that when women kill their own children it is a "tragedy" rather than a crime. Perhaps this is a result of years of indoctrination about abortion. After all these years of affirming the moral neutrality (and, in some cases benefit) of women killing their children, it may have been inevitable that women who kill adult children are also granted a pass, unlike men.

But what does this say about the moral stature of women? Does a society that holds that only men are morally culpable for what happens to their children really believe that women are fully human? To be a full human being, there must be accountability. This is reflected in our Judeo-Christian philosophy, which holds that we are judged by God for our actions. Animals are exempt, but we even hold children accountable, a practice reflected by sentencing juveniles "as adults."

However, it seems that women have somehow escaped this judgment, which suggests that there has been a fundamental philosophical change.

While in China, a female friend of mine related a story to me concerning a filicide. One family had a grown daughter who was mentally ill. She brought great shame, frustration and loss of face to the family. Eventually, fed up with it, her father killed her. My friend related the story with great sympathy for the father. The man was arrested, tried and eventually pardoned. The Chinese people understood the pain and difficulty he faced dealing with his insane daughter. In China, the father is ultimately the arbiter of a family's life and death.

Would a father have gotten away with this in the US? No chance. But a mother might have. Our reactions to violence may be the best indicator of how our society truly feels about things. It may be that feminism has made women into the ultimate arbiters of life and death in the United States, with more moral authority to kill than God Himself. Very strange days we live in.

Lutheran Woman Bishop Resigns Over Handling of Sex Scandal

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As feminists denounce pope Benedict XVI for affirming the male-only priesthood, and claim that the sex abuse scandal is proof that females must take on authority in the Catholic Church, "Bishop" Maria Jepsen of the Lutheran church, elected in 1992, has stepped down from her post for exactly the same problem.

Saying her "credibility has been put in question," Jepsen does not think she can carry out her duties any longer. The suspicion revolves around a certain Lutheran priest in Ahrensburg who had been molesting children since the 1980s. Jepsen claims that she didn't know about the priest until recently, but not everyone believes her.

Another German female church leader, Margot Kaesmann, resigned recently after being caught driving under the influence.

My own personal take on the feminist drive to put women in charge of the church is that their stated goals – to eliminate abuse is the latest excuse – are entirely disingenuous. Having been raised Catholic in possibly the most radically leftist archdiocese in the United States – Seattle – I know well that some of the most criminal priests were those most loved and favored by feminists and other assorted radical leftists. One in particular was supported with a great deal of money, and while his dalliances with boys must have been well-known, they were ignored, and possibly even covered up by his supporters.

Josef Ratzinger was actually tasked with dealing with my archdiocese back in the 1980s, and he ended up forcing the resignation of archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, who had tolerated, even appearing to encourage, a promiscuous homosexual subculture in the local church. Priests were dropping like flies from AIDS until the anti-retroviral drugs came out in the 90s (the euphemism of choice was "pneumonia"), and lesbians held weekly meetings in churches. Collections were taken up for the Sandinistas, pro-Soviet protests carried out at local military bases, etc.

So it hardly seems realistic that the current pope had anything to do with these scandals, which from all evidence I have seen emerged from this mass heresy that took hold and lasted for over a generation following Vatican II. If anything, he was one of the few officials dealing with it when the problem was at its worst in the 1980s. All I can say is that I don't envy the job that man has; from my perspective it looks like a Sisyphean task.

Vatican Reaffirms Male-Only Priesthood, Feminists Go Nuts

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Yesterday, the Vatican released a document that included provisions for changing its laws regarding sex crimes. The document also contained language condemning the attempted ordination of women as a crime. Naturally, feminists are outraged, and have suggested that the Catholic Church equates the two. However, this perception may be mainly their end: a number of feminists have been drawing connections between the lack of priestesses and sexual abuse in the church for quite some time. Sinead O'Connor, for example, has come out strongly against the current and former pope and has had herself ordained as a priestess in a heretical sect. Maureen Dowd has suggested that a female pope (a contradiction in terms — pope means "father"), would solve the church's problems.

Feminist pressure groups that favor a female-dominated church have claimed that the church's denial of sexuality has led to sex crimes. Christian Weisner, of "We Are Church," said:

> The Roman Catholic Church has to revise its sexual teachings because I think that this is the root of pedophile crime

While mandated priestly celibacy may have something to do with illicit sex, it is likely that the changing external society had more to do with aberrant behavior than the centuries-old practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

For a fascinating example of how church teachings were subverted in the 20th century, watch the following video:

Ancient and modern religions characterized by priestesses have traditionally devolved into prostitution cults. Today, a persistent problem in India involves the use of sacred prostitutes, known as "yogini" or "devadesi," to augment temple income. In the ancient Nordic religion, witches would "ordain" girls, after which a number of men would have sex with them. The girls would then be sacrificed to accompany dead chiefs to Hel (nordic Hell), Valhalla, or wherever they were to go. There are countless examples of priestesses engaging in such behavior.

Summer Vacation

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I thought I'd better let readers know why the posting has been a bit inconsistent over the last week. I've got my kids staying with me exclusively for over two weeks, and my folks are in town, so I've been spending a lot of time with family, playing with the kids, on activities, dinners and so forth. This is one reason I decided to do more technical work on the site now as well — I don't have the opportunity to sit in peace and quiet and write.

My kids are happy and healthy, splashing in the kiddie pool in the yard, and getting some sun during our short but beautiful Northwest summer. They're also grazing the bounty of the backyard, stripping all the berries from their bushes, eating mostly outside and playing with all the interesting things kids can find in dirt and grass. It's a nice little respite from the usual dark, wet days and shuttling the kids back and forth between houses, but it isn't all that conducive to work.

There's one more week of this left, and then it's back to the daily grind which, by the end of this vacation, I'll probably be eager to take up once again.

So I hope everyone reading is having a nice summer (or winter if you're down under), and has a similar opportunity to spend time with family and little ones.

Tech Notes

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When I installed WP 3.0, I had to disable all the plugins, and then reactivate them. Seems I missed the Feedburner plugin for a day, but it should be back up now. Hopefully it wasn't too much trouble. Gave me a hell of a scare when my Feedburner account showed that most of my subscribers had disappeared (they're back after I reinstalled the plugin).

I'm also going to try to upgrade my WordPress theme without causing too much damage, and then install a dynamic content gallery, or something like that, so that featured posts will stay at the top for significantly longer.

Internet technology is in a constant state of evolution, and it's important to stay on top of it, so I'm glad I've got a little time to put into it this week.

Soon, I'll let readers know more about the networking capability. It's actually more powerful than I thought, and allows great customization for user blogs. For now, I'll be under the hood when I've got the time. Maybe this is the modern version of working on your car — at least it is for me.

Coppell Texas "Laughing Stock" After Honoring Murderous Mayor

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Some new details in the Coppell, Texas murder-suicide have emerged that show the mayor's life as having taken a turn for the worse shortly before she put a loaded pistol to her 19-year-old daughter's head and pulled the trigger, then ended her own life. The contents of suicide notes she left, including a DNR request and provisions for her pets, have been released, as has the fact that she was under investigation for misappropriation of funds.

When first reported, the murder-suicide was painted as a tragedy rather than a crime, which, as it turns out, doesn't sit so well with all Coppell residents.

Thomas Burrows, of Coppell, thought that the decision made by the city of Coppell to lower the flags to half staff was a big mistake, and inappropriate:

> "From what I heard on one of the talk shows this morning, we're the laughingstock of the D-FW metro area right now. If we want to go through closure, put the flag back up and let's move on."

A number of commenters on the Dallas Morning News website denounced the soft touch for the child killer, prompting Coppell City Manager Clay Phillips to go on the defensive, saying:

> "We're not honoring a murderer. We're recognizing the fact that our mayor… the head of our government… has passed."

A few years back David Brame, the Tacoma chief of police killed his estranged wife and himself right in front of his children in a parking lot during a handoff. While some people called the incident a "tragedy," there was absolutely no suggestion that the police or public should publicly mourn David Brame's death, even though he had claimed to be a victim of domestic violence on several occasions (click this link and scroll down to see his sister's version of what went wrong), so in some ways was a more sympathetic figure than Jane Peters. Needless to say, the incident prompted even more punitive legislation against men in Washington state.

Although some Texans are appalled by Coppell's decision to honor a murderer, the attitude behind the choice is reflected in certain comments on WFAA's website, in which a few women go so far as to declare she wasn't a real murderer. Some of the comments hardly seem serious, but I'm pretty certain that they are.

Here are a couple of the choice quotes:

> Why would anybody want to judge and call her a KILLER of her child. Just think of what they must have been going through to see no other way out. How dare anybody bash these ladies–How dare!! Sick critiziers! You should say a prayer for them—better yet—why not HELP them BEFORE this tragic ending. Don't throw stones——and if they lowered the flag – GOOD – she was the mayor after all – not a killer, just an ordinary people in trouble in this troubled economy. They probably did not have the money for the daughter to attend UTA either. It is sad, but no one's business now that they are gone. I say we have lost two

> lovely ladies to our economic downturn.
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> I'm amazed at how judgemental most of these comments are – no open minds here as to the mental illness involved. I can't call Mayor Peters a murderer, simply because "she was in a place in her mind that wasn't reality". I cannot hate someone in so much pain. NEVER JUDGE other's, especially in a case like this. I've "read the rich, the political, the killer, MOTHER – shouldn't be honored by her own city/friends by lowering a 'CITY' flag – not American, or Texas flag. I can't help but feel the anguish and pain she was going through, and feel sympathy for her. LOOK @ the picture, Jayne's eyes are empty/fearful, Corinnes clear/happy.It is not what it seems in my i\opinion. The men who went on the crime spee that killed an elderly woman, an innocent truck driver, and injured others – are MURDERERS – Mayor Peters was something else – not evil – but desparate – insane. To me there's a difference, even though I know she killed – the agony of killing her daughter (if she did) surreal.

Notice how the woman who killed her daughter is the true victim in these comments (there are others). One holds up an example of true "murderers" — men, of course. Have that many American women truly lost all sense of right and wrong?

Women: Civilization's Center of Gravity

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Those who claim "women civilize men", or its semantic counterpart "marriage [to a woman] civilizes men", are often guilty of two errors: the first is gross gynocentrism stemming from reflexive pedestalization of the feminine. Women, while central to the family by biological design, possess few overarching civilizing qualities of their own. On the contrary, a cursory look at family units and communities devoid of adult males in leadership positions reveals that the feminine in charge and in isolation is quite unable to sustain a complex civilization. In fact, to analyze the social patterns of such communities is to be transported back in time to humanity's prehistory; it takes little imagination to see that the matriarchal social patterns of the urban ghetto are little more than mud huts gussied up with brick and mortar–the cultural residue of the once-present patriarchal civilization–and that industry and industriousness has been replaced with hunting and gathering.

The second error is mistaking the symptom for the cause. While it is true that married men are more productive than singletons and also generally behave in what can be objectively judged as more socially constructive ways, it is not the presence of women *per se* that causes men to be more productive or be better behaved. Rather, it is the social institution of patriarchal marriage (marriage 1.0, or simply 'marriage') that does so, for marriage, properly constituted and defended, provides a fellow assurance that the children in his house are indeed his, provides a vehicle through which his need for sexual release is satisfied, and encourages him to channel his excess energies toward himself, his family, and his community. In short, the marriage institution gives him a reason to invest beyond himself. (Marriage also instills socially constructive behaviors that render girls capable of functioning positively within a society, and also accrues many benefits to women that would be absent otherwise, one of which is safety/security. Needless to say there are many other benefits due women from her upholding her role in marriage that I will not address in today's column.)

These popular but still erroneous sayings honor that which does not deserve, and gives short

shrift–and therefore obscures from the conventional wisdom–to that which is responsible for and transmits civilization…the masculine. It is men who bequeath the gift of civilization to women and their children, men whose socially constructed and biologically unnecessary roles serve to socialize women, boys, girls, and other men to exist in a society for the benefit of all. So we men have something to celebrate, for our voluntary participation in society and subordination of our desires toward the good of our families and society in general is the literal key to civilization. Moreover, where one sees men focusing on gratifying their own wants first and avoiding entanglements with family is a society operating at much less than full capacity and is most certainly in decline.

But I wish to be careful here and not overstate the male power to create and instill civilization for, as it takes two to tango, the female must also participate. Thus for civilization to work, the feminine must accept the limits to autonomy placed upon it. But women must more than just participate, they must enthusiastically do so. For just as a mother is the center of the family, women are the center of a civilization, and where they go, the civilization goes. In other words, women are a civilization's center of gravity, defined by Clausewitz as

> the hub of all power and movement upon which everything depends

Clausewitz encouraged practitioners of war to attack the enemy's center(s) of gravity, for attacks there will have disproportionate effects and may very well paralyze the enemy and his ability or will to resist.

With this women-are-society's-center-of-gravity conceptualization in mind, we see this fact acknowledged and reinforced repeatedly throughout history. The first example I use in the Garden, where Lucifer, knowing that attempting to convince Adam to violate the Law would be futile, focused his efforts instead on the more vulnerable and more important Eve. Why more important? Well, Lucifer knew that if he went after Eve and succeeded, not only would he enjoy a higher probability of success, but that success would be magnified well beyond that had he attacked Adam and succeeded. For Eve had influence disproportionate to her station in the created order. Lucifer corrupted her, and she drug Adam, the head of the First Family, with her into the Fall.

The second example is far more recent, and is actually four: the leaders of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Soviet Russia, and Maoist China all deliberately and successfully courted German, Italian, Russian, and Chinese women in their revolutions. For they knew that while some German, Italian, Russian, and Chinese men supported them, far more men opposed their authoritarian reforms. Yet by promising more power, influence, and authority to women in their future socialist utopias, these leaders surfed to power on the wave generated by Eve's Curse.

That these four radical left wing dictators did so was no accident; in fact, they were simply following the Marxist playbook, which reads:

> Anybody who knows anything of history knows that great social changes are impossible without the feminine ferment. Social progress can be measured exactly by the social position of the fair sex (the ugly ones included).

Thus history suggests that the key to any revolution isn't us men. While we are important, and can bring a lot of force and manpower to bear, we require at least the grudging cooperation of the 51% majority, who, as mothers and wives, drag the main body of the civilization with them.

Many of us here at The Spearhead spend our time thinking of ways to counter the sexual revolution,

restore patriarchal civilization, and re-enfranchise beta, delta, gamma, and omega men back into society. However, while it is good for us men to cuss and discuss the options for accomplishing this revolution amongst ourselves, we must consider ways and means to convince a sufficient number of women that our cause will be of greater benefit to them in the long run than the feminist's cause. That is, if we are to succeed in reversing the Marxist takeover of our families, homes, and society.

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End Game — The Beginning

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Game has made a big splash in the man-o-sphere in recent times. And of late I have begun writing on the subject myself, to one degree or another.

As a primer to the uninitiated, Game is ostensibly the tactics and methods of scoring with women while placing yourself in the alpha position among other males. I offer that definition simply from extrapolating what I have read on the subject, and as I have never found a concise definition from its main proponents.

On a slightly deeper level, Game purports to differ itself from Pick Up Artistry (PUA) in that it stems from an enhanced cognizance of human female sociobiology, and uses that knowledge to manipulate women into bed.

I have to admit that I have been frequently stuck when trying to sort this thing out. Exploring the implications of Game in juxtaposition to my beliefs as a men's advocate drew me into an intellectual tug-of-war with myself that for weeks seemed to be a complete standoff. It's been a frustrating time that until now had left me with about 10 incomplete essays and nothing to post.

But then it hit me. The tug-of-war was self inflicted. And the only reason I was in struggling was because I was blinding myself to the obvious. Game doesn't really stem from PUA, it is PUA (which is also nothing new), just warmed over and re-branded with a catchy lexicon and a "new and improved" label on the bottle.

In other words, it's male pussy centrism, just like it always has been.

HOWEVER,

Roissy and the others have unearthed, or at the very least articulated an idea that has the potential for massive utility. Understanding the Evo-psychology of women, and using it to your advantage, is an untapped gold mine for male sexual empowerment, and male protection from the gynocracy. For all their work, they have introduced us to the possibilities of Game, and now it is time to take those ground breaking efforts and move forward with a model designed exclusively with male protectionism in mind, both in public and private life.

Let's face it. Pussy is power. It always has been. Pussy power is so great that women can have an entire world of men working like dogs and handing over their money, yielding seats on life boats, opening their doors, acting like trained seals for their approval, agreeing with whatever bullshit comes out of their mouths, and at the same time have those men nodding and agreeing when women claim that men have all the power and need to do more to make things better for women.

True to their unfortunate nature, men will pass laws, lock each other up and brutalize each other to make sure that all these feminine biddings are done.

If that isn't power, I'll eat my hat. And if you don't believe me, ask Sampson, Dillinger, Bill Clinton, John Edwards, Tiger Woods, the Duke Three, The Hofstra Five or any of about a million men, from average to "powerful," who have had their heads handed to them by even the weakest of women.

Clinton was outwitted by a 19 year old bimbo, with a little help from feminist governance. And if he had been a republican, whoa Nelly, his ass would have been fried to a crisp.

Am I making this up?

I think not.

Perhaps there was a time when the fake power of manhood worked. Hell, it got us top the moon when I was 12 years old. But we live in a different world than when I was 12. The average woman in today's western culture should have a manufacturers warning tattooed just below the naval at birth. I used the one on the pic for the sake of brevity, but a more accurate one would read something like this:

MANUFACTURERS WARNING: Use of this product can result in early death, suicide, clinical depression, imprisonment, false accusations, destroyed reputation, poverty, spousal support, child support, loss of property, joblessness and social isolation.

Those would do for starters.

And this is where Game, if we take out the 99% bullshit focus on chasing pussy, can have a dramatic impact that can significantly improve the lives of men by helping them weed out the most destructive females, which they will more likely if not under the pressure and influence of perceived scarcity.

And that scarcity is just a perception because getting laid is the easy part. Hell, women these days are so sexually available that the whole idea of PUA would seem to be moot. There is no "artistry" to picking up women, and anyone who thinks there is should not be trusted with a box of crayons. But the traditional methods for men to "attract" women are, in fact, a product of real historical scarcity. And while the sexual landscape has changed dramatically, three million years of programming dies hard.

But the point of Game, which I now call Zeta Game, is in recognizing that while neither sex nor women are scarce, they can both be as dangerous as they are pleasurable, and that an intimate knowledge of the forces that unconsciously drive women, and the ability to exploit it, can help men meet sexual needs and stay out of harms way at the same time.

In the end, it's not about getting women, but in being able to select them at will, and dispose quickly and safely of the unwanted and/or dangerous ones.

You don't need a book or a series of articles on this. If you are a quick starter, you can get everything you need to know about attracting women from these two eight minute videos. It isn't that I am that smart. It is that women are that simple. This isn't rocket science.

You see, the important thing here is not that I succeeded in getting laid. What was most important was that one, I put no real energy, or money, into the equation. And two, I turned the power dynamic between myself and women a full 180 degrees from what I had always known. I became the selector from a pool of willing women. No need for bullshit pick up lines.Why would I have wasted my time approaching women in bars and other places, trying to impress them or get their phone number when I could just pick among the women that were offering themselves up to have sex with me on a regular basis?

Answer, I fucking wouldn't. And neither should you. Picking one woman and "going after her" is for men who can't get a room full of women to come after them. And the truth is that almost any man can own that room, top to bottom, if he wants to.

And the advantage to this is monumental. You find out things about women who are crawling into bed with you, and even before they do. You can, and should, take the opt out when the danger signs show up. Too entitled? Next. Two kids and an attitude about the ex? See ya. Whatcha gonna buy me?

Hasta la vista, baby. All these women are problems, and bigger problems waiting to happen, but you can adios any of them before or after having sex with them.

Why? Because there will be more waiting for you. And the more of them you pump and dump, the more the others will tingle when you walk into the room. They may hate you, or fear you, but they will want you just the same.

And why should you want to dump them so unceremoniously? Remember that warning label? Well, it wasn't made up out of thin air. People always broadcast who they are…if you are listening.

If a woman you barely know thinks she is entitled to dig into your wallet just because she is going to sleep with you, then what do you imagine she would feel entitled to after sleeping with you for a year? After getting married?

If a woman talks constantly about the abusive, horrible men in her life, and men in general, how do you think she will end up talking about you? And to whom, the police maybe?

The thing is, contrary to popular feminist belief, men fall in love and dedicate to women at some point in their lives. And their tendency is to give everything. Usually the routine goes along traditional lines. Man spots girl, sets out to impress her and win her affections. He leads with his wallet, puts on his best act and ignores every warning sign she is broadcasting because he views her as a scarce resource. Because he feels like he has very limited options.

So if she accepts him, he considers himself lucky. He has found the woman of his dreams, she has returned his love, and all is right with the world.

He may spend the better part of the rest of this life finding out just how wrong he was. And in most cases, while he will find out that he was wrong, he will never know why. He will usually be incapable of figuring out that when you fish with stink bait, you catch bottom feeders. If you use your money to attract women, you get shallow materialists. If you use your willingness to sacrifice to her whims, you get narcissism. If you use deference and agreement, you get entitlement.

If you use all three, you get the typical western women.

The techniques for helping you avoid that pitfall, and perhaps find someone atypical to hang with for a while, are simple. Once you have established yourself as a sexually in demand with the women in your group, there is a code, a list of four screening behaviors and attitudes that will help cull out the deadweight (almost all of them) and set you up to find what I call a "manageable" woman. More on that in the next Zeta Game piece.

Da Rules

1. Leave your wallet in your pocket. If you want a whore, go to a massage parlor. They are

guaranteed to put out for a fixed price, and they don't follow you around and talk when you're done.

2. Don't "date," women. Ever. Hang out with them. Party with them. Eat with them. But it is never a date. Dating implies financial responsibility on your part, and perhaps gives the impression of exclusivity before you desire it. You owe women nothing for their company or their bodies.

Look at it this way. You can "ask a woman out" and spend a lot of money on food and drink. But if you take the social club route as I suggested in the video, she can eat and drink with the group on her dime (or some beta's), vie with the other women for your attention, and then go home with you if you select her.

3. Never make a pass at a woman. Never. Stay Zeta and they will make a pass at you.

4. Remember- Sleeping with a woman does not mean you owe her anything. Not a relationship, not a call the next day, not even a promise not to sleep with her sister.

Notice something about these rules. None of them govern anything you should do, but simply show you what you don't have to do. There is nothing here that says do this or do that for women. It is just the opposite. You do nothing for them at all. You simply live your life without regard to them one way or another. They will show up offering their goods without you doing a damn thing.

It is just that simple.

When you join a social club, make it one that you would enjoy if it were just men. Keep it in your own comfort zone. Make it a group where you can and will make male friends. It has to have some value to you without the female presence.

If you are a staunch conservative, don't join the Sierra Club thinking it is Zeta. It's not. Joining a group like that when you think they are all morons for the sake of being around women is fake, and it calls on you to start things off with a lie.

I know what some of you are saying. Ha! Joining any club, even one you would like, with the idea of women in mind is just more pussy begging.

All puns aside, I beg to differ.

Avoiding pussy centrism does not mean you have to crawl in a hole or only go places that you think women aren't. In fact, that can be as pussy centric, only in reverse, as practicing PUA. Living a life that presents sexual opportunities is normal for any man. Only a few are so jaded from being screwed over that they have ruled out any possibility of sex or relationship again.

Most men will keep trying. Either to meet sexual needs, or find a "partner." And while I caution against the latter, I understand that it is going to happen whether I caution against it or not.

So unless your goal is the complete removal of women from your life, which is understandable given what many men have gone through with them, then a sexual empowerment and risk management program is in order.

When men don't operate out of a sense of scarcity, they have the opportunity to make better decisions. When they make better decisions, they have a tendency to get screwed over a lot less.

Next in the Zeta Game series- OK, so you started something regular, what next?

Con Man Fools Woman, Charged with Domestic Violence

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In my local online paper, I came across a story about some crook who took a foreign student for all he could, convincing her he had been kidnapped while he was actually blowing her cash in Vegas, telling her he was being hunted down by the CIA, etc. The man, named Matthew Clark, has a history of this, having ripped off a guy in 2007 by fraudulently selling a BMW his mother was leasing for thirty grand.

In the case concerning the foreign student, it appears that Clark began a romantic relationship with the woman shortly after she arrived in the US from Korea, ultimately convincing her that he should move in with her, whereupon he stole money her parents sent and blamed it on the landlord. Then, he convinced her to rent a luxury apartment in Bellevue, a well-to-do Seattle suburb, where he took over the woman's finances and started stealing her mail.

He took it far enough to convince the woman he was going to marry her, and then stole $18,000 her parents sent for the wedding. Through a series of convoluted lies and tricks, he managed to give her the impression that she was legally his chattel, and eventually, as his stories started falling apart, that he was a secret agent of some sort, wanted by the FBI and CIA.

Finally, when the woman failed to register for classes, her father called Seattle police, who contacted Clark's mother to find him. Clark was subsequently found with the woman at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel and arrested.

Guys like this are obviously scum. They are opportunistic thieves who ought to be identified and locked up for a while. However, in most cons there is a degree of culpability on the side of the victim as well. Often, people go along with cons out of greed. Sometimes they do so out of altruism, but that is probably the least common con. In this case, something compelled this woman to blindly believe Clark's scams.

What was it? It was what women call love. That is, this slimy liar excited her immensely. I once lived with a small time, white trash crook when I was 20 for a few months. I was sharing a house with him, a woman and another, ordinary guy. The woman was a friend of mine from high school, and had convinced me to move in with them to share rent. At one point, the woman's TV disappeared from the house, and all of the sudden the crook had a whole lot of weed and some good food (not normal for this guy).

Somehow, the TV had disappeared while he was there, but nobody else was. We asked him what had happened. He said some people had come around asking for me, and he'd told them I wasn't there, then went and took a nap. When he woke up, the TV was gone.

In retrospect, it's obvious that he was trying to implicate me in a crime he committed, but I didn't even consider that at first. I actually thought some people may have had it in for me and stole the TV, thinking it was mine. Of course, I changed my mind pretty quickly, but I initially believed him because my female friend was so adamant that he couldn't have had anything to do with this petty theft. His attempt at blame didn't work; I've never been known as a liar or thief, but even so his hold on the woman's heart was strong enough that she wouldn't even consider that he may have done it, even after I pointed out his sudden acquisition of dope and expensive food.

So, in the case of this young Korean woman, she had obviously fallen deeply in love with a lying

con-artist, which is far from rare. In fact, women seem to have a thing for con-artists, perhaps because they are better able to relate to women than your typical, straightforward, objective thinker of a man. To women, the feeling is more important than the truth, and that is what scammers exploit to make a living.

However, what is truly odd about this case is that the Clark is being charged with domestic violence for lying to this woman and taking her money. To me, that is very odd, and if it was feminist-inspired it's sure to backfire, because I'd bet good money that more men are conned by their girlfriends or wives than the other way around. Stories of women cleaning out their husbands' credit cards and bank accounts and houses and then disappearing with a lover abound. They are probably even more common than we know, because so many men are ashamed to have been so thoroughly duped and simply refuse to speak of it.

So although it's outrageous that "domestic violence" now encompasses crimes of deception rather than true violence, perhaps men should now make some effort to turn this around on women. Every time you catch a woman in a lie, tell her you'll have her charged with domestic violence. Did she charge your card for a new pair of shoes and lie about it? DV. Did she spend money on a weekend at some hotel with Julio instead of going on that business trip she'd told you about? Spousal abuse for sure. If charging liars and cons with DV becomes common practice, courts around the Anglosphere will be filled with wailing, perjuring women, digging themselves deeper with every new lie they make up to get themselves out of trouble.

The Repetitive Nature Of Shaming Language

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Recently I wrote a post for my blog called "Facilitating Shaming Language" that among others things talked about a particular case of shaming language being used. Here is part of a response that I received:

> I'm sorry your mother didn't love you. I hope you get help.

I just wrote a post about shaming language and how do my detractors respond? With even more shaming language. This is not an atypical response. The Exposing Feminism blog which hosts a copy of the Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics received a similar response to the catalog from women that was also even more shaming language.

This tells us something important about shaming language. It is repetitive. While a user of shaming language might try to justify shaming language by claiming your behavior is "shameful", the fact is shaming language can not be used to speak about your actual behavior. The user of shaming language is just repeating the same thing over and over again with slightly different wording despite being exposed as ignoring facts. It means that the user of shaming language is creating a strawman and not addressing their opponent's ideas.

The Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics exists because of shaming language's repetitiveness. We get told the same things over and over again. You have a small penis. You are angry. You make me feel afraid. You're a coward. You won't grow up. You're gay. You need therapy. Man up, etc. Sure it may be worded somewhat differently, all shaming language is saying the same thing. There are many ways to say, "you won't grow up", but it's all the samel.

What we can learn from this is that we should not fear shaming language. It does not and can never describe our actions or behavior. The use of shaming language means by definition that our opponents have no real argument against us. If they had a real argument against us, they would use it instead of shaming language. Shaming language is the refuge of those who want to shut down legitimate debate and men who bring up reasonable questions and concerns.

Drugs, War, Blood and Money

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"You want me to do *what*?" The look on Jerome's face was bewildered, angry.

"It's like I said," I replied. "For the next 28 days you have to live at this facility. You have to go into groups of people you don't know and tell them all you are a drug addict. You have to tell them stories about how drugs ruined your life and harmed your family. You have to go to Narcotics Anonymous meetings and do the same thing. You'll have to convince everyone around you that you're an addict trying to get better. And the fact that you don't have, and have never had, a drug problem will have to remain between you and I."

"If you want to save your job," I added.

Jerome leaned back in his chair and let out a great breath. His eyes watered for a moment and then stopped. An African American man that looked younger than his 35 years, Jerome was straight up blue collar and no nonsense. It was clear that nonsense like this did not sit well with him at all.

He had worked for a large telephone company in the Southwest since he was 20, working his way up from lineman to a top tier foreman. He started working there the same year he got married and now had three children.

"How the hell could this be happening to me?" he asked, and his eyes started to glisten again.

The answer to his question was simple. He worked for a company that periodically forced employees to surrender bodily fluids for examination. On a recent weekend, he had been to a bar-b-que at a friends house and someone passed a joint. It was an infrequent indulgence for him, but he took a few hits and passed it on.

The following Monday he was tested. Company policy afforded him the option of intervention and treatment or the end of a career that was the only source of income for his family. There were no gray areas The fact that they didn't start drug testing till he had invested 10 years of his life in working for them didn't matter. If you tested positive on a drug screen, you were an addict; a liability, and you needed treatment; expensive treatment, though no one has ever demonstrated that this was true.

I could have told Jerome a lot more about how his life was about to change; the mandated outpatient

treatment after he discharged, aftercare meetings for a year, and 12 step meetings, one hour each and every day for the first three months after he went home.

I didn't have the heart. He would find out at as time went by, and make the adjustments. For the time being my only goal was to help him not do anything stupid. He was caught up in the system, the system that I worked in, and if he wasn't careful he could lose everything.

I told him, as I will tell you now, that he was one of the lucky ones. Employers can have a powerful impact on your life when they decide to. But it is nothing compared to governments.

Absolutely nothing.

Jerome just got a scratch compared to what was happening elsewhere. His was a slight wound from a war on drugs that regularly kills more people than drugs do. We have been doing it a hundred years now; making criminals of our countrymen; making war on our own people in their own homes.

And as MND publisher Mike LaSalle just reported to readers, it is a war that is now hitting close to home.

It started, like a lot of deadly bad ideas, with politicians. We can thank the Democrats for the inception, but somewhere along the line, the Republicans stepped in to prove they were just as stupid.

Woodrow Wilson, who also gave us the Federal Reserve Act, the first draft since the Civil War and rave reviews of the stunningly racist movie "Birth of a Nation," helped usher in the age where America turned questionable personal habits into concrete walls and steel gray bars.

It was called the Harrison Tax Act of 1914, and it was the result of nearly fifteen years of disinformation and racist propaganda promulgated by Wilson's associates.

In 1900 the Journal of the American Medical Association published in a report that "Negroes in the South are being addicted to a new form of vice– that of 'cocaine sniffing' or the 'coke habit.'" That was followed up by several newspaper reports that cocaine was causing blacks to rape white women and was improving their pistol marksmanship.

Eight years later President Teddy Roosevelt appointed Dr. Hamilton Wright as the first Opium Commissioner for the United States. Among his most notable observations was that "cocaine is often the direct incentive to the crime of rape by Negroes of the south and other sections of the country."

Wright also postulated that "one of the most unfortunate phases of smoking opium in this country is the large number of women who have become involved and are living as common-law wives or cohabitating with Chinese in the Chinatowns of our various cities."

Let's see. A bunch of drug crazed horny black men and a growing number of loose white women with no qualms about crossing racial boundaries?

Yeah, man, it was time for war, alright; time to break out some fucking law and order.

And so it started. Police began busting heads, most of them black and poor, and prisons started to fill. Law upon law was written and enforced with no more thought to the truth than Dred Scott. The edges of The Constitution were already starting to singe.

It got a boost in 1937 with the Marijuana Tax Act, signed into law by Franklin Roosevelt. And just like the Harrison Act, its roots are steeped more in racial bigotry than in public safety. In fact, marijuana had already been criminalized in many states prior to the federal prohibition. Most of this started with border states and stemmed from a fear of indigenous Mexicans. One Texas legislator is quoted as saying, "Mexicans are all crazy, and this stuff (marijuana) is why."

Now it was brown heads getting busted, and prisons became bilingual.

And the drugs kept coming.

And there is money in it. Big money, *your* money, fed into a vast machine that is eating up the very freedoms it purports to protect.

Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt were Democrats, but as time passed and political stances vacillated, it was the republicans that took over the reigns of anti drug insanity, not out of racial prejudice (though for some that seems to be a big plus), but puritanical fundamentalism. Many a good Christian constituent doesn't cotton much to personal choice when it comes to drugs.

So the right has pretty much owned the war on drugs since. And for the efforts of these "keep the government off our back" conservatives, they have given us the mammoth sized DEA, a thousand federal regulations, a rainbow coalition of busted heads, overflowing prisons, enough dead bodies to please Pol Pot, a meaningless Constitution and a bevy of government functionaries that are literally out of their minds with power.

We wanted a war on drugs and that is exactly what we got. Only it isn't drugs we are attacking, it's people. It is a civil war with a guaranteed Viet-nam style ending that might be worth paying attention to.

Because the drugs keep coming.

You would think a century of this would be enough to have learned a lesson or two. I mean, we actually did learn something with alcohol. We made it illegal, and then, when we got tired of mobsters, mass murder, poisoning deaths from bad hooch, graft and the fact that everyone that wanted to was still drinking anyway, we got a little wiser.

Today, we have alcohol in its various forms being distributed nationwide, in complete peace, with no underground economy and most importantly, no bullets flying.

Are there consequences? Sure. Some tragic ones. I have seen it first hand a thousand times over. After all, most of the people I worked with were not Jerome's, though his situation is a direct result of the woefully inept way we are approaching this problem.

In the end, though, and anyone with a half a mind should already know this, there are plenty of problems you can't fix with a badge and a gun. The best we can do is damage control.

Sadly, all you have to do is get a news report from the border with Mexico, or take a look inside one of our prisons, to find out just how far we are from the best we can do.

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New Moderator

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The Spearhead has been a success overall, but there's one area that has been a thorn in its side from the beginning, and pretty much everything I've tried to address the commenting problem has failed. At times, it's annoyed me to the point where I wonder whether the effort is even worth it. The comments have a tendency to get out of hand, and I have never been very good at dealing with this issue. I'm pretty sure some supporters have been chased off by some of the louder, more violent comments, and that's a pretty serious problem for me.

Running *The Spearhead* has been a learning process for me, so it has taken time and experience for me to figure out how to handle issues. Recently, it finally occurred to me that the reason I've had such a difficult time with moderation is that I simply shouldn't be doing it. For writers and publishers it is impossible to maintain objectivity when moderating comments on their own articles, so I tend to avoid doing so. Additionally, it's really bad PR to get into the inevitable arguments over such things.

Nevertheless, for months I avoided appointing a moderator because I just didn't know what would come of it (I was also a bit nervous about the idea because an obvious pedophile offered to moderate the first time I suggested it). Well, soon enough I saw what came from *not* having someone moderate comments, and it was pretty ugly at times.

Fortunately, I still have someone willing to moderate, and I'm going to hand the editor keys over to him. There's going to be a division of tasks in which I keep my hands off moderation so I can focus on publishing articles and developing the site, which is plenty of work without having to deal with policing comments. Therefore, our new moderator, Christian, is going to have full authority over the comments. I'll work with him on the guidelines, but enforcement will be at his discretion. I am really looking forward to this, as it will no longer be my problem when people spout off inappropriately, so I'm very grateful for the offer.

For most commenters it won't mean anything. The policy will be fairly mild, and there are only a handful of commenters who really take it too far. So this isn't going to be a major crackdown or anything like that. Furthermore, we'll release a set of guidelines, most of which are already listed on the "commenting policy" page. If anything, this will make reading *The Spearhead* a more pleasant experience, and help it mature into a more constructive medium.

The American Dream: 21st Century Serfdom

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Go to school.

Get good grades.

Go to college.

Get a career.

Buy a nice car.

Buy a big house.

Go on many luxury vacations.

It can all be yours for the taking…just sign your name on the dotted line at every step of the way, and you too can have your very own version of the American Dream.

This is supposedly the keys to happiness and success and achieving "a better standard of living than our parents."

It's a grand lie, designed to get the average person to pursue this dream so as to enslave themselves into the system…a benign, subversive system of hidden serfdom.

Welcome to debt slavery.

And who are our Feudal Overlords?

The bankers.

And how do they exactly trap us into forced servitude for their profit?

The twin tools of Fractional Reserve Banking and Fiat Currency.

Wanna start a business?

Take out a business start up loan!

How do you pay for the overhead of running your business? Here's a business credit account!

Wanna buy a house?

Here's a 30 year mortgage…and don't forget your mortgage insurance plan, so in case you are injured or laid off, you won't have to make your payments for up to one whole year! (Gee, you bankers are just SO generous!).

Wanna get an education?

Here's a student loan that will take you 20 years to pay off after you've graduated and still can't find a job during the current recession.

Understand that our modern economy is based not on MONEY…but on DEBT. An obligation to promise to paying the bankers – WHO DID NOTHING MORE THAN TYPE A NUMBER INTO A COMPUTER IN THEIR BANK LEDGER SHEET PROGRAM AND – VOILA! – you too can sign up for 21st century serfdom to achieve the "American Dream!"

But don't look at the Bankers in your local neighborhood bank as your Feudal overlord…he's just a mid-level overseer of the Lord's vast estates.

See, his bank, in turn, has to borrow a fraction of their funds from the central banking system so that

they can turn around and obligate YOU in your pursuit of the "American Dream."

Does this sound outlandish or confusing to you?

Let's analyze this in as simplified terms possible:

Fiat currency = money backed by nothing more than the value it has printed on it. Because it is not backed by a substantial commodity, it is in essence an agreed upon fiction…in which parties exchanging fiat currency for goods or services agree to the value of that currency. Now, because fiat currency is only worth what the issuing institution says it is, there is absolutely NO check on that institution arbitrarily printing up more of it whenever they feel like it. In essence, fiat currency allows unlimited "printing" power.

However, most people think that the Federal Reserve prints the nations money supply and distributes the currency to the banks to circulate throughout the economy. What the Fed prints and distributes is but a fraction of the so-called "money" supply. (More like the "credit enslavement ratio.")

Fractional reserve lending means a bank need only hold approximately 10% of money in an account at any time. So if you deposit $100 into an account, the bank need only hold $10 in reserve and lend out $90. This doesn't sound so bad, right? Except that's not how they do it. The bank takes your $100 and puts it on their assets side of their ledger. They now have 10% of a $1000 reserve requirement. So now they can turn around and get your fellow debt slave to sign up for a used car loan of $1000. In this way, $900 of fiat currency is "created" by the click of a banker's mouse and your signature on the loan forms dotted line.

Ahhh, but it doesn't end their either. See, the bank calculates it's "reserve" by including all promissory notes, all credit accounts as "assets" which allows them to "create" even more fiat currency at the click of a mouse.

That $1000 loan (which originally came from that first $100 deposit) has paperwork in which the loan taker is obligated to repay at interest over a set period of time. For the sake of simplicity, let's just say that at the end of the terms of agreement, after adding up the interest and the principal, the debtor will have ended up paying back $1500.

Before the $1000 debtor even issues a single payment, the bank now has $1500 promissory note…which they than account for as a $1500 asset…which is 10% of a $15,000 reserve level.

Along comes Joe Blow the entrepreneur, who wants to start an internet porn business. He needs 15 grand to start up, so he goes and gets a loan from the same bank.

After signing his name on the dotted line, he now has a loan that when all is said and done, will gain the bank $20,000…which of course, is now a bank "asset" that is now a 10% reserve level for $200,000.

Here comes the next guy, and he wants to buy a house for $200,000…so he signs up for a 30 year mortgage….

Are you starting to get the picture about how fiat currency and fractional reserve lending actually work? From an initial $100 of actual cash from a bank depositor, a bank was able to leverage a 6-month $1500 debt obligation from one worker; a 5-year, 20,000 start-up debt obligation from a wannabe Larry Flynt; and a 30 year, $200,000 obligation from would-be homeowner. What started out as 100 of cold, hard cash from a single depositor, turned into 235,000 of owed debt servitude over the course of years by three other people.

This is precisely why the credit card companies (i.e. the huge, National Banks) are so eager to sign

everyone up for credit cards, and they really don't care if you max them out and are unable to pay them back. Your $20,000 credit card bill, while it exists on their ledgers as current and not in default (it takes you not making any payments for months on end before it becomes "default"), that $20,000 figure is a potential $200,000 reserve loan to some other would be serf.

All of these people, pursuing some aspect of the American Dream, obligated to the bankers who did nothing more than click a mouse and get the unknowing Serfs to sign their name on the dotted line. Oh, and note what happens when a home-"owner" serf defaults on his home loan, and the bank forecloses. They've now turned their fictionally created "fiat currency" into a tangible, real asset – the seized home.

In this way, our Feudal overlords send fiat currency downwards, while the real wealth moves upwards to them – the class of people who have the power to "create" money.

Now some caveats here – this is a very very simplified explanation for how fractional reserve lending and fiat currency have ensnared the vast majority of the country into unwitting, financial serfdom. Of course there are many variations, and all sorts of complicating factors…but the general overview is a fairly accurate summation of the system's basic function.

This is precisely why inflation has occurred, devaluing the US Dollar exponentially ever since the Federal Reserve system was instituted in 1913. 1929% inflation since 1913. As money continually gets "created" by the corrupt banking practice, it puts more and more "money" into circulation, devaluing the purchasing power over time.

99% of us in America are in some way, shape or form, a serf for the bankers, because they have the power to "create" money out of thin air…by creating a debt obligation for which you must labor to pay off over the course of your working life.

And all these bankers did was click on the mouse and get you to sign on the dotted line.

With fiat currency working in tandem with fractional reserve lending, and we now have the means of ensuring that almost ALL business endeavors, all personal consumption choices, and almost all manners of subsistence are essentially done via debt to the bankers.

Remember the old saying…"He who has the gold, makes the rules?"

The new one is "He who prints the fractional-reserve, fiat currency enslaves the fools!"

Now get back to work! You owe it to our Feudal Overlords!

Patriarchy for Dummies

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If you have followed the ongoing volumes of discussion in the gender war, you are familiar with a constantly regurgitated bit of feminist claptrap.

Feminism isn't anti-male, it is anti-patriarchal and of course, it's about equality.

Sure it is.

We should consider, though, that in their constant attempt to reshape reality to fit the needs of the moment, there is a dirty little secret that feminists continually keep from themselves. Well, one among many. This one is called reproductive strategy. And without understanding that, you can't understand why and how we developed a patriarchal system.

It is really simple. Men are wired to do whatever it takes to be selected by women for mating. Women are wired to select men that are dominant and aggressive, e.g. patriarchal.

Do I need to say that again?

Do you ever wonder why men like Scott Peterson show up at death row with a stack of marriage proposals waiting for them? That's what happened, and the proposals came from women who only knew one thing about him: He savagely murdered his wife, cutting his own baby from her abdomen and dumped them both out of a boat into the bay.

How is that for marriage material?

It isn't any different with Joran van der Sloot. After skating on the Holloway murder, van der Sloot became a sexual celebrity. Everywhere he went, young women in their sexual prime threw themselves at him like he was Mick Jagger.

Something about the missing body of a young girl and his fingerprints all over the case acted like Spanish Fly on these women.

Of course, he killed again. And of course, his marriage proposals started rolling in as well.

Here, by the way, is the video of Joran and his last next victim, Stephany Flores, checking into the hotel room in Lima, Peru, where he would kill her. Watch it closely.

Did you get the way she followed him like an obedient dog? Note the *two steps behind and head bowed like a Geisha* body language. It is the age old false female submission to male authority, *killer* authority, in order to have access and eventual control of that power. It is the same type of power that has been making women wet and tingly since the prehistoric plains of the African savanna.

Are the women gone *ga ga* for Peterson and van der Sloot the exceptions to the rule?

No.

What they are is more extreme examples of the norm. Everyone eats, and in every culture there is a certain percentage of people that eat to the point of obesity. It doesn't make eating abnormal, it just points to some abnormal eating. These women are the same type of phenomena.

They are attracted to killers for the same reasons that the average young woman is attracted to thugs, bad boys on motorcycles, rock stars and politicians as ugly as Henry Kissinger. It is all about power. Power to protect, power to provide, power to dominate and control.

Power to be corralled and used.

When all that power gets channeled into a box and served up on a platter for women's benefit, you have the ultimate aphrodisiac. There's your patriarchy in a nutshell, and all the laws, codes, social norms and gender roles that came with it. Women use the illusion of submission and being demure, coupled with sexual appeal, to get men to perform for their benefit.

Ultimately the master is the slave. He lives under the illusion of power, when in reality he is only the provider of it.

And this of course explains why feminism has not resulted in equality, but only more privilege for women. Feminism only takes what is already there, the female drive to benefit from the power acquired by men, power that almost all women are incapable of gaining on their own, and takes it to the extreme level. In that light, feminism is an extreme that showed up in normal sexual life, just like a letter bearing a marriage proposal on death row.

And as always of course, the chief enablers of all this are men jockeying for sexual approval/selection.

As I have said before, take it up with God or Darwin as you please, but don't blame me for telling the truth.

But that truth, in these modern times, presents a unique dilemma for men, at least the ones that have pulled their heads out and started to read the writing on the wall.

The acquisition of all the power needed to attract women brought with it a rather unfortunate consequence.

Disposabilty.

Pulling 12 hours in a coal mine with trembling walls and death in the air you breathe is a high price to enable a woman to remain at home taking care of children, especially in an age where that kind of life is absolutely unnecessary.

If you are fortunate enough to be alpha material, you get to own or run the coal mine, have men do the digging for you and perhaps even have some of their wives yield to the tingle you give them while hubby is down in the depths doing what a man has to do.

But this is really where we run into a wall that is unscaleable in the movement toward this incredulous thing called "sexual equality."

The minute that man takes a real look at what he is doing and decides less money is a better option, then that is where hypergamy kicks in to overdrive with the wife and he loses her.

The very moment he values his safety and quality of life more than he values her standard of living, the clock starts on her departure.

Without playing by the same rules that gave us patriarchy, there is no real connection between men and women. The men who undermine patriarchy in the only real way it can be undermined, by refusing to take care of women, are automatically reduced to the status of *loser* and placed on the sexual sidelines.

The only answer to this is to open the door for women on the way out, and perhaps give them a little shove as they go. It's the feminist equalitarian thing to do, after all. These men should be lionized by Steinem, et al, because it frees women from all the "oppressive" patriarchy that comes with marriage (which they will then, invariably, look to get from some other man) and it allows the man, at least in

the case of a coal miner, to add a decade or so to his life span and perhaps enjoy it a little more.

If feminism were about being either anti patriarchy or pro equality, the only focus it would have had would be on challenging women to quit picking the most powerful provider that they can and using them to live as close to the state of royalty as possible.

It would have also told women to put down books and pick up shovels.

Instead, what we have is women dominating the work force in the most cushy jobs available, many of them low paying, while men still bear the brunt of often fatal occupational hazards so they can make enough money to be an attractive provider. Whatever financial gaps result in this for women, they simply use The State, that ultimate expression of patriarchy, to fill in.

And do you think these under employed women are more prone to marrying down than any other woman?

Let‘s be real here, all feminism has done is give women a new place to kick back and take it easy while men ante up the blood, sweat and tears. And it leaves their supposedly lamented patriarchy safe and completely intact, ready to do their bidding in any way they want.

Same as it ever was.

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Vacation Over, Time For a Real Vacation

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For the first time in two and a half weeks, I'm alone in a quiet house. I'm beginning to wonder if there is such a thing as a vacation for parents, because it sure doesn't feel like one when the kids are around. However, I was kind of sad to part ways with them, even though I see them again tomorrow, and next week, and the following weekend and week after that…

Although family is a wonderful thing, sometimes you want to get away for a while, just like you might want to take a break from the job from time to time. And that gives me an idea, but hardly an original one, that might be of some utility to men.

One of the biggest divisions between men today is that between those who are family men and those who aren't, whether by choice or circumstance. Like a lot of divorced men, I'm somewhere in between, in this sort of half-family limbo, so I can relate to both sides. Single men have more opportunities to go out and entertain themselves, and have nobody to answer to at home, while married men do not generally have that freedom, but at least they live with their kids. After a while, however, either routine can become tiresome, and sometimes men simply want to get away and do something different.

For a long time, they did just that. Men would get together at lodges, the public house, athletic clubs, or whatever struck their fancy to escape from the drudgery of work, home and society in general. The problem today is that everything is integrated. Women even play sports with men, which is pretty ridiculous — not to mention dangerous. Women are in lodges, pubs, and pretty much every single formerly male space, largely due to legislation that forced this on men and society. This has left us men trapped, and it's even worse than that: political correctness demands that we watch what we say around women everywhere they may happen to be. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if a woman came into a men's bathroom and told us to use the stalls because it offends her to see men peeing while standing up. It's like being a caged animal.

However, it doesn't have to be that way. Sure, the old lodges are falling apart, the pubs are full of trashy bar girls, and every time you want to play ball some girl starts kicking your shins or flailing her arms in your face, but there's still plenty of space out there. For all the time we men spend online, it's unimaginable that we couldn't set aside a day or two from time to time to get together with other men in person and enjoy each other's company. Where I live, just driving or taking a ferry a few miles outside of the city puts one in the middle of beautiful country, surrounded by tall trees, sparkling water and snow-capped mountains. I've been to the UK, and in Wales, for example, there were lesser-known historical monuments all over the place that were virtually ignored, so I had the pleasure of exploring them alone. In Canada and Australia, well, I don't need to tell you guys that there are plenty of places where you won't be bothered at all.

I know there are enough of us throughout our respective regions to have some get togethers, and I think men who are active online ought to start reaching out to people who live near them. There really isn't any substitute for meeting in person, and, let's face it: some of us need to get out more.

Given the growing consciousness surrounding the plight of men in our society, this is a good time to resurrect the idea of men's associations. Men working together in person can do some pretty amazing things, which is one reason feminists and others have fought so hard to destroy the old organizations

that empowered men and gave them a sense of comradery.

Young Men Troubled More by Breakups and Relationship Turmoil than Young Women

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In NY Times, July 22: A study that surveyed over 1,600 young men and women found that trouble in relationships is more harmful to young men than women. Wake Forest sociology professor Robin W. Simon and Florida State sociologist Anne E. Barrett say "It appears that young men benefit more than women from support, and that they are more harmed than women by strain in ongoing romantic relationships." According to Ms. Simon, what is really sad is that women are only bothered by being single, and seem to derive the same benefit from being in a relationship whether it is troublesome or not.

Could it be because the young women are most frequently the cause of the trouble in relationships?

The author of the NY Times article makes light of young men's plight, writing "pity the men, their anguish so long overlooked…"

Interestingly, the study found that older men do not have the same trouble as their younger counterparts, suggesting that, over time, female behavior has become increasingly harmful to men.

Daughter Goes After Dad in Political Attack Ad

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It seems the fallout from divorce can last a long, long time. In what may be an extreme result of parental alienation, Jan Schill, who currently lives in Durango, Colorado, took out an ad with her husband in an Oklahoma City newspaper imploring voters to vote against her father, John Mantooth, who is running for judge. She also started a website dedicated to keeping her father from being elected, in which she posts 30-year-old documents from her parents' divorce, among other things, to put her father in a bad light.

Keith Gaddie, a University of Oklahoma political science professor, calls the ad "reality show politics," saying: "It's unsavory. It's undignified, and it's real."

Given the nightmare Mantooth's experience with his ex must have been and the apparent parental alienation that caused his daughter to hate him, I hope the man is elected. What we need is more male judges who have been through rough divorces and can sympathize with what other men are facing when they have to deal with family law. Forcing men to face older judges from another time when women didn't leave their husbands in such prodigious numbers has resulted in vast injustices, because the default assumption is that the man must have been really a horrible person to force his poor, innocent little wife to seek help from the judge in removing him (but not his income) from her life.

Another Little Girl Sets off on Circumnavigation Attempt

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Dutch courts have cleared the way for another teenage girl to attempt to sail around the world. A few months ago, 16-year-old Californian Abby Sunderland was located and rescued at Australian and French taxpayer expense adrift in the Indian Ocean, and 16-year-old Jessica Watson of Australia recently broke the world record for youngest person to sail around the world.

Today, sailboats are largely automated and require little physical effort. Additionally, instruments and global positioning devices are so sophisticated that reckoning is essentially obsolete, so it isn't all that much of a stretch to have little girls sailing around the world. In fact, I wouldn't even be all that surprised to see a well-trained monkey pull it off.

However, hazards are still involved, not the least of which is the threat of piracy. If some Somali or Indonesian pirates got their hands on this girl, I guarantee that they could pull down an enormous ransom, because, after all, it's already been proven that the entire Western world will open its coffers to save some white girl who strays into dangerous waters.

Ms. Drekker isn't too worried about pirates, saying, "they don't attack yachts so much. If you're in a convoy you should be OK." She also makes light of the threat, flying the Jolly Roger from her mast, and considering a route that would take her through the Gulf of Aden, which is crawling with pirates.

Pirates aside, there is this thing called weather, and it can be a real bitch. In fact, it's so mean that it doesn't even care about teen girls — just ask Abby Sunderland, whose mast was snapped off after she sailed into a storm. However, little Laura Dekker's chances of success aren't all that bad, and if she fails some armada will surely come to her rescue.

Despite the willingness of Western fleets to intervene in these ventures when things go wrong, as a parent I still don't care for the idea of sending children off alone on the high seas. If one of my kids said they wanted to do this at 14 I'd simply say "no" and leave it at that — even if I had a great deal of money, as Ms. Drekker's parents must.

For all the money spent on setting these little princesses to sail, I wonder why we can't give some boy an opportunity to go to space. I know that sailing, old and quaint as it is, comes off as romantic for the girls, but I can think of about a billion boys who would give anything they had to be launched into orbit. However, given the contemporary political climate, they'd probably choose a girl for that as well.

Jezebel Fires a Shot Across The Bow

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The dust-up between feminist website Jezebel and the Daily Show's Jon Stewart has exposed a rift between liberal men and feminists that suggests that simply talking the talk doesn't do the trick for men any longer. Now that the feminists have had a taste of power, they want *more*. There was some foreshadowing of this during the presidential primaries in 2008, in which a number of feminists expressed some anger over the treatment of Hillary Clinton, but at the time it was largely muted in favor of the common cause of defeating the Republicans. It seems that we've moved past that point, as new media on the left is increasingly dominated by up and coming, ambitious, somewhat young professional females, who dominate the middle and lower ranks of text-based media, and have a yearning for more.

As the older men who called the shots at old, establishment media companies start to retire and pass on, there will not be many men left to replace them, so I expect that publications such as Jezebel will have considerable power and influence in the near future. Sure, there will be plenty of men at the standard-bearers, such as the NY Times and Wall Street Journal, but they've already been significantly diminished by the explosion of new media, and they won't be immune from the feminist onslaught, either.

To me, this suggests that political divergence by gender will also be strengthened, as the position of men is eroded even further on the left. It may be that eventually guys like Jon Stewart will be taking orders from feminist bosses, which would make it impossible for him to actually be funny or entertaining to men. Perhaps Perez Hilton can eventually take over for him.

One might ask "why the left in particular?" Take the website Jezebel's name, for example. Jezebel has come to mean a loose woman of low character, but she was a biblical figure, wife of Ahab, king of the northern kingdom of Israel. As a foreign princess (like Marie Antoinette), she was not particularly popular with the people, especially the fundamentalist prophets. She hated Elijah, pushed Ahab into apostasy, and had him murder Naboth – an innocent man – for his land. Even in biblical times the name may have been provocative — it is thought that it honors Ba'al, a god revered by the Phoenicians and others in the ancient Middle East. Yahweh and Ba'al (or, more accurately, their respective priests) did not get along very well, so fundamentalist Jews like Elijah naturally disliked her from the get go.

Eventually Elijah has another king anointed, Ahab is overthrown, and Jezebel defenestrated and subsequently eaten by stray dogs — a happy ending if you're a devout 9th century BC Hebrew, but probably not a particularly compelling story to contemporary feminists.

In naming themselves after Jezebel in particular, the site, as far as I can tell, is taking a decidedly anti-patriarchy, anti-religion, and anti-tradition stance. Although I'm not sure whether they took the ultimate fate of Jezebel into account, perhaps we can simply take heart in the choice, as the dog food symbolism is rather amusing (ancient Jewish humor?). Whatever the case, Jezebel is decidedly left wing, and it seems that today, as opposed to the time of the French Revolution, the left has a distinctly feminine (or feminist, one should say) air about it. Although it may have been inevitable, it strikes me as a pity that this is the case, because I, for one, have some sympathy with the revolutionary ideals of the late 18th century, and even like some socialists, such as Jack London and

George Orwell, quite a bit.

Unfortunately, the old, manly left has been dead for some time, and we are left with snarky guys like Jon Stewart, who, despite their jokes at the expense of men, are still getting heat from the feminists.

Here's a clip from The Daily Show poking fun at men and toeing the feminist line: