## It's okay to be a man. Being a man is not a crime. In fact, the world is a better place with you in it.

March 12, 2021 | 439 upvotes | by a-man-from-earth

I am absolutely heartbroken reading the messages of men here who are deeply affected by the surge of misandry following a murder case in the UK.

And that makes me enraged reading certain messages criticizing how we feel and experience this. This is a time to stand together, to be brothers, and to encourage each other.

You are okay. You are human, not a monster. You did not choose to be born a man. It is not a crime to be a man. The universe made you a man. Society has no right to blame you for it. People who put the blame on men are misandrist bigots and need to be called out.

Brothers, do not be dismayed. We understand how it is. We are men. We got this.

So love yourself, and love your brothers. And realize that the world is a better place with you in it.

Let's stand together. I am here for you. We are all here for you.

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mewacketergi2 • 26 points • 12 March, 2021 11:59 PM
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Thanks bro, take care of yourself.

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matrixislife • 27 points • 13 March, 2021 08:20 AM
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I try not to let misandrist bigots get to me. For that matter, I wonder how many men have been murdered this year and had no publicity or outcry about it at all.

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VindictivePrune • 24 points • 13 March, 2021 08:47 AM
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I can promise you it's higher than the number of women killed

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Tank-o-grad • 27 points • 13 March, 2021 08:56 AM
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In the UK, for the last set of figures published, men were 70.3% of homicide victims.

But apparently they don't count or matter because the majority of perpetrators were men or something (still haven't got my head round that logic).

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Tedfordshire • 32 points • 13 March, 2021 12:53 PM
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Well obviously, when I'm being stabbed in a dark alley, I can take comfort in the fact that the person stabbing me has the same genitals as me.

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Tank-o-grad • 14 points • 13 March, 2021 01:05 PM
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Ah, of course, that must be it!

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aallport • 13 points • 13 March, 2021 05:31 PM

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Equivalent\_Parking\_8 • 18 points • 13 March, 2021 10:40 AM

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I made a similar point on r/rant and got a permanent ban for it. The narrative is that we are safe on the streets that only women are in fear of all of us. The reality is we're more likely to be mugged and killed than they are, we also walk in fear at night. The solution should be for more people to be out walking at night rather than making half of us stay in. Safety in numbers. The criminal obviously wouldn't obey the 6pm curfew proposal anyway.

[deleted] • 13 points • 13 March, 2021 02:35 PM

Social media is becoming an echo chamber of feminist narratives. Trying to even propose men's issues is often seen as anti-women and you usually just get censored.

We're suppose to sympathise with them however they will not with us.

TheBlueGhost21 • 7 points • 13 March, 2021 02:14 PM

I always try to state this but no one seems to listen, we don't complain about it as much but the females make a much bigger deal out of it.

DefiantDepth8932 • 22 points • 13 March, 2021 09:43 AM

Not from the UK, but I've been hating myself more and more because of all of this. Like recently I've been quite a dissappointment to my family and my teachers and I've been hearing all over the place how the world would be a better place without me. It's gotten so bad that I've resorted to self harm a couple times.

And now since I know that women would prefer a world without me and are afraid of me when I'm near them like I'm some kind of monster, I have no reason to take responsibility for to make the world better for someone who hates me and thinks this lowly of me. I hate myself even more because of all these thoughts about women I've been having.

AdamChap • 16 points • 13 March, 2021 09:57 PM

Those women are actually fucking mad. They don't ALL follow the hive mind trust me.

Take care of yourself, ignore these nutters, stand up for yourself and you'll find some peace I know.

Strikes001 • 8 points • 13 March, 2021 07:31 PM\*

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Who has said this to you? Your family? Teachers?

iSpiltMyCoffeeAgain • 12 points • 13 March, 2021 10:25 AM

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It's ok bro, stay strong, don't let people get to your head, as long as you don't do anything wrong don't let the men that do account for all of us.

CapedRaccoon • 19 points • 13 March, 2021 05:33 PM

I belive it was Karen Straughan who said:

We are so conditioned to look for misogyny that we find it everywhere. Even in some circumstances where it doesnt actually exist. And we are so calloused against misandry that we cant see it, even when it is being applied

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with a sledgehammer.

AdamChap • 16 points • 13 March, 2021 09:53 PM

She also said something great, and I paraphrase, about how for most of human history men have been fighting back nature on behalf of women but because men stand in front of women, women perceive the pushback coming from men rather than from men's struggle against the bush.

With this recent case you see this happening when male propensity for violence is being attacked using the worst examples, the broken cases of masculinity. There is no thought to all the sons and fathers who died in battle to protect others, no thought as to the benefit such people do bring. Hell the police officers that would enforce this theoretical "male lockdown" will be mainly men. You need men to stop men.

lordfrank18 • 84 points • 12 March, 2021 11:23 PM

Just had an argument with my gf regarding misandry, it's crazy how deeply ingrained it is yet people only look at mysogyny and completely disregard any problem a man could face.

Rockbottom503 • 44 points • 13 March, 2021 10:44 AM

Me and my daughter butted heads over this last night - that woman in the house of Lords that went on about a 6pm curfew for men has come out saying that men's response to her suggestion highlights our misogyny. She vocally agreed, bearing in mind that I have 3 sons aswell who are listening to all this shit so I very much stopped her there and went through how this Lord - a woman already in a position of actual power with a hand in the making of the laws of our country - firsts spouts off blatant sexism that my daughter would be crying about if it were applied to women, even if it were in a fiction novel written by a woman, about a dystopian future - like, say, the handmaid's tale for example, and you're actually pissed off because the reaction to that suggestion is not positive??? Her reaction was to faux cry because I apparantley cannot possibly begin to understand what women go through with this, at which my wife intervened and asked her if she'd ever been through it (such was the reaction) to which even she agreed she hadn't but felt strongly for women who had and it made her scared. She's at university so I guess she's immersed in all the feminist dogma right now but damn! It's like once the feminist glasses go on, they can't see past the end of their nose.

YesAmAThrowaway • 17 points • 13 March, 2021 03:52 PM

There's a lot of fearmongering. Compare the amount of people that live to those that get murdered and you'll be disillusioned rather quickly. The risk is incredibly low and being afraid of every man because "stranger danger" is about as bollocks as being afraid of every women in case she wants to sue you for you looking her way. Most violence and abuse (emotional, physical and sexual) is somethong you will receive from relatives, friends, partners and acquaintances. A stranger is the least of your worries, statistically speaking.

ReadsPostGuessesAge • 29 points • 13 March, 2021 01:27 PM

Kudos to your wife. Hopefully more reasonable women will confront the hysteria and put a dampener on this. I am allowed to say that 'women should do better'?

Nobleonel 1 • 16 points • 13 March, 2021 03:55 PM

I'll vouch for you.

This is getting out of hand and I wish all the sensible women would take up arms because every time us mere mortal men attempt to so much as frown at something like this, the mob thirsts for our blood.

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jackcos • 17 points • 13 March, 2021 12:53 PM

So many women I know on Instagram have been sharing posts about "all men" every day this week.

I can see the point. I've seen the example of how only a few sharks have been known to attack humans, but we steer clear of 'all sharks' just in case.

Except men aren't sharks. Men have feelings. And men using 'NotAllMen' looking to try and distance themselves from the label of being a rapist or an abuser is a valid stand to take.

I've done everything in my power to call out guys who are doing the wrong thing. I've stood up for my mum and sister against my dad. I've treated every girlfriend I've had with the utmost respect. I used to make sure all my female (and male) friends got home safely after drunken nights out.

I personally don't care about the 'all men' stuff, but I know for some guys this will be hard to swallow when there are a lot of good guys out there but it feels like every woman in Britain is repeating the same line.

Worst of all, I'm now seeing instances of women abusing men being dismissed as it matters 'less'. One guy was saying how he wore a kilt and was getting groped and touched inappropriately - a few other guys chimed in with similar stories. It was then dismissed by women and they made jokes about it. Got to love Twitter.

ReadsPostGuessesAge • 15 points • 13 March, 2021 03:33 PM\*

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I've been in multiple discussions/arguments when I have been mocked with the 'oH NoT AlL Men HuH?!' thing and a genuinely good response is to say...

"Yes, not all men. You don't get to lump me in with murderers and rapists just because I'm the same gender"

Each time I've said this, the other person has been caught off guard and quickly stumbled onto something else. In my experience people who act like this are in an echo chamber so often they never hear a response, and they think that using that line is specifically to detract from women's issues (there is a feminist wiki somewhere that says exactly this). They think it's a 'AHA GOTCHA!' kind of line, prove them wrong.

Little and often is a good way to chip away at this narrative. A 'guerrilla war of words' will slowly but surely change the balance. You're not going to convince a misandrist, but you might convince the bloke who over hears you in the pub when you're being harangued.

Spark2o • 9 points • 13 March, 2021 10:54 PM

I feel like women are forgetting about the unsung heroes men can be in this frenzy. Lad was stabbed and burned in order to protect his kids from his girlfriend

I mean you get bone chilling stories like this and then see the women on Twitter laughing and taking the piss out abuse/harassment stories that men have come to share. If you're a lad I plea for you to watch his story of abuse.

TheBlueGhost21 • 16 points • 13 March, 2021 02:11 PM

Same thing is going on in Ireland at the moment. Women saying they don't feel safe walking home at night and that all men need to stand up for them, first of all as if guys aren't afraid when they walk home at night, I know more guys who've been beaten up walking home at night then girls. And how are we all supposed to stand up for them when they are labelling all men as attackers, just doesn't make sense.

[deleted] • 13 points • 13 March, 2021 02:57 PM

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It seems deep down, women want men to protect them from the real bad men but at the same time they confuse us by using language which seems to demonize all men, brazenly push their angry emotions onto us and can't sympathise with our issues either.

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TheBlueGhost21 • 9 points • 13 March, 2021 03:00 PM
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The ones that I know claim they don't need any help from men and basically talk shit about them at any chance they get, but now all this shit happened they want men to take accountability and stand up for women, I just don't understand this mentality at all and I think it's genuinely driving me insane.

Thrownintothesahara • 59 points • 12 March, 2021 11:42 PM

Thanks. Can I ask, are you from the UK? I am, and it's just so, so depressing at the moment. The media has blown this story up beyond all semblance of reason, there's about 10 different articles on the BBC right now looking at various aspects (including wonderful titles like "Why are men so dangerous to women?").

But you know what's worse? Social media. Not random people on Twitter. But people you know. People you thought were kind, sensible people. People you trusted and thought of as a friend. Just posting misandric post after misandric post. It just makes me feel so very unwanted. I've almost lost my best friend (another guy) over the whole debate, I just don't understand.

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a-man-from-earth[S] • 25 points • 13 March, 2021 12:33 AM
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Can I ask, are you from the UK?

No. I'm from the Netherlands, tho I lived in London for a few years. I was there during the 7/7 bombings. I now live in China.

Thrownintothesahara • 10 points • 13 March, 2021 12:46 AM

How's the state of men's issues in China? And of women's for that matter? Is it as big of a cultural issue?

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a-man-from-earth[S] • 28 points • 13 March, 2021 01:03 AM
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Some things are universal, such as traditional gender roles. Others are more cultural and quite different. Since the Communist Party has always been more egalitarian, the feminist movement hasn't made much of an inroad here and is actually seen as Western interference.

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YooGeOh • 16 points • 13 March, 2021 05:13 PM
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This is almost comedically ironic

Thrownintothesahara • 12 points • 13 March, 2021 01:05 AM

Interesting, thanks.

peanutbutterjams • 1 point • 13 March, 2021 10:22 PM

Exploiting the labour of hundreds of millions of workers is not "egalitarian.".

a-man-from-earth[S] • 9 points • 13 March, 2021 10:45 PM

It isn't. And I'm not arguing that. But women were already a part of the work force, and in traditionally male fields as well, under Communist rule. So there hasn't been much of a

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breeding ground for a women's rights movement (which feminism purports to be).

peanutbutterjams • 3 points • 14 March, 2021 12:37 AM

I see what you're saying. Communist Russia was the same.

My apologies. I come by a lot of 'tankies' in my subs so I'm just used to speaking up against pro-China propaganda.

a-man-from-earth[S] • 4 points • 14 March, 2021 12:42 AM

I am most definitely not a tankie. I'm more a proponent of Andrew Yang's human capitalism.

worstthanbots1 points 13 March, 2021 03:14 AM [recovered]

Bro u ok i heard there is a holocaust going on in China

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a-man-from-earth1 points 13 March, 2021 03:21 AM [recovered]
I'm fine. I'm not in Xinjiang or a muslim.

worstthanbots1 points 13 March, 2021 03:22 AM [recovered]
Ohh great stay safe bro
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aallport • 18 points • 13 March, 2021 05:30 PM

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TimothyGonzalez • 4 points • 15 March, 2021 05:57 PM "whose killing them"
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Imagine applying this same logic to knife crime and race in London... Would be pretty racist according to all these same people.

ReadsPostGuessesAge • 37 points • 13 March, 2021 12:52 AM

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This is what hit home to me. An IG story feed *filled* with the same stuff, all from people I know and consider

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friends, many of whom I actively helped when they needed some. And now what, would they say 'well you don't count' or would they secretly think less of me? It's very upsetting.

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a-man-from-earth[S] • 12 points • 13 March, 2021 12:59 AM
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Ask them about it. Maybe it will help them see the bigotry.

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ReadsPostGuessesAge • 10 points • 13 March, 2021 01:02 AM
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That's the plan, but it's going to be a long uphill struggle.

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Thrownintothesahara • 20 points • 13 March, 2021 01:04 AM
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Mate, just be careful about it. From my experiences yesterday, whoever you talk to, no matter how polite you are, be prepared for them to no longer be your friend. I've decided it's just not worth it.

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ReadsPostGuessesAge • 17 points • 13 March, 2021 01:11 AM*
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Tell me about it. I have previous experience of an (ex)friend getting into a screaming rage in the pub because I dared suggest that men have some issues to deal with as well (as well, not instead). The full treatment too; 'OH, NOT ALL MEN HUH?!', 'SO IM OVER EMOTIONAL BECAUSE IM A WOMEN AM I?!' etc... Over the next year she systematically dismantled a project I had worked on for over 2 years.

Sadly, at some point you get to make peace with the fact that people who respond that irrationally aren't friend material.

Thrownintothesahara • 26 points • 13 March, 2021 01:02 AM

I tried that. I specifically spent a good 10min wording my queries to be as calm, polite, and considerate as possible. Their response called me a " clearly very angry misogynist". I'm hesitant to say people can't change or are too far gone, but it beats me how you could get some of these people to change.

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a-man-from-earth[S] • 14 points • 13 March, 2021 01:05 AM
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It's hard to break through the indoctrination.

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ReadsPostGuessesAge • 12 points • 13 March, 2021 01:19 AM
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I think it's easier (though still very difficult) to do it face to face. People rush through written words and apply their own filter to them, in person body language can help a lot. You need every tool in your arsenal well dealing with irrational people, in any situation.

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Thrownintothesahara • 14 points • 13 March, 2021 02:02 AM
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That seems very wise to me, yeah. Pity it's illegal to be face to face  $\Box$ 

TimothyGonzalez • 4 points • 15 March, 2021 05:55 PM

Same here. I tried gently pointing out that substantially men than women get killed on UK streets every year (as the person was claiming that women were disproportionately affected) - I just got barraged by hundreds of dismissive comments accusing me of "making this about men again!" and all other kinds of irrational accusations.

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Nobleone11 • 8 points • 13 March, 2021 03:57 PM
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Oh fuck me. You took the words right out of my mouth.

It's so hopeless. I'm crying.

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New-\_-beginnings • 3 points • 17 March, 2021 05:40 AM

I lost my online gf because of this. I know online dating is kind of cringe but I thought it would actually work for once. She is from the uk. Nearly three years ago when we first met she was an anti feminist too and supported men. Now she's a misandrist and trying to guilt trip me into becoming one by trying to make me see how "evil the male gender is". I wouldn't step down to her level so she just blocked me. She threw away nearly 3 years of a great relationship because of this...

ReadsPostGuessesAge • 12 points • 13 March, 2021 12:54 AM

Thank you for this. I didn't think that words from a stranger from the internet would ever be such a relief, but they are. So again, thank you.

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loidenheim • 10 points • 14 March, 2021 09:53 AM
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It depresses me. As someone else said, to see it coming from "friends" and associates really drives it home. I've grown very despondent over the past few months. I feel like I can't fight my own corner or say my piece without being paraded around and harangued. What a bleak, cold place the world is at the moment. Some days I feel I have really had enough. If you're reading this and you feel the same, solidarity with you.

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a-man-from-earth[S] • 6 points • 14 March, 2021 10:49 AM Lots of men here feel it. You're not alone.
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Nobleone11 • 7 points • 13 March, 2021 03:52 PM

I'm not from the UK yet still feel like I'm being persecuted for being a man during all the uproar.

So many women taking this oppertunity to lament about their lot in life, going along with the proposed 6pm curfew for men instead of seeing it as the gynocentric bigotry it is.

As a survivor of abuse from women/girls, this is doing a serious number on my already bruised and battered self-esteem.

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Partisode • 2 points • 19 March, 2021 10:17 PM
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I think a good philosophy is to realize that people who hate your for something you can control are assholes, and shouldn't really be taken seriously. If this kinda stuff permanently damages the gender dynamic, then screw it. At least we have each other!

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GaborFrame • 30 points • 12 March, 2021 11:29 PM
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I'm trying, but it's hard... While I have never harmed a woman in any way, I'm getting the feeling that distancing myself from such actions is not enough, and that it is somehow my responsibility as a man to help protect women. I wish there was a way to support women that did not involve feminism...

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VindictivePrune • 20 points • 13 March, 2021 08:46 AM

Lol mate you have zero responsibility to other people except to not hurt them

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peanutbutterjams • 7 points • 13 March, 2021 10:43 PM
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That's not a very leftist perspective. We have a responsibility to our family, our friends, our community, our society and our world.

One identity type doesn't have a responsibility towards another identity type, however, because that presumes that an identity type is somehow responsible for the actions of everyone within their grouping. This presumption is commonly known as bigotry although in the UK after the last few days it's been known as 'social justice'.

Thrownintothesahara • 16 points • 12 March, 2021 11:38 PM

There is. Small actions, personal things. You don't need to shout out from the rooftops about women's issues, there are enough people doing that. Just be as kind and compassionate as you can be to everyone in your day-to-day life, that's enough.

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GaborFrame • 9 points • 12 March, 2021 11:46 PM
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On IWD, I donated to an organization that helps women who experience violence or discrimination. Hope the money is in the right hands there.

jobro altaccount • 3 points • 13 March, 2021 08:26 PM

As a town member I still have the right to be a man

And the town is not full of prostitutes either which I like

But I'm not sure bout the future

[deleted] • 3 points • 18 March, 2021 05:08 PM

Makes me feel like rubbish. I don't see how this kind of rhetoric towards anyone is productive. I am honestly sick of it. Martin Luther king Jr said that he had a dream that one day people wouldn't be judged by the colour of their skin, but instead by the content of their character. Can't we just judge people as individuals instead of groups. It's so harmful.

Anyone that's feeling sad or lonely or isolated because of this attack.

I am with you.

We are men.

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