

If you expect men to pay on the first date, then you don't get to complain about the wage gap.

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or any dates after the first date

You don't get to reap the benefits of gender while also trying to claim you want equality. A lot of modern pseudo-feminists behave this way nowadays and it's tedious. Another example of wanting to have your cake and eat it.

Equality doesn't mean better treatment for women, not selective equality and unequal when it benefits you. Let's make sure we get it right.

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Comments

doshkhaleesi • 127 points • 29 June, 2022 03:19 PM

It's a moot point. If a woman is attractive enough, most men will pay for her dinner. Just like Chad gets fucked right away. There's your flip side.

You're talking to a sub full of men who believe they'll be pulling 22-year-olds at 40. I would love to see what happens when these guys ask the hot young dates to split the bill down the middle, though.

I'd pay for a first date or multiple dates for someone younger and poorer than me, though I was never in that position.

throwawaylessons103 • 72 points • 29 June, 2022 04:59 PM

This all day.

Hot, fit, feminine 20-somethings are always going to have men offering them drinks, dinner, etc. Men could find an average looking woman who's happy to split the check, but that's not the women they want.

The women they want have options, so they'll have to compete.

Sparkmetodeath • 13 points • 30 June, 2022 02:13 AM

Exactly. The only way this'll ever change is if every single man agrees to stop paying for dinners. Which won't happen, because they'd all immediately stab each other in the back and take advantage of the men who actually complied.

Fiestygirl000 • 24 points • 29 June, 2022 05:27 PM

Thank you. Hot young/ old women don't have to put up with men who don't want to pay or split.

doshkhaleesi • 18 points • 29 June, 2022 05:42 PM

I wasn't even hot and guys paid. It's more income. If a better-off guy sees your scuffed shoes, worn clothes etc and asks you out anyway, he knows what he's getting into. That's on him if he likes you enough to want to take you out. He can chase an attorney if he's so bent over the price of dinner (and I'm not saying that's wrong because there are a ton of hot, smart attorneys out there, just if a woman doesn't earn much, you can next her or pay for her but don't whine like a bitch she doesn't want to pay half at a restaurant she can't afford to eat at herself but you can).

And yeah, if she is hot there are a bunch of other men who will pay for dinner happily.

TodTheRod01 • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 06:15 PM

the attorney chick would still expect him to pay....

ummizazi • 5 points • 30 June, 2022 01:51 AM

Attorney chick here. I pay at least once for every guy i date before we had sex and after. I pay for my plutonic male friends all the time and buy them gifts.

The only time I've had an issue is when guys try to become hos and think they're entitled to expensive meals every time. Once I had a guy over my place and he suggested we order from some new expensive Mexican restaurant. I said I was going to make myself xyz but you can order something if you want, I'll pay for my part. He didn't have any money. He thought I was going to buy him what he wanted to eat.

Most of the time, decent guys don't want me to pay on the first date. Sometimes I convince them to let me leave a tip. But men often feel emasculated if you make more then them and pay for dates.

Free meals mean nothing to me. My firm pays for several a week an I can pay for anything else I want.

jingleofadogscollar_ • 5 points • 30 June, 2022 12:38 AM

an average looking woman who's happy to split the check,

You think they 'happily' split the check? Really?

801735 • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 02:19 PM

Men could find an average looking woman who's happy to split the check, but that's not the women they want.

Why would they.

Blueexpression • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 05:49 PM

No, all stats show average men cant get average women any more-or at a minimum very difficult

AcanthocephalaNew947 • 25 points • 29 June, 2022 06:02 PM

How are average men getting me and the women around them then? Anomaly?

Admit who you're talking about already and I'll agree most will agree. You're not getting popular hottie hot girl, you never will. We agree!

Available-Ad-9338 • 11 points • 29 June, 2022 10:47 PM

How are average men getting me and the women around them then? Anomaly?

These people never leave the house. I see ugly/fat/bald/short with women in public all the damn time. They only care about hot women.

Blueexpression • -4 points • 29 June, 2022 06:05 PM

Dating stats show that 80% of the women fucks the same top 20% of the men. Maybe you are the 20% of women who voluntarily chooses average men or maybe you so below average that you are okay with an average man.

Meetchel • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:59 AM

It's absolutely absurd to me that you think this. Go to a kid's soccer game and tell me the dads there are all stunningly attractive.

Peacesquad • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 06:27 PM

This is true

banjocatto • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 08:08 PM

The women they want have options, so they'll have to compete.

And most of them (the men on this sub) can't, which is why they're mad.

AcanthocephalaNew947 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 10:21 PM

Thank you.

This is what they're mad about but they think pretending sex and relationships are one in the same
Means they can hide that fact.

Any woman with male friends knows men are well aware of the difference between women they're
willing to fuck and women they're willing to invest into

Peacesquad • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 04:35 PM

Obviously. And that's not all men

GridReXX • 27 points • 29 June, 2022 06:33 PM

This. Men aren't running to date the women who want to split checks lol.

Peacesquad • 2 points • 1 July, 2022 04:35 PM

Says who? Lol

The_Meep_Lord • 11 points • 29 June, 2022 03:52 PM

Strawman.

doshkhaleesi • 20 points • 29 June, 2022 04:01 PM

I'm sorry. I see men making them every thread and they look like so much fun to do.

throwawaylessons103 • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 04:54 PM

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estrojennn • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 04:36 PM

Whoever asks the other person on a date pays!!

TodTheRod01 • 12 points • 29 June, 2022 06:21 PM

kind of a cop out since women ask men out like 5% of the time...

maplehobo • 11 points • 29 June, 2022 05:55 PM

Lol isn't that convenient?

AcanthocephalaNew947 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 06:03 PM

Yeah... it is...

anon12xyz • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 03:52 AM

Exactly!

RearwindowPinecone • 19 points • 29 June, 2022 03:32 PM

these hot 20s will chase him,because men peak in late 30s,40s,50s... etc□

purplish_possum • 25 points • 29 June, 2022 04:34 PM

Nothing screams sexy marriage material more than a fat bank account and a serious heart condition.

AcanthocephalaNew947 • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 06:03 PM

Amen!!!

Sign me tf up!

localmicrodosechamp • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 06:20 PM

Sign me up

Peacesquad • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 06:28 PM

Oh

doshkhaleesi • 20 points • 29 June, 2022 03:51 PM

Oh god don't encourage them. I'm going to get a bunch of guys talking about wine and Clooney now.

purplish_possum • 19 points • 29 June, 2022 04:37 PM

Even Clooney was way hotter when he was younger. Check out his cool old vampire movie Dusk Till Dawn.

IrrungenWirrungen • 13 points • 29 June, 2022 04:46 PM

Nah, Clooney isn't there yet. He will reach his peak at 90 I think!

doshkhaleesi • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 04:39 PM

Haha. I was working in a movie theater when it came out. I saw it on my breaks. And "ER." He was cute in "ER," which is where I first saw him.

TodTheRod01 • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 06:17 PM

you're kind of proving RP right...Dusk till dawn was 1996....George Clooney was 35....

BikePersonDotCom • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 04:41 PM

I am checking it out very respectfully ☐

sublimemongrel • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:29 AM

It's "from dusk til dawn" and salma Hayek is THE reason to watch that movie. I think she was in her 30s herself but god damn

RearwindowPinecone • 15 points • 29 June, 2022 03:53 PM

yes,everybody gonna age like Clooney or at least they will be rich as leonardo dicaprio☐

altar-of-autumn • 20 points • 29 June, 2022 04:11 PM

Leonardo himself aged like a bag of potatoes left underneath the kitchen sink.

banjocatto • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:11 PM

The funniest example of this I've ever seen was my friend's dad who said "young women actually do prefer older men, just look at Tony Soprano"

Yes, he really thought a fictional TV show was proof

BurroughsJunky • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:11 PM

I'm living proof

46 (m) struggling artist 21 (f) college student

Dated 5.5 years happily - guess that's an anomaly

But it's possible is my point...

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maplehobo • 20 points • 29 June, 2022 06:00 PM

21 (f)

Dated 5.5 years

Ummm...

BurroughsJunky • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 08:08 PM

Yeah met her at 21

Dated her for 5.5 years thereafter

I'm 51 now...

RearwindowPinecone • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 05:14 PM

i guess you also own an unicorn like the one in the fantasy story,right?

BurroughsJunky • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:08 PM

It's a sad indication of the state of social affairs with men if you think I am making this up

So you really think it's impossible for a guy at my age to date seriously a girl half his age?

Well it really happened ... lived together in two places, West Chester and Philadelphia... we lived at 12th and Pine... what an incredible experience with her, think about it every day

And the only reason it ended?

She passed away tragically on May 2, 2022... at the tender age of 26

But I guess I'm lying about her death as well...

Sigh ... some people...

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Glad-Improvement-812 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:04 PM

Ewwwww

PaleoPimp • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 03:52 PM

Men hit their peak at 35. If you got good genetics, are jacked, and have some money. You'll be sleeping with women in their 20s even if your 40. Don't see why not.

RearwindowPinecone • 20 points • 29 June, 2022 03:56 PM

sure,everybody is george clooney and leonardo dicaprio,its so easy to be a billionaire□

PaleoPimp • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 03:59 PM

You have to be a billionaire or Leonardo dicaprio to sleep with girls in their 20s if you're 40? I don't believe that at all. Just be good looking and have your shit together.

Kay_Lore • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:01 PM

Most men want to settle down or they're already married before 35 anyway. The ones who aren't usually aren't trying to sleep around as much as they were in their 20s.

hemaristhysbe • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:08 PM

Don't see why not.

Logic and reason?

cvslengthbucketlist • 4 points • 30 June, 2022 12:21 AM

I thought this sub was critical of the kind of black-and-white incel rhetoric that says short guys are screwed since women don't date them because of "logic" and "evo psych." But apparently people don't hesitate to adopt that same fatalistic thinking when they claim that attraction is totally objective and mathematical when it comes to age difference as the variable.

It's just odd to me why so many women on PPD demand nuance but won't stop hamstering about this notion that no young woman in her 20s could *possibly* be attracted to a guy 10-15+ years older, even though 5 years older is extremely common and even though aging well/poorly is a highly individualized phenomenon that operates on a spectrum. But somehow we're supposed to believe that male aging resembles the "flip the switch at 30 and suddenly hit the wall" caricature that most people rightly find ridiculous when directed at older women.

Not to mention the very personal anecdotes that many women love to bring up (to claim that age gaps are toxic) *themselves prove that the initial age-gap attraction must have existed in the first place, contrary to 'logic and reason.'*

PaleoPimp • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:46 PM

Logic and reason don't trump attraction lol attraction is illogical in so many ways and is governed by our emotions.

BeautifulTomatillo1 points 29 June, 2022 10:21 PM* **[recovered]**

This is absolutely not true, I was shock to see how gross looking 30+ yo men can be. A lot of them are already balding.

Unless you're describing a sugar baby relationship dynamic

PaleoPimp • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 10:34 PM

Right... "can be"... There is no such thing as a good looking 30+ year old man? Lol

YveisGrey • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:42 PM

Any woman who maintains her shape could also sleep with men in their 20s in the 30s and 40s so... look at Kim K , Pete's in his 20s and she has 4 kids. She's an exceptional case because she is very attractive and has plastic surgery to boot but millionaire famous actors are also exceptional and used all the time as "proof" that average men will be pulling early 20s women in their 40s.

stillchasingmiles • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 04:42 PM

What proof do you have that men reach their peak at 35? Because that is the earliest point at which they start to earn good money which ties in with when women get tired of fucking fuckboys and "want to to settle down with a nice guy now xxxxxxxx"?

You need to stop drinking the Richard Cooper koolaid. Men are not more physically attractive at 35 than at 25 lmaoooo. Most men are balding by 35 and have crows feet. But they can pay for women's shit at 35. I don't see this as a win.

foycur • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 10:57 AM

If they're financially well off, sure. Outside of that, nope.

HazyMemory7 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 09:09 PM

It's a moot point. If a woman is attractive enough, most men will pay for her dinner. Just like Chad gets fucked right away. There's your flip side.

Even unattractive women expect it though

catniagara • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 02:42 PM

You know what's weird? My experience has been that "Chads" will pay for dinner (and every date) while other guys won't because they assume I'm using them and want me to "prove" I'm not. But then the decision for me is between someone who is kind, respectful, appreciative and better looking, and someone who is suspicious, angry, rude, assumptive and less attractive.

The less attractive guys had a leg up in the first place because I trusted them more. But lost in the end to just not...pulling out chairs and opening doors.

localmicrodosechamp • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:20 PM

Ew no 40 year old wants to date someone whose brain is not even developed.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • -4 points • 29 June, 2022 03:55 PM

Has nothing to do with the point.

doshkhaleesi • 16 points • 29 June, 2022 04:03 PM

It does. If you are dating down in age but more so income, you pay. Or don't date that person. Stick to someone on your level if it matters so much.

However, this is the sub of "we don't care about your career; just be young and hot." So In theory most men should have no problem paying.

RearwindowPinecone • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 04:06 PM

sugar daddy must pay to maintain the "relationship" ☐

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 04:04 PM

Women dating men their age still expect them to pay so your argument has 0 validity.

doshkhaleesi • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 04:09 PM

Only if he makes more. People making the same can split. There is usually a disparity in income even at the same age.

All the women here except me seem to be married to income-matched people and go 50-50. So I don't know where you get the idea women expect to pay.

RearwindowPinecone • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 04:07 PM

yes, thats what happened when you dated a woman out of your league,you can refuse to pay and dont date her

TodTheRod01 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:14 PM

why do most women on here think men on here think that?? cuz thats not what i believe and not the message i'm hearing either...

ExtraGreenBox • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:40 PM

We're talking about finances. You completely left out the whining about wage gap half of this discussion.

captaindestucto • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:45 PM

Assuming they aren't so hard up that they can't split, caring about this suggests a lack of interest.

I would not spend 2 hours + around someone i wasn't interested in, regardless of a free meal..

cvslengthbucketlist • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:00 AM

To be fair, this sub is also full of people who strangely seem to think that an age gap is a more concerning power imbalance than a wage gap. As though "experience" can exploit or persuade people into blindly doing things they wouldn't otherwise agree to do, with the same degree of certainty as a wad of cash or a promise of material goods lol.

figuringMylife • 17 points • 29 June, 2022 03:37 PM

i dont. and i dont. but most dates are just drinks and an appetizer and if they trippin on it or don't say what they want that's on them

PurplePillEric • 79 points • 29 June, 2022 04:14 PM

Men being expected to pay is more based on the difference in interest men vs women get and less based on the difference in income levels.

hemaristhysbe • 62 points • 29 June, 2022 06:24 PM

Yep. If OP doesn't want to pay, that's okay because she has ten more men in her inbox waiting for a "yes".

Molly45377 • 18 points • 29 June, 2022 08:40 PM

I was shocked by some of these comments. I casually date A LOT. Men always insist on paying. However, I meet these men organically everywhere from a brewery to Lowe's to a gas station line. Maybe that makes the dynamic different?

MxNoir_ • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 11:00 PM

That's the dream, meet someone in person first date second, although sounds like you're pretty and enjoy free meals ☐☐☐ more than actually dating, which is not a bad thing.

tonyghow • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 11:25 PM

I meet these men organically

Who makes the first move?

Maybe that makes the dynamic different?

How so? Are you expecting them to pay? Are you hoping that they pay?

Typical_Search3368 • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 07:51 AM*

Organically lol. Yeah right

jingleofadogscollar_ • 4 points • 30 June, 2022 12:30 AM

Ok but how easy is it to reciprocate? Super easy, right?

MxNoir_ • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 11:06 PM

Well I think then go ahead and date them, I do pay on the first date and second and every date...but if her interest is solely based on my income f.that

I only get annoyed at paying when they order something out of their league if that makes sense..., like ordering something expensive because its expensive ,

If you are ordering really expensive □ wine, lady you better know the grape and vineyard this is coming from I expect an enology lesson out of that bottle.

Commercial-Engineer3 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:52 AM

All the more reason not to pay. Why do I need to pay when other men are going to do it anyway.

Ohmaygahh • 22 points • 29 June, 2022 06:36 PM

Nah, even I know it's not that. Women want to feel "special" and "pursued". But by the right guy. Buying drinks is a low effort way for her to feel that.

hemaristhysbe • 37 points • 29 June, 2022 07:07 PM

Women don't need to "feel" pursued, women *are* pursued. Men want women more than women want men.

Ohmaygahh • 15 points • 29 June, 2022 07:08 PM

I agree. Despite that, many women claim that they need to feel "desired", to awaken their genuine sexual nature.

PurplePillEric • 11 points • 29 June, 2022 07:48 PM

Yeah, everyone wants to feel desired.

Women get more attention though.

Guys have to pick their priorities.

In an ideal world, I would be asked out on a date, the girl would pay, game me, and I would get a blowjob. But since one of those things is WAY more important than the others, I have no problem doing the work asking the girl, paying, and running game if it ends up with my dick in her mouth. Men are willing to take this deal.

hemaristhysbe • 14 points • 29 June, 2022 07:09 PM

r/menwritingwomen

Molly45377 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 08:42 PM

Actually, I think the quality of conversation is a bigger factor. Majority of us can tell when someone is

enamoured with us.

HazyMemory7 • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 09:01 PM

So then by this logic average women should pay for a chad's meal because he has more options than them. Nice.

PurplePillEric • 10 points • 29 June, 2022 09:36 PM

Never been a Chad but from the way most people make him out to be, he doesn't seem like the lad that does dinner dates, so yes your sentiment is 100% correct.

jingleofadogscollar_ • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 12:36 AM

Yet.. even this doesn't happen

Worst patriarchy ever

beathedealer • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 09:08 PM

Not sure why or how that's relevant.

goatismycopilot • 43 points • 29 June, 2022 03:29 PM

Men are fine paying for dinner/drinks for hot women they just get fussy if a regular chick asks. And most dudes are going to be just fine listening to a hot chick yammering about the pay gap while buying her drinks.

Then they will complain about it her on PPD.

Master-Edward-3 • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:42 AM*

Eh.. Fair enough truth since we've already soundly discussed how much better women treated Chads and Tyrones of the world. In addition to the kinds of things they've put up with and allowed these guys to get away with.. the draws on night one for tossing them a bottle of Dasani.

Dat personality and thoughtfulness tho..

Peter Griffin does likewise but is entitled and creepily fetishized h20. Personality suddenly shitty. Complains to r/niceguys r/twoX r/exFDS.

no_usernameeeeeee • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:54 PM

lmaoooo, bingo!

Sparkmetodeath • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:19 AM

Too true -- you may ruffle some feathers.

Peacesquad • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 06:28 PM

Men love regular chicks. Regular chicks don't like most men

Orange_Paisley • 67 points • 29 June, 2022 03:08 PM

I don't expect it and I prefer to pay my way so he doesn't think he's getting laid just because he bought me a \$20 dinner and a glass of wine. And I absolutely will complain about gender based pay discrimination.

TodTheRod01 • 10 points • 29 June, 2022 06:25 PM

where do you live that you can get dinner and a glass of wine for 20\$??

20\$ isnt even dinner for 1

Orange_Paisley • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 06:28 PM

The wine is on top of the \$20 dinner. You can get the chicken alfredo dish at Olive Garden for around \$20. And I live in California. Lots of cute little cafes with patio seating.

TodTheRod01 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 10:49 PM

Ya im in Canada...20\$ is def not dinner for 1 up here

goatismycopilot • 33 points • 29 June, 2022 03:24 PM

Hey baby I bought you a microwaved egg roll so you can stop worrying about the wage gap that is not real. Oh look onion rings are two for one and the water is free.

Wandos7 • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 05:31 AM

Once had a coworker telling me I needed to get under the table and give the waiter a blow job for giving me a free ice cream at lunch. I am not a whore for ice cream so I just gave him a larger tip as thanks and never went back to that place.

Mobrowncheeks • 12 points • 29 June, 2022 03:32 PM

I feel like showing up to a date on your own and seeing what he says if he pays is a good vetting process

goatismycopilot • 24 points • 29 June, 2022 03:48 PM

I do not have a problem with the idea. The execution is problematic in many cases. Many men shoot themselves in the dick by talking on dates about money/dating/reciprocity on dates the same way they talk here on PPD.

I actually had a guy give a Smarmy type speech so I threw some money on the table and bailed. Life is just too short I don't want to listen to how frugal you are and women are blah blah about paying on dating.

There is never a need to argue or defend in these situations best to walk.

Mobrowncheeks • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 03:52 PM

Talking about paying for anything is a waste of time on first dates, if I feel like i might need to pay for a particular woman to go out with me, I just won't ask her out,

If I ask a woman out, I just ask her to something casual so that it doesn't cost so much anyway, then we can get to know each other rather than get to the date talking about dating woes lol

ThisBoringLife • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:02 PM

That's my generic plan these days.

Usually a coffee date will run me around \$20.

But once we get into fancy cocktail drinks, I go for splits.

TodTheRod01 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 06:26 PM

great vetting for him too....i would think a woman is incredibly irresponsible to not have her wallet on her in case emergencies....or if the guy was a scumbag....and you know your drivers license...

Mobrowncheeks • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:28 PM

Yes, definitely would be a red flag if she is for any reason unable to pay. But that's a hard one to test if you already expect to pay.

I think a good remedy for this is going somewhere like a bar or cafe, and show up when they should have already purchased something

NotARussianBot1984 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:50 PM

It's a great vetting process to see if the woman wants to be an equal partner in a relationship, or a fling.

russiantecakes • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:24 AM

Yeah, exactly this lol. I always make a point of paying for either my own dinner or both of us so that they don't feel entitled to anything ☐☐

ex_red_black_piller • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 10:28 AM

gender based pay discrimination

Doesn't exist in the western world.

Peacesquad • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 06:29 PM

That's the game. Women leverage sex. Men leverage their wallets. It's the truth

KaleidoscopeEyes12 • 18 points • 29 June, 2022 04:27 PM

What about women who are lesbians or aren't interested in dates? Seems unfair to those women to say that the wage gap is "fair" because some straight women expect men to pay for dates.

Personally I believe in splitting the check. It prevents the concept of "free dinner" no matter who's "supposed" to be paying. I hate when people go on dates expecting free dinner, or when someone offers to pay for dinner expecting sex/compensation.

Do you feel that your title goes vice versa? That if you want women to pay for themselves on the first date, you should support closing the wage gap?

lkjhgfsaa • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 08:44 AM

I've had women pay for me on first dates, I always assumed it was more of a "I've had a good time and want to do this nice thing for you". When I've been on dates with men obviously the whole "I don't believe in paying the bill" has come up.

I always offer to split the bill because I earn a decent wage, and often earn more than the guys I'm going on dates with. I also strongly believe the wage gap exists as a whole within society.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 04:28 PM

What about women who are lesbians or aren't interested in dates? Seems unfair to those women to say that the wage gap is "fair" because some straight women expect men to pay for dates.

Then they split the check, that's fair. The hypocrisy is demanding both equal pay and unequal treatment from men.

goatismycopilot • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 04:39 PM

I am still not seeing a solid argument. A single woman whether she is dating or not and whether she is expecting the man to pay or not still has to pay rent/ mortgage/car/utilities and other living expenses.

One has nothing to do with the other there has been not been a rational line of reason.

This whole CMV has not been well thought out.

Maybe stick with shitposting in the daily thread.

TodTheRod01 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:33 PM

you're first issue/problem is believing wage gap exists....

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 04:42 PM

I am still not seeing a solid argument. A single woman whether she is dating or not and whether she is expecting the man to pay or not still has to pay rent/ mortgage/car/utilities and other living expenses.

Imagine acting like women are paid 0 dollars to straw man.

goatismycopilot • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 04:43 PM

Still not seeing it.

RearwindowPinecone • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 04:31 PM

you confuse two different things,the dating market is a free market,if you are dating a woman out of your league,you have to pay or you lose your chance,no one forces you to date the woman out of your chance

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 04:35 PM

I don't think you understand what leagues are, you've been on Tinder too long

RearwindowPinecone • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 04:37 PM

the point is the dating market is a free market,no one forces you to date any girl

TermAggravating8043 • 28 points • 29 June, 2022 03:40 PM

I don't expect men to pay on the first date and I will fight to the death about getting paid the same as a guy fir doing the same job

TodTheRod01 • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 06:32 PM

for doing the same job, for the same paid hours, and with the same fitness standards if any?

TermAggravating8043 • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 06:33 PM

Of course

TodTheRod01 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 10:50 PM

Here's the problem...by THAT logic...women in jobs like military and firefighter...should get paid LESS.

They have lower fitness standarss then men.

alphafox823 • 30 points • 29 June, 2022 05:01 PM

IDC if it's fair or not, I pay bc I know that if I don't she'll find someone who will. Even if she doesn't have any viable other options, paying for a date is such an easy way to get brownie points. It's not like simping to the point where you'll look pathetic, it's credit for just doing the thing that is normal, the thing the people who could

compete against you are going to do anyways. Not paying for the first date is like not doing icebreakers for extra credit in a class on day one. You're leaving credit on the table

boomcheese44 • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 02:36 AM

it's credit for just doing the thing that is normal

Thats why women use it as part of a vetting process. Its just a really easy thing for a man to give.

raysreality • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 07:27 PM

I absolutely love the way you worded this. So true.

alphafox823 • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 08:25 PM

It's not like I'm a fan of paying, I'm not. Nobody is, right? I would get annoyed if date after date after date is 100% me, in fact I think that would be a dealbreaker after 4-5 dates. But a first date? Buy her a drink or some food or something? That's easy. I'd do it for my bros, without keeping any kind of score.

Even if you're not looking for anything serious I think pinching pennies over an extra taco or cocktail can really be the difference between sex or no sex if you end up seeming like a douche/cheapskate. I never want to wonder if an extra \$10 is the reason I didn't get laid.

ex_red_black_piller • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 10:30 AM

Ofc you do, free meals for you lol.

SteveSan82 • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 04:51 AM

So you'll pay for sex because another nan will? That's simpery

dedicated-pedestrian • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 02:26 PM

Dates don't always lead to that.

SteveSan82 • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 04:12 PM

They do for me.

IrrungenWirrungen • 30 points • 29 June, 2022 05:03 PM*

Don't most men usually insist on paying? ☐

To the point where you get into a fight with them if you don't let them pay?

no_usernameeeeeee • 21 points • 29 June, 2022 07:01 PM

This is my experience too, i always offer to pay and won't stop going on dates with them if they say yes. I genuinely don't mind but men usually insist on paying.

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • -5 points • 29 June, 2022 08:39 PM

then be an adult and don't let them.

no_usernameeeeeee • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 08:50 PM

What does this have to do with being an adult?

doshkhaleesi • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 05:49 AM

Ignore these guys. As if men don't whine and whine women won't fuck them immediately and

they're "forced" to sit through 3 dates until they get sex. Men can always be an adult and demand sex immediately if they want. They don't. Women are only demanded to be strong when it's in the man's favor around here.

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • -3 points • 29 June, 2022 09:14 PM

women on reddit act like they are children. when a man says "I'm paying" they are like "oh right nothing I can do he won't let me"

Sparkmetodeath • 5 points • 30 June, 2022 02:16 AM

What? Tackle him to the ground and scream "for honour and glory!" or something? He's an adult too. He doesn't have to pay unless he wants to.

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:28 AM

that is interesting. you really have no clue how paying for things at a restaurant works. Walk up to the counter and pay. he really didn't let you? leave a large tip.

AdjectiveMcNoun • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 09:01 PM

Yes! My partner got upset with me back when we were dating the first time I tried to pay. He wasn't mad but his mood changed so I asked if something was wrong and he said he didn't appreciate that I said I was going to pay. He is Arab so it was very insulting to him. I'm white so it was just normal to me to offer. We discussed it and I told him I would never offer to pay for anything ever again, haha. To this day I don't offer to pay.

IrrungenWirrungen • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 09:07 PM

Haha ☐

I heard the same about Italians, that it's an insult to the man if you want to pay. Don't know how true that is though. ☐

Molly45377 • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 08:49 PM

Right. OP must be fresh out of undergrad.

Hard_Corsair • 19 points • 29 June, 2022 04:43 PM

Why the fuck should your dating habits (or any other habits unrelated to work) have ANYTHING to do with how much your employer pays you?

luliloo • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 06:41 AM

Because men are paid more at work because of how society views them and men are expected to pay for dates because of how society views them.

The argument is that women want to be viewed equal at work but not viewed equal in dating.

Hard_Corsair • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:41 PM

Employers don't pay you based on societal views, regardless of gender. They simply lowball everyone as much as they think they can get away with, and use bullshit about not discussing wages to try to keep everyone from figuring out who's underpaid.

ExtraGreenBox • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 07:50 PM

You don't see the hypocrisy?

Hard_Corsair • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 07:55 PM

What I don't see is how salary expectations are supposed to be in any way correlated with your social life.

Is it fair that some women straight up expect men to pay for everything? No, but it's none of their employer's business. Your employer should absolutely not be able to say "Hey, since you're not paying for _____ in your private life, we can get away with paying you less."

FUCK. NO.

ExtraGreenBox • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:24 PM

I mean, there isn't a wage cap. It's been endlessly debunked. In fact between like 18-34 women tend to make *more* money.

Hard_Corsair • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 08:48 PM

Regardless, OP has based his premise on a wage gap existing. Others have illustrated how his premise doesn't align with reality, and I'm here to illustrate that if it did then it's still completely fucking wrong.

AdjectiveMcNoun • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:12 PM

How would you feel if you got paid less to do the same exact job as a woman, even if women were expected to pay for dates? You do the same type and quality of work but get paid less. That basically means that you are less valuable than a woman and they don't value your time as much.

ThatGirl50 • 17 points • 29 June, 2022 05:55 PM

People getting paid the same amount for the same job really seems to irk people lol

And somehow these same people equate it to something as trivial as who pays on a date. Which by the way, is always the person who does the asking out.

tonyghow • 12 points • 29 June, 2022 11:31 PM

Which by the way, is always the person who does the asking out.

Which is always expected to be the man doing the asking... how convenient.

ummizazi • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 01:30 AM

Or the person that wants it more. If men stopped asking women out women would either not go on dates or pay for them.

Some men are so afraid of option 1 that they don't wait for option 2.

ThatGirl50 • -2 points • 29 June, 2022 11:33 PM

Seems like a you problem.

finbob5 • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 01:04 AM

A societal problem. Quit being such a woman.

ThatGirl50 • -3 points • 30 June, 2022 03:25 AM

You would like that, wouldn't you? If women disappeared, and you could have all the buttsex you wanted.

Lol

basedmale98 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:06 AM

Tick tock 5 more years

tommysamson • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:25 AM

wage gap isnt real

ThatGirl50 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:31 AM

Says who

tommysamson • 5 points • 30 June, 2022 12:42 AM

every reputable economist

ThatGirl50 • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 03:25 AM

I see no sources, no evidence, no facts. Just a sad little virgin trying so hard to win on the internet.

finbob5 • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 01:05 AM

The law.

ThatGirl50 • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 03:23 AM

Yeah because laws are never, ever broken.

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:00 PM

Men work harder than women and are just harder workers so they are paid more. which we can see this with how women seem to be only able to get wealthy by marriage or birthright

ThatGirl50 • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 09:08 PM

How do you expect to prove that?

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:12 PM

let's say women are underpaid. a company could make millions or even billions by not doing that. it's as simple as that.

look at a list of the rich people in the world. all men who invented things or engineered things. now look at the list of richest women. all married a rich man or were born into it.

ThatGirl50 • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 09:21 PM

The fact that you think that's true is think speaks to your own bias.

luliloo • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 06:51 AM

It's not a trivial thing about who pays for a date. It's about how society sees both genders differently. One is seen as a better worker and provider on dates.

OP is saying, don't advocate to change the outdated gender roles in one situation but not the other.

ThatGirl50 • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 07:00 AM

Oh ffs stop dating then. Fuck off.

luliloo • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:06 AM

I have no problem with it. Just pointing out the flaw in your argument.

ThatGirl50 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:10 PM

It wasn't an argument.

thegreatagent • 25 points • 29 June, 2022 04:43 PM

Hmmmm make 10%-20% more in lifetime earnings or a few free lunch specials at Applebee's with a guy who spends the whole date talking about divorce rape and hypergamy? What a dilemma!

TodTheRod01 • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 06:31 PM

where are men making 10-20% more??

the wage gap has been debunked....also with internet and OF women technically have far larger earning potential then men...also if you're getting just a few free lunch specials at applebees in your lifetime...you are 1 ugly ass bitch

Nocupofkindnessyet • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 11:05 PM

Onlyfans, really? How many women earn even a living wage from onlyfans?

thegreatagent • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 07:13 PM

Lol just a joke, also I'm a dude. I'm just saying that a free dinner with anyone on this subreddit doesn't seem worth very much at all.

caption291 • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 05:57 PM

Women have significantly more effective spending power than men. It's not just a few free lunches, the free lunches just represent the pattern very well.

hemaristhysbe • 12 points • 29 June, 2022 06:23 PM

Men should stop expecting women to do all the household and child-rearing spending then.

ExtraGreenBox • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 07:50 PM

Better than an actual 40+ hour a week job with a boss. Household chores take like an hour or two a day, and children are a choice.

The_Champagne_Oracle • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 09:48 PM

Children would be BOTH parents choices in a relationship circumstance, and chores are the responsibility of all adults in the household. In the majority of two parent households, both parents work.

extrachromozomes • 14 points • 29 June, 2022 06:19 PM

If a man doesn't offer to pay for my food/drinks it shows me that he's not very interested in me

wtknight • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 07:05 PM

If a woman is not spending anything on our collective romantic experiences it shows that she is selfish and greedy because she wants to keep her own money to herself. The judgment works both ways.

extrachromozomes • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 07:09 PM

Fair enough. You can have your expectations and I can have mine

Wiaugusto • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:10 PM

r/usernamechecksout

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:49 PM

then don't complain when he is just using you for sex

extrachromozomes • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 08:55 PM

Don't worry, I'm very good at vetting my dates

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 06:37 PM

So you expect it then

raysreality • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 07:07 PM*

I absolutely do. And every man I dated has met that expectation without complaint so why would I change my expectations to accommodate men who don't even like me enough to pay for a date?

Wiaugusto • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:12 PM

So by your logic i assume you also in return give him sex, afterall you have to show interest /s

Now for real is so stupid to expect someone else for paying your food (respect yourself a little), you are not making him a favour for spending your time with him, get over yourself

raysreality • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 07:17 PM

I feel like you're failing to consider that there are men who prefer pursuing women, and have no problem paying for the date. That's your competition when it comes to a woman.

The same can't be said the other way around. There aren't loads of women offering sex to a single guy in exchange for a time/relationship over other potential options. And even if there was, so be it. I have no problem if a man I was talking to picks another girl over me because she gave him sex faster.

raysreality • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 07:14 PM

Why would I give him sex?

He is offering to pay for a date. I take him up on it. There's nothing more to it. No one forced him to ask me out and pay.

Why would I look at my options and ever pick the guy who isn't willing to pay unless I sleep with him?

Also it's his job to pursue me, not the other way around.

coolboy_24278 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:29 PM

because not every guy you meet is gonna fulfill your expectations! wow

raysreality • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 08:29 PM

Yeah that's the whole point. Weed out the ones who don't lol.

extrachromozomes • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 07:08 PM

Yeah

Novadina • 18 points • 29 June, 2022 04:27 PM

I don't expect men to pay anything more than me, I prefer to split. I think if they make a lot more and invited me to something expensive, it would be polite to pay. All my relationships we took turns paying for dates or split them 50/50.

I've quit jobs where I found out I wasn't getting paid as my male coworkers in the same job. It's BS, I have bills same as a man - and most bills are not involving dates at all. You legit think men should be paid more because they are expected by some women to pay for dates??? Like why should I get paid less because of some social standard about dating? If that's the case, maybe women should get paid more since they have more costs like menstrual products, birth control, and makeup standards, and increased costs of maintaining a standard female hairstyle.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 04:34 PM

No, I think women deserve equal pay, but to expect men to pay for dates on top of that is hypocritical.

Novadina • 26 points • 29 June, 2022 04:40 PM

It's also hypocritical to expect women to pay for contraception, yet most men seem to expect that. I've never had a single man *ever* offer to split that with me, and that cost more than dates.

Expensive-Ad1608 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 05:37 PM

Bullshit contraception cost more then dates. Unless we're talking cheap fast food dates

StoicGypsy • 10 points • 29 June, 2022 05:52 PM

I paid \$2000 for mine. Never had a date that expensive.

mcove97 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 05:04 PM

Why's it hypocritical? As a woman I think the contraception I use is far more secure than just a condom. If there was a male equivalent to the pill, I would of course want the man to want to use it too if we were in a committed relationship, but I really could care less about whether or not a guy I have casual sex with wears a condom as I'm not a particular fan of condoms myself, plus I've already taken measures to protect myself against pregnancy. It's on the guys to protect themselves just like it's on me to protect myself. If a guy doesn't want to protect himself while having sex with me, I could care less as I'm protected and in control if I happen to get pregnant anyways.

No_Environment_5550 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:28 PM

STDs?

Blueexpression • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 05:46 PM

What kind of contraception are we talking about and how much does it cost? Guys pay for dates

and also get to lose half after the divorce. Lets not imagine for a second that it is ever equal.

ExtraGreenBox • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 07:48 PM

Contraception is exclusively for your benefit.

Novadina • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 07:55 PM

The man benefits quite a lot, what are you talking about??? You don't think a man benefits from sex that doesn't create babies?

TodTheRod01 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:28 PM

dont men also buy condoms? don't you americans pay for all your health care?

Novadina • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 07:03 PM*

Nope, I always bought the condoms also. Men usually would just go without unless I insisted, and then I was required to supply them since I was the one that wanted it. But they aren't as effective as birth control, I would use those in addition if I was worried about STIs, but preferred medical contraception as well, and after getting tested would stop using condoms with boyfriends as they are not as comfortable.

don't you americans pay for all your health care?

Yes that's why birth control costs so much.

RearwindowPinecone • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 04:36 PM

no one forces you to date the woman out of your league,you can refuse to date her

Expensive-Ad1608 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:39 PM

This is bullshit too if the women are so far out of a man's league why can't she afford to pay for her own lobster dinner cause she's a broke bitch who needs a man's resources or rather spend his then her own

Adept-Crab3951 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 05:36 PM*

where I found out I wasn't getting paid as my male coworkers in the same job.

The question is, were you performing and/or doing the same work, if not better, than the men could? I've worked with a few women (and men) who thought they should get paid as much as I did, but they didn't even put out the same effort, nor did they have the same workload I had, were always leaving work early to get their kids, etc. The last woman I worked with did the same job I was doing, but I was effectively getting more orders done than she was. Should she get paid the same amount or more? I personally don't think so.

Everyone seems to think they're the best worker, but when it actually comes down to what the managers and higher-ups observe, they're actually not the best. And despite what you may think, the reason you're not getting paid as much usually isn't because the manager hates women or something. Sure that can happen in some places, but it's not the norm.

Novadina • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 06:05 PM

The question is, were you performing and/or doing the same work, if not better, than the men could?

Yep. My own boss told me quite explicitly that it was bullshit as I was one of the most in-demand

developers and I should leave, that he had tried to advocate for me but the leadership refused to budge.

we were always leaving work early to get their kids

The men didn't have kids?? This is one of the ways women's careers suffer because we expect women to make the sacrifice like this. I don't have kids, though, so their excuse doesn't work for me.

Everyone seems to think they're the best worker, but when it actually comes down to what the managers and higher-ups observe, they're actually not the best.

Well I had access to see the money they were making for projects, so I could clearly see I was one of the highest performers. Leadership also told me this directly, and gave me a promotion, at a time they were laying off the bottom performers - but the promotion came with just a 2% raise. That was the point I left (and got a 70% increase in salary, I was not being paid market rate). I am thankful to my manager at that company for helping me see my own worth, our culture of not talking about money meant I didn't realize I was paid less for awhile.

And despite what you may think, the reason you're not getting paid as much usually isn't because the manager hates women or something.

I never said that was the reason nor do I think that's the case. Leadership wants to pay as little as they can get away with, and they often base offers on what people got *before*. So if a woman ever has a job where she didn't negotiate as well, then all future jobs she can end up underpaid.

TodTheRod01 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:30 PM

did you see the part in his comment where he said he's worked with women AND men...who did the things he listed....

Novadina • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:59 PM

But he was using it as an example of why women might be paid less. Anyway I said that wasn't the case in my situation regardless.

mike-sonko • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:29 AM

Leadership also told me this directly, and gave me a promotion, at a time they were laying off the bottom performers - but the promotion came with just a 2% raise.

Did you negotiate for more? And did you ask why the men were being paid more?

I'm a (male) dev myself and I've been in a similar situation where I asked for a promotion and, despite my stellar quarterly reviews, didn't receive it because reasons. Not sure I can chalk yours up to the wage gap. Just think my manager was being frugal with the budget.

So if a woman ever has a job where she didn't negotiate as well, then all future jobs she can end up underpaid.

What's preventing a woman from negotiating for more? Especially in tech where they will bend over backwards to get female devs.

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:41 PM

you obviously were less valuable to the company or they would have paid you to keep you there.

Novadina • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:48 PM*

They absolutely tried once I told them I had another offer (even though my boss told them before I would end up leaving if they didn't fix it, but their "fix" was the promotion), but wouldn't match my other offer, which was a lot more than the men were making as well.

Eventually they lost *all* the women on their team and all the senior members. They have an all-junior team now.

And my new company gave me raises after just 6 months, and I also get stock, so I ended up making 150% more than I did at the previous place.

pussy_destroyer • 18 points • 29 June, 2022 06:08 PM

The people on this sub absolutely baffle me. Imagine thinking it's justified to pay women less just because some get taken out by their partner. News flash, the majority of women pay for their own expenses. Many are single or go 50/50 on dates. And even for the women being taken out for dates, u think being taken out for 30\$ is somehow gonna help any of those women pay rent?

SmarmyPapsmeas[S] • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 06:36 PM

I don't think they should be paid less, I think women shouldn't expect men to pay on the 1st date

pussy_destroyer • 10 points • 29 June, 2022 06:38 PM

Ok sure, what does that have to do with the wage gap? Do you think women that go 50/50 with their partner are just magically excluded from pay inequality? Like those are two completely different topics.

SmarmyPapsmeas[S] • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:39 PM

You can go 50/50 and still advocate for closing the pay gap

pussy_destroyer • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 06:41 PM

Great, I do that, now what? I still don't see how being overall paid in your job somehow gets fixed by being taken out for a meal once though

Substantial_Wasabi • 10 points • 29 June, 2022 04:03 PM

I get to expect and complain about whatever i want. And men are still gonna pay for dates regardless.

cuckedalt • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 04:31 PM

Not all men, and certainly it's voluntary. A man who doesn't want to pay for the other person, it's as simple as vetting ☐ ♂ ☐

Substantial_Wasabi • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 04:33 PM

Sure, imo they always want to.

cuckedalt • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 04:49 PM

Sorting in action

DorianneGrey • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 04:44 PM

Once the wage gap is closed, this makes more sense as presented.

That said, I see no reason why the man should be expected to pay as dating is an individual pursuit and the

gender wage gap is a societal issue.

If the gentleman has a strong preference, I will allow him to pay for the first date (I offer to split of course). For subsequent dates, I prefer alternating as it's less awkward than splitting.

However, if I know that there will not be a second date because I am just not interested (unless it's due to his catfishing, doucherific behavior etc.), I make sure that I pay for the first date in total so he is not out anything due to my preferences and I do not have to feel guilty for declining a second date.

back_in_blyat • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:40 PM

*once people who can't understand basic statistics realize the wage gap is nonexistent

HazyMemory7 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:25 PM

There is no wage gap. It's a myth. Equal competence, job, and qualifications, pay is the same. The "wage gap" doesn't take into account the fact that men work longer hours, are more likely to ask for a raise, work more dangerous jobs, work blue collar jobs that women don't ect...

If women collectively got paid less for the same work and qualifications everyone would just hire women only, because why wouldn't you want the same work at lower cost?

Twopawl • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 03:41 PM

Expecting man to pay always or most of the time is "reaping the benefits of gender", and I'd agree in this case that you don't get to complain about inequality.

Expecting the man to pay on the first date is more of a cultural mating ritual/ ceremonial expression of his interest. It does not automatically mean you expect a financially unequal arrangement overall.

SmarmyPapsmeas[S] • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 03:49 PM

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My culture also made sure men were paid more so they could do this

shockedpikachu123 • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 05:53 PM

I love how the boys on here go so hard to make sure he only pays HALF the bill on all dates yet stays quiet about expecting women to sleep with them on the first date at his place without spending a dime

ex_red_black_piller • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 10:19 AM

expecting women to sleep with them on the first date at his place without spending a dime

So if we pay, we get to sleep with you on the first date.

Gotcha.

shockedpikachu123 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 10:43 AM

LOL when did I say that? ☐☐☐ stop twisting what I said.

I never once heard a man on here saying to other men "men you can't expect a woman to sleep with you if you invite her over on the first date" but everyday cry about half of a dinner bill ☐ they think paying = sex and not paying also = sex

hemaristhysbe • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 06:20 PM

Whoever asks for the date should pay, same as with friends.

Or maybe stop taking women out to restaurants and shows and meet for a walk, coffee, or beer. If a man's personality is charming and the chemistry is mutual, he won't have to pay for a woman's company.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:38 PM

Whoever asks for the date should pay, same as with friends.

Men are the initiators and expected to set up the date, which means then that you expect them to pay every time because you aren't asking anyone out.

Double standard because women don't "want men who don't initiate"

hemaristhysbe • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:39 PM

No, men set up the date and attempt to impress women in hopes of sexual gratification.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 06:42 PM

God forbid 2 people are mutually interested in each other and want to know each other, rather than your semi-prostitutional relationships or how you view it.

hemaristhysbe • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 06:56 PM

I'm not telling you what is correct; I'm telling you what men *do*. Men want to show off and obligate women.

I took every man out on a hike or a paddle. I never paid for anything and neither did they.

Funny thing was, each was happy to go out with me even though I didn't have to pay for their company.

Perhaps men should try coasting on their personality and desirability instead of raging against a system designed to extract sex from women.

TheElusivePeacock • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 12:00 AM

This exactly. They could just... not ask anyone out. No one is holding a gun to their head telling them to ask someone out. But they want to get laid so they do. That's on them. They want to fuck women, probably leave her sexually unsatisfied, and want to waste her time AND have her come out of pocket for it lmaoooooooo. They act like they're being forced to ask someone out. Don't ask anyone out then. Problem solved.

hemaristhysbe • 6 points • 30 June, 2022 12:09 AM

475 comments and not one man admitted "But women won't go out with me if I don't pay".

wtknight • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:02 PM

This advice works for the first date. But what about the dates after that? What if the woman expects to be asked out for every date, even the more serious ones that involve romantic dinners?

hemaristhysbe • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 07:06 PM

That's up to him, right? If he doesn't want to pay, he can stop asking.

This is entire debate is stupid each and every time it arises. Men devised the system in an attempt to obligate women to sex acts. Women perpetuate the system because they want women more than women want men, and men do love to show off and compete against other men.

Any man who wants to opt out can just wait for a woman to ask him.

wtknight • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 07:18 PM

If I knew that she had money and expected me to ask for every date and then pay her way each date, then she'd be asked out on precisely one date for each date that she asked me out subsequent to the first date.

If she thought that was petty, then tough, because it's equal. I'd rather spend my money on a poor woman who can't pay her own way or just be single then date in what is basically arranged prostitution.

hemaristhysbe • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 07:24 PM

I absolutely agree that it's prostitution, but I'm amused at the number of men who believe a meal pays for sex acts.

Thing is, men aren't going to stop paying because they want to win a woman and beat their competitors. And some, if not most, attempt to obligate intimacy with the gesture.

There is zero need for any man to ever complain about paying for dates again; they merely need to stop paying. Dating is voluntary.

EricAllonde • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:40 AM

If she thought that was petty, then tough, because it's equal.

Are you familiar with Amy Yeung's research?

She created a whole new topic of study in 2012 with her master's thesis which exposed women to different types of male behavior in a work context and showed:

1. women recognize standard sexism as such and hate it (no surprise)
2. women misidentify equality (i.e. strictly equal treatment of men & women), mistakenly believe it to also be sexism, and they also hate it
3. women misidentify benevolent sexism (i.e. preferential treatment of women based on lower expectations, the assumption they are less capable), mistakenly believe it to be equality, and it is the only one of the 3 types of behavior they actually like

Subsequent research has confirmed her findings and expanded upon her research.

I believe her findings explain a number of things, including the continued existence of feminism and female grievance at a time when women already have more legal rights than men and more opportunities thanks to affirmative action.

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:46 PM

beer? those 6 dollar beers?

DependentFennel3182 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:31 AM

Except a good portion of women are not gonna go on a first date with a stranger and go for a walk. I've had

many women say they feel “safer” at a restaurant

shzam5890 • 8 points • 30 June, 2022 02:11 AM*

It's a major turn off to me, a woman who is considered conventionally attractive, when the man does not pay in the beginning. I always have my wallet and I am prepared to pay, but I won't be seeing him again and I'm definitely not sleeping with him. After three or four dates, i usually offer to pick up a meal or drinks as a gesture of thanks and good will once there has been rapport. In the past, once things are official, I have switched off with boyfriends. My current boyfriend will not allow me to pay. On the third date when I tried to get lunch, during the start of our relationship, he explicitly told me he would pay for everything when we are together and he enjoys taking care of the woman in his life. This is such a turn on to me-- not because I need the money but it allows me to really relax into the relationship knowing I am adored and cared for on every level.

I always wondered WHY I was so turned off by a man who wanted to go Dutch in the beginning and so turned on by my boyfriend wanting to pay. In the past few days though, living in a red state in a post Roe v Wade world, it all clicked for me. When I am evaluating a man and deciding if I want to sleep with him, there's something subconscious in my brain that makes me want to know he is willing to provide in the off chance a child results from our union. If a man isn't willing to at least buy dinner, why would I draw the conclusion he would provide for a kid? Now, I'm on birth control, but I've had my birth control fail before. Now that termination isn't even an option within three states on either side for me, I'm certainly not sleeping with anyone who doesn't show he's unwilling to generously provide. And I'm not saying that I would be unwilling to provide for a hypothetical child-- I just want a partner who is willing as well. Luckily, I'm in a happy relationship with a man who doesn't let me touch my wallet and has told me he likes being a provider (even if right now, I'm the only human in the equation he needs to provide for). But I think that's what it comes down to for me-- a subconscious biological thing. So guys, if you want to sleep with women, and the risk of a child is a little bit realer where you live now, maybe show you're willing and able to provide with something as small as picking up the tab on the first couple of dates. It will allow her to relax more into intimacy.

Vanilla • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 09:33 AM

Great comment. I would also add that in most relationships, even if both partners work, the woman still ends up doing most of the house chores/unpaid labour, so it's only fair that the guy pays.

Khanluka • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 06:28 PM

Your ignore the wage gap thing. Your way of thinking is fine. And you do you. But there are many complain about the wage gap and expecting men to pay for everything. Witch ecomocly speaking makes us second class citizens as when woman make just as much as us but where expect to pay for everything. It mean we will have far less.

shzam5890 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:08 PM

I am just giving you insight into a reason why you should, absent the pay gap. If a woman gets pregnant with your child she needs to exit the workforce for some time, which effects her earnings. So, no, equal wages and you having to buy dinner to get laid so she can see if ur willing to provide does not "make you a second class citizen."

shzam5890 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:12 PM

Because pregnancy and child rearing effect women more on all levels (including economically, leaving work force, paying for pregnancy associated healthcare) I disagree with your premise. They can expect men to pay for dates if the man is interested in sex and complain about the wage gap all they want, because they will be the ones effected by a pregnancy to a larger extent (including economically).

Friedidli • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 07:19 PM

I agree.

Not the wage gap thing but that men should not date women who do not reciprocate.

pay the first date but if she doesn't at least split the second you are at best a slightly better option than Netflix at home for her, as in that evening's entertainment.

Also men who do well should not date broke ass women.

WOPR-1983 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 08:11 PM

Gotta stop you right there. The wage gap no longer exists. Young women get 2 out of every 3 college degrees now and are out-earning their male counterparts.

The problem isn't who pays, the problem is she can't find "economically attractive suitors" who out-earn or at least match her income.

Wage gap is over. But, there is still the social services gap where women use more social services than what they pay in taxes.

Takes a village, indeed.

AdjectiveMcNoun • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 08:46 PM

The wage gap has nothing to do with dating though. You are comparing apples to racehorses. The wage gap regards people of different genders getting paid different amounts to do the same job. Who pays on a date is something else entirely. Would you be happy if you did the same job as a woman but got paid less for no reason other than you are a man, even if women were expected to pay on dates? I'm guessing not because it basically means that you are less valuable than a woman even if you are doing the same type and quality of work.

I think whoever asks for the date should pay. So if the man asks the woman out, then he should pay. If the woman initiates then she should pay. I don't agree with the idea that men should always pay unless he wants to.

My partner is the type that wants to pay and I remember when we were dating he got kinda upset the first time I tried to pay. He didn't say anything but I could tell his mood shifted and I asked what was wrong he said he didn't appreciate that I said I was going to pay. At the time I made more money than he did because he was still finishing his PhD but in his culture, it is very insulting to a man to offer to pay, even if it's another man offering to pay for something. He sees it as someone thinking he can not afford something. In my culture women often pay for dates so I just did what I normally do. Who pays after the first date should be decided between the two based on what they are comfortable with. There shouldn't be "rules" since people are so different.

EricAllonde • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:26 AM

The wage gap has nothing to do with dating though.

...because it's a myth. It has nothing to do with anything because it doesn't exist.

I think whoever asks for the date should pay. So if the man asks the woman out, then he should pay. If the woman initiates then she should pay.

I think this commenter said it best:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/PurplePillDebate/comments/vnhtbf/comment/ie90ube/>

AdjectiveMcNoun • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 03:44 AM

"I think this commenter said it best:

/r/PurplePillDebate/comments/vnhtbf/comment/ie90ube/"

I never expected men to do the asking. Most women I know don't. When I was still dating I often initiated dates. I make plenty of money so I didn't need anyone to pay for me but most men insisted on paying. Infact, when my husband and I were first dating he actually got offended when I tried to pay. He wasn't mad or anything but I noticed his mood shift so I asked what was up. He said he didn't appreciate that I said I was going to pay. He finds it insulting when someone offers to pay for him, as though they think he cannot afford it. At that time I actually made more money than he did because he was still finishing his PhD.

The majority of women do not expect a man to pay. Most studies find the overwhelming majority of men think that men should pay but less than half of women think so. Don't date the women who want you to pay if it's an issue for you.

Even if the wage gap doesn't exist (though most credible sources say it does) it's not wrong for women to want the same pay for doing the same job.

poweroverwhelmingg • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 03:51 AM

The wage gap is not real.

bludkraze • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 06:13 AM

The wage gap is real. Gender based hourly pay gap isnt.

Admiral_Gecko • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 07:40 AM

it will stay that way until we get more women into men dominated industries like Oil drilling or electrical work.

bludkraze • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 08:11 AM

That will never happen because women are physically weak and dont have the required mental and physical endurance.

ApatheticHeretic_101 • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 03:04 PM

Asking women to NOT complain is like asking the sun to stop rising...it ain't gonna happen. Women are never satisfied, even when they get exactly what they want. Even they will admit that they don't know what they want. Others just enjoy the drama of GETTING what they want, instead of the actual item/thing.

Don't bother with expectations. They don't think any rules apply to them. Just do what you do and live your life. Cheers.

divingrose77101 • 11 points • 29 June, 2022 03:52 PM

I think whoever does the inviting is paying for the date. If I invite a guy out to dinner, I assume I'm paying. Most of the guys I date make more money than I do because I work in a shit industry so they'd be offended if I tried to pay for a dinner where they asked me out.

Blueexpression • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 05:51 PM

That is a convenient excuse. If you are eating you should pay foe your portion. Personally, I am a traditional

man. If you are a traditional woman then I will pay. If you are a modern feminist talking about a wage gap, lets split the bill.

hemaristhysbe • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 06:23 PM

Are there many modern feminists after traditional men? Seems unlikely, as does the reverse.

Blueexpression • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:37 PM

a guy who pays for dinner, opens the door, pays the bills is a traditional man.

hemaristhysbe • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 06:40 PM

What does that have to do with my comment? Are “traditional men” dating modern feminists?
Are modern feminists wildly attracted to traditional men?

Doubt.

divingrose77101 • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 07:20 PM

Men I date are feminists and still pay for dates, open doors, and pay their bills. They don't pay my bills but they do give me gifts.

caption291 • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 06:00 PM

I think whoever does the inviting is paying for the date.

As long as women do 50% of the inviting I'm fine with that.

divingrose77101 • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 07:20 PM

I always ask a guy out first and tend to view every other date as my responsibility, either to plan or to pay for or both.

Pigeon_of_the_sea • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 05:06 PM*

While I agree the men paying for dates thing is antiquated, these are two things that make no sense to lump together. A man *willingly* getting a woman a \$15 dinner a few times a year is not the same as her being underpaid thousands for doing the same work as a male coworker. That being said, the wage gap has been debunked. It exists in some individual companies and maybe in some industries, but for the most part it's no longer a major issue.

sacredhighpriestess • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 04:50 PM

Well if you wanna go Dutch on the bill (which is a fair way to settle things) you should communicate the same to your date. and if you absolutely don't wanna pay the bill, you shouldn't expect to get another date. It's also the matter of who has asked the other on a date. Most of the men make more in most of the industries. And when you pay for the date you, by your actions, are conveying that you are mature and financially stable enough for a relationship, potentially a life long. Choose your battles wisely.

Fiestygirl000 • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 05:20 PM

I don't pay for dates. Men have no problem being traditional for women they are into. If a guy ask a girl out on a date, and ask 50/50 he's not into her. I've never been proven wrong

coolboy_24278 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:36 PM

what does that have to do with how interested one side is?! maybe the guy wants nothing to do with being

traditional and the girl is trying to use him

Demasii • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 03:54 PM

I want the freedom to be able to choose to pay or not for a date. Men have the same rights. We both have the right to use our OWN money in whatever way we choose (excluding debts and illegal shit of course)

Also just because you expect a man to pay doesn't mean he will. He has the right to say no. The wage gap is a result of a social and economical structure that can't be avoided at the individual level.

altar-of-autumn • 11 points • 29 June, 2022 04:08 PM

Paying for a date is **quite insignificant** compared to the systemic underpaying of women at virtually every professional level. \$50 may be a lot of money to you, which is why people make this exact argument in the first place, but it hardly disrupts or delegitimizes the feminist movement or equality.

You'll find that most professional adult men insist on paying for dates. Regardless, most women offer to split the bill. The men most worried about being "expected" to pay for dates are the ones who don't have any money or are bitter, and you all always show yourselves with these posts.

HazyMemory7 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 09:33 PM

There is no wage gap. It's a myth. Equal competence, job, and qualifications, pay is the same. The "wage gap" doesn't take into account the fact that men work longer hours, are more likely to ask for a raise, work more dangerous jobs, work blue collar jobs that women don't ect...

If women collectively got paid less for the same work and qualifications everyone would just hire women only, because why wouldn't you want the same work at lower cost?

ThisIsABadLook • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:19 PM

> systemic underpaying of women at virtually every professional level.

If you control for all variables like personality traits, working preferences, drive and career choice doesn't the pay gap boil down to like 1 or 2 cents on the dollar? If there really was a systemic underpaying based SOLELY on gender, employers would only hire women to save money.

If there's some other study I don't know about that studies those co-variables and comes to a different conclusion, be my guest and link it. But, from my understanding of the situation you're just flat out wrong.

altar-of-autumn • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 05:53 PM

Considering large corporations settle pay gap disparity lawsuits regularly and their lawyers have access to all this "co-variable" data to explain why pay is different but that doesn't seem to help them, I'm going to guess that it actually is a problem.

Aside from that, I've witnessed pay disparities in my own work environments and most of the time the gaps were obscene. While that is anecdotal, it's my life experience so that means something to me.

ThisIsABadLook • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:48 PM

There's a massive system problem that should be easily proven with statistics

Oh the statistics actually prove that it doesn't exit, just small cases that quickly get slapped down by the law

Well, have you considered my anecdotes to prove a systemic issue?

The paygap being **systemic** sexism has been disproven over and over again, but people like you still cling to it because its the last resort to claim they're a victim of a male oppression that doesn't exist. You're going to go on your life repeating the same lie because it justifies your worldview.

HazyMemory7 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:39 PM

Considering large corporations settle pay gap disparity lawsuits regularly and their lawyers have access to all this "co-variable" data to explain why pay is different but that doesn't seem to help them, I'm going to guess that it actually is a problem.

Corporations settling to to avoid a drawn out legal battle is not a good counterpoint. And how many of those settled lawsuits are there relative to the number of women in the work force?

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 04:16 PM

This is cap.

Been on dates well into the hundreds and only a small handful ever offer to pay half. You could argue that people going on more dates would be paying a more significant portion of their wage to meals for dates, making your point moot.

altar-of-autumn • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 04:44 PM

You could argue that people going on more dates would be paying a more significant portion of their wage to meals for dates

Even if it was a more significant portion of their wage, it's still got to be minuscule in the grand scheme of things... **unless you don't make that much money to begin with.**

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 04:56 PM

Average US income is between 40-55k per year.

If you assume 50 dates in a year, at \$50 each (which is cheap), that's still \$2500 and over 1/20th of someone's wage. Get real my dude.

altar-of-autumn • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 05:48 PM

Who is going on fifty dates per year?!?!???

RearwindowPinecone • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 05:06 PM*

then dont date at all or date the woman who dont expect you to pay,date the woman who chases you,dont date the woman out of your league

jingleofadogscollar_ • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:26 AM

The "offer" isn't a real offer either. If the man accepts her "offer" his chances of escalating things plummets

Wonderful_Aspect_978 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:02 PM*

women aren't underpaid. they aren't good workers. look at the list of richest women? born into it or marriage. richest men? invented things that changed the world.

Now if women were equal in work ethic. we wouldn't see this

if they were underpaid. a company could just not underpay them. a company would come up and hire them

and make millions or even billions as they have found all these qualified people who are underpaid

altar-of-autumn • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 10:24 PM

Oh okay, so there is a pay disparity but it's deserved?

goatismycopilot • 15 points • 29 June, 2022 03:14 PM

Why would I give up an interest in the pay gap because some random bought me a drink or an appetizer?

SmarmyPapsmeas1 points 29 June, 2022 03:53 PM **[recovered]**

If you actively expect men do go above and beyond (meaning not equality) by paying for you on dates and then demand equal pay (equality) then sorry, you're an ass.

funlightmandarin • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 04:04 PM

Might be news to you, but there's a difference between your dating life and work life.

coolboy_24278 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:43 PM

common sense dating norms. if you earn exactly as most other guys yet demand he pays most expenses, what makes you think he'll trust you later on when it comes to spending money on kids, vacations, groceries?!

funlightmandarin • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:03 AM

What makes you think there'll be kids, vacations and groceries if he can't even be arsed to try to charm me with the cost of a milkshake.

plumtastic • 3 points • 30 June, 2022 12:38 AM

A woman would need a hell of a lot of free dates to make up for loss of income.

bludkraze • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 06:14 AM

Or just work equal hours and/or effort.

OfficialHavik • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 03:43 PM

The logically inconsistent one is every woman wanting to date a guy who makes more than them, but still complaining about a gender pay gap. That makes no sense. You can't date an "economically attractive" guy if you both make the same amount

ClaraBow01 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:35 PM

I either prefer a split or whoever was the one to ask out to pay.

Swapsta • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:57 PM

The reason men pay is to increase their chances, if you don't pay some other fucking thirsty fuck will.

AcanthocephalaNew947 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:58 PM

That's fine, I split the bill all the time and if a man insist he pays I appreciate it. I don't have the luxury of demanding a man pays, I'm average.

Bchckn • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 07:38 PM

I'm a woman and have never expected a man to pay for a date. If I'm casually dating, I will always offer to go 50/50. Some men have agreed to that, others have insisted on paying for my meal as well. Either way is fine with me. However if I do go on another date with a man who paid for the first, I will insist on paying for the next one and he's usually happy to do that.

In all my relationships, we always take turns paying. I get uncomfortable if a man wants to pay for every single date. Feels unfair, regardless of my income.

Edit: spelling

chalkandapples • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 07:42 PM

It's totally ok for the guy to not pay for the first date. Some of the guys I dated paid, some of them didn't. I had a slightly better first impression of the ones that did pay, but at the end of the day that's just 1 data point in a sea of other characteristics. Just show up as who you really are, and it will self select for the women/men that are compatible with you.

banjocatto • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:07 PM

If you want to split the bill, you can't complain she didn't have sex with you.

That said, it really depends. I personally think the person who did the asking or chose the venue should offer to pay.

HazyMemory7 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 09:31 PM

If you want to split the bill, you can't complain she didn't have sex with you.

"if she paid for her meal don't get mad if she didn't have sex with you!"

lol

banjocatto • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 10:30 PM

I can't tell if you're being sarcastic, but that's how these guys think. They think that paying for a meal means they're owed sex.

Devourer_of_felines • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:14 PM

Hell nah

Complain about the wage gap so I know you're the type of person I don't want to associate with

Molly45377 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:38 PM

It's a date....

Regardless, I absolutely would assume someone is not interested if they don't pay. However, where I'm located men almost always pay, and I casually date a lot. I can't recall the last time someone didn't insist on paying. It's been years.

Best_Illustrator_137 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:55 PM

First, wage gap has been dispelled thousands of times. Second, you say that but in reality you will still pay for the date cause you want that coochie..you can act all progressive you like but I'm for sure you still gonna do it just like the rest of us.

anon-sucks • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 09:08 PM

Wage gap is due to effort not sexism.

lkjhgfdsaa • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 08:40 AM

Expand? Sources please?

What are your qualifications?

anon-sucks • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:25 PM

Here's how it's calculated - <https://money.howstuffworks.com/gender-pay-gap1.htm>

NotARussianBot1984 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 09:49 PM

Nah, but you don't get to complain about being pumped and dumped.

Want a equal relationship? Split the bill, or have the man see you as a short term fling with unequal partner.

ruboyuri • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 10:20 PM

If you ask a stranger to do something with you, you pay. That's basic courtesy

Now, no one says it has to be dinner or anything involved or pricey/extravagant. No one in my UMC/MC social circle does that, or ever has

bluestjuice • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 10:34 PM

So I don't expect men to pay on the first date.

But. It's incredibly disingenuous to draw an equivalence between pay disparity, which affects income across the board, prospects for future earnings in terms of base from which raises and increase negotiations start, and quality of life for all women (not just single women in the dating pool) with social customs for heterosexual dating.

The sheer number of hours most people spend working for pay compared to the hours they spend on dates makes the comparison meaningless, if nothing else.

EricAllonde • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:24 AM

It's incredibly disingenuous to draw an equivalence between pay disparity, which affects income across the board

1) No, it doesn't.

2) The gender pay gap is a myth fuelled by victimhood culture. Women who make the same decisions as men, work equally hard as men and make the same sacrifices as men earn exactly the same as men.

bluestjuice • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 02:05 AM

Nah.

EricAllonde • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 03:53 AM

Another perfect example of the calibre of feminist argument.

bluestjuice • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 03:56 AM

Your rebuttal can be paraphrased as 'no you' and addressed nothing to my specific argument relating to the original question.

I'm not interested in debating gendered wage gaps with you; there are a dozen threads here where people are getting into that if that's what you're interested in.

Ohms2North • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 05:13 AM

I have heard women laughing about how they can get free drinks and dinner every day of the week. They'll string a guy along so that he'll keep wining and dining her. Hard for me to respect that

gladusgates • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 07:37 AM

Here's the unfortunate reality: they CAN and WILL do this. Reality is amoral, it'd be nice if women did not behave in a hypocritical manner, but they do.

criticalmale • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 07:39 AM

Lmao interesting how this thread turned into the biggest circlejerk about how men don't age better than women. I can smell lots of aging women feeling threatened.

Bobbyjets • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 09:39 AM

I mean, there is no wage gap but bills should certainly be alternating or split. The breadwinner roles are dated and don't reflect how many more working women we have now

sharksville • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:38 PM

Can't say no to this argument and I think it's a very valid point. If a woman expects a man to pay on the first date or second or third, it makes sense that they shouldn't complain that men are earning more than women. When I first got into dating I'd just pay my own bill whenever I went on a first date with someone and made it known that I'm not going to appreciate being taken advantage of. We all have expenses and bills to pay, I can't pay a lot for something just like that.

vogel777 • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 02:24 PM

It sounds like you've been watching boring tiktoks of boring women saying stuff like, he has to treat me like a queen, secure the bag and other such bullshit, which is mostly just to attract views and stir up drama. Most women are happy to split the bill and would prefer that over pay inequality any day!

On a more serious note the pay gap has to do with complex things like childbearing which has a life long impact on a woman's ability to earn, save for retirement and so on. Even if a woman works after her children are born which is the norm these days her earning ability is still impacted in a way that a mans typically isn't because she is expected to be the on call parent if the kid is sick or childcare fall through not to mention the level of emotional support children and teenagers need which often falls to the mother.

During the phase when most of us are dating we are child free and probably In the same boat financially. When I started dating my husband we were students and dates were half price pizza using a voucher from the back of a bus ticket and 2 for 1 cinema tickets and yes we split the bill equally.

Partisode • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 06:26 PM

I genuinely don't understand why so many women here think they're entitled to free shit just for being born with a pussy. Why do you all think you're queens? You're not. You're users.

Itsknowntohappen1 points 29 June, 2022 06:09 PM **[recovered]**

Guys who fuss about who pays typically don't get dates with me. All the guys I have agreed to date, pay without discussion over it.

coolboy_24278 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:44 PM

so what do you do in the relationship to compensate not paying?!

jingleofadogscollar_ • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:33 AM

Ok, so they pay... But why don't you simply reciprocate in some other way? Surprise him with lunch or concert tickets, etc? It's not that hard to have things equal even when they insist on paying?

nothatyoucare • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 03:47 PM*

The wage gap has been debunked.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/karlynborysenko/2020/03/31/great-news-ladies-the-gender-pay-gap-is-a-myth/?sh=7897baa43b34>

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/wage-gap_b_2073804

HumanNumber348 • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 05:46 PM

TLDR: the wage gap doesn't exist because we don't think the things that cause said wage gap count.

Check this out if you have one and a half hour to spend.

AcanthocephalaNew947 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 06:17 PM

It amazes me when their own links debunk what they're saying.

HazyMemory7 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:44 PM

They don't count. The connotation associated with any sort of gender or wage gap phrase is that you won't get paid equally if you have equal qualifications and quality of work, which isn't true.

Do you want to force women to take on more dangerous, high paying jobs that are almost exclusively done by men?

HumanNumber348 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 10:08 PM

Ah yes, dangerous jobs, Engineer, computer scientist and CEO.

HazyMemory7 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 10:53 PM

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the four most dangerous occupations in the United States in 2019 were fishing and hunting, logging, piloting a small plane or helicopter, and roofing. These occupations were the most dangerous because the individuals who did them had the highest likelihood of being killed on the job.

Of the individuals who work in the four most dangerous jobs, more than 90% are men. Consequently, across all occupations, men are much more likely than women to be killed on the job. In 2017, for example, 4,761 men were killed at their workplace, compared to just 386 women. The fatality rate for men that year—5.7 deaths per 100,000 workers—was nearly 10 times greater than the fatality rate for women, 0.6 per 100,000 (DeVore, 2018).

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/culture-conscious/202104/why-do-men-have-the-most-dangerous-jobs>

The truth is often uncomfortable to hear.

pussy_destroyer • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:50 PM

What about the 38% of the wage gap that are “unexplained” when experience, occupation, education and industry have already been taken into account?

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/34/Decomposition_of_the_gender_wage_gap%2C_OWI_D.svg

nothatyoucare • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:46 PM

The study referenced in that screenshot is 79 pages, so it'll be a bit if you're wanting an answer to that.

pussy_destroyer • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:56 PM

I'm aware of that, the original sources of statistics tend to be long. The 38% statistic is from page 13 (or 801 if you're going by the page number written in the upper corner) of the study if you'd like to have a look at that. This is just the statistic I've seen a lot of articles (including Wikipedia, the national womens law Center and others) use and I haven't seen it debunked anywhere.

anonymousUser1SHIFT • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 03:56 PM

Ya and it's been debunked for years, it's not like they will ever listen

y2kjanelle • 4 points • 30 June, 2022 04:27 AM

Oh this is so dramatic. The wage gap has to do with gender-based discrimination in the workplace.

A man choosing to pay for a date is not discrimination and that expectation is not forced. If a man doesn't want to pay, he can say when the check comes that he is splitting, pay his half, and leave if she says no.

We all know this is just a frustration post and doesn't have anything to do with systemic gender based discrimination.

Sorry she expected you to pay, dude. Hopefully the next girl pays in full.

Admiral_Gecko • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 07:37 AM

The wage gap has to do with gender-based discrimination in the workplace.

This is illegal in the USA and a lot of western nations. Men typically work higher paying jobs because a lot of those higher paying jobs are things that are either:

1. Dangerous
2. Already Male centric like Engineering
3. Incredibly uncomfortable
4. All of the above

Women are already crushing men in college education and occupying more and more higher paying office jobs so the gender pay gap argument no longer holds as much water.

y2kjanelle • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 08:01 AM

Absolutely. It's a hard thing to address when the gap is closing.

I think Trevor Noah summed it up very perfectly but he was talking about race.

He said there are some places where racism is blatant. The “enemy” is obvious. Some places literally ban black people from living in certain neighborhood. Boom there's something tangible and obvious to fight against.

But in more progressive countries like the USA, the “obvious enemy” becomes invisible or hidden. It

becomes a lot more subtle.

Let me give an example. There's an increasing amount of boba shops in my city. I love boba and decided to apply for several jobs. I'm a black woman and I've gone in before to hand in applications.

But there's also something I've noticed. A lot of the boba shops employ mainly-all Asian employees. And this isn't illegal. It IS illegal to deny someone a job simply because of their race. But if an employer wants, they could just hire an all Asian staff like the boba shops in my area without issue. Places that are much more known or larger companies that get a lot of attention typically try to stray from this because of presentation. But small boba shops in a small town doesn't need to really worry about it.

So how would someone prove in this situation there is bias? How would I be able to prove discrimination? Because they didn't hire me? What stops them from saying the most qualified, or best interviewers just happened to be all Asian people?

In the same way, what's stops an employer's bias against women besides presentation? They could just hire a few women to make it look even, but a lot of qualified women may miss out or the company may miss out due to this bias. But it's also incredibly difficult to prove.

Other instances also could be employers denying promotions to women in their child-rearing years. They could simply say that the work is not up to par, that there was a more qualified employee that happened to be male. They could change the title of the position that has almost the exact same job description so they could pay less because it's a "different job".

And historically, we know very well that making something illegal is not the only factor in attacking discrimination. The Civil Rights Act did not just magically make people not racist. It did not immediately change the perspectives of every person. So people who are biased just found ways around the law.

That's what I think a lot of people try to focus on. These biases that are small enough to go unnoticed or don't blatantly break the law but that still allow for discrimination to occur.

But I understand what you are saying and do take into account all of these other factors of male job choice that can attribute to a wage gap.

Admiral_Gecko • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 11:41 AM*

Dunno where you live but all the boba joints around my place have multiracial staff, the only place I know that selectively hires based on race is Jolibee and they mainly hire Filipinos.

just a fair warning, most 1st generation Asians are pretty racist. I know this cause my parents are 1st gen Asian. Heck I'm seen as a fake Asian often times because I identify more as a American than whatever country my parents came from.

bludkraze • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 06:11 AM

The wage gap has to do with gender-based discrimination in the workplace.

Sorry no. Debunked for like at least a decade. Multiple times.

Admiral_Gecko • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:38 AM

It's a easy argument to fall back on that many forget no longer really exists

luliloo • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 06:38 AM

There's a wage gap because of patriarchy, and men are expected to pay for dates because of patriarchy.

y2kjanelle • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:07 AM

Yes the expectation does stem from patriarchy. I think there's just a difference in workplace discrimination and someone having an expectation for another person to pay for their meal.

no_usernameeeeeee • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 06:50 PM*

Men aren't expected to pay because of the wage gap. It comes from an outdated stereotype that men have to be providers. From my dating experiences, the men have always wanted to be in that position within the relationship therefore paid for the first few dates. Expenses usually become divided as time goes by, but the men prefer to take charge and don't really mind it as long as you don't take advantage of them or lead them on. Of course i am just speaking on the men i've dated. I think more and more women are open to the idea of splitting bills, at least if we compare generations. It's just something that needs to be normalized more, i don't think keeping the wage gap will solve anything.

Plus, as a man you don't have to date or pay for anyone realistically speaking. You're not forced to go on dates and can still split the bills if you wish. Working and making a living is a survival need. Even women who are not dating, women out of the market, women who aren't straight would be penalized. And it's not all men who pay for dates or date women either. This is an issue for single adult heterosexual individuals so i don't see how a whole chunk of the population, even those who don't participate, needs to have a disadvantage because of it. Your logic doesn't make much sense.

BumblingBeta • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 03:38 PM

Reddit is supposed to be filled with intelligent people and there are still people here who believe in the wage gap? lmao

yaboytim • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 03:51 AM

You're first mistake was thinking reddit was full of intelligent people.

BumblingBeta • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 10:22 AM

Oh. What is it filled with then?

yaboytim • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 01:14 PM

Some intelligent people, with everyone else acting like they know what they're talking about. I may or may not fall into that second group, lol.

BumblingBeta • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 07:50 PM

To me, the whole site seems filled with really left wing people who think women and minorities are deeply oppressed in the west and must be given as many privileges as possible, often at the expense of white men.

07paradigm • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 05:45 AM

Agree all the data on that is misleading.

throwaway164_3 • 8 points • 29 June, 2022 03:04 PM

Not really.

Men and women are not the same. Women hold the aces in dating because of evolutionary biology.

They can certainly demand equal pay for equal work in the professional sphere AND expect men to pay on the first date in their private lives. This is because women are more valuable in the dating/sexual marketplace.

I think men should accept this reality, stop complaining and “man up”. Complaining isn’t going to change reality.

cuckedalt • 7 points • 29 June, 2022 04:04 PM

People are free to do as they wish. If you're a guy and you don't want to pay, don't pay. If you're a girl and you want to be paid for, select for that. And so on.

I think men should accept this reality, stop complaining and “man up”.

Toxic. I mean complaining, that's pointless I reckon, but certainly no one is being forced to do anything.

throwaway164_3 • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 04:40 PM

It if men don’t pay, they get less dates and therefore less chances of getting laid. There is definitely a privilege women enjoy, but my point is that privilege will never go away. Women will always have it much easier in dating.

cuckedalt • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 04:47 PM

It if men don’t pay, they get less dates and therefore less chances of getting laid.

If you're a guy and you don't want to pay, don't pay. Less dates is good because you're weeding out women who are not compatible with you.

If it's just for dry spells, you can always see an escort in the meantime

coolboy_24278 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:46 PM

“everything is biology” - just say you’re privileged when it comes to dating

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 03:58 PM

Lol no. It takes 2 parts to make a hetero relationship.

"Women more valuable" good on you for being honest how you actually feel though. When logic fails, just say 'women good man bad'.

Gonzo_Journo • -6 points • 29 June, 2022 03:27 PM

"Women as more valuable in dating"? So why are women dating men instead if themselves?

throwaway164_3 • 12 points • 29 June, 2022 03:38 PM

So why are women dating men instead if themselves

Because they are heterosexual. I don’t understand the question?

Remember, from the perspective of evolutionary biology, sperm is cheap. Men are disposable. For this reason, we have evolved to treat women as more valuable.

Nothing about human behavior makes sense without the guiding lens of evolutionary biology.

wtknight • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 03:44 PM

They’re more valuable because men are more desperate for sex, not because women inherently have greater value. Men without high sex drives or who aren’t attracted to women aren’t going to think that they are more valuable.

freaknbigpanda • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 05:02 PM

Women are more valuable from a biological/ evolutionary pov. One man can get hundreds of women pregnant and any man will do just fine for this task.

wtknight • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:20 PM

Men contribute half of the genes. What their genetic contribution is is just as valuable as what a woman's is. The importance of "male value" explains much of female sexual behavior.

HazyMemory7 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:46 PM*

Caveat: top tier guys are a lot more valuable than average women in regards to dating. There are a lot fewer of them than there are attractive women.

John_Oakman • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 11:57 PM

Violence (or threat of) & strength are also part of human biology, currently held in check through the wonders of civilization... so what's stopping the real men of the manosphere from making use of their advantages of biology?

jingleofadogscollar_ • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:16 AM

Tough pill to swallow but you're 100% correct

SuspiciousMaximum856 • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 06:37 PM

And those incels wonder why they can get any women.

Kay_Lore • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 05:02 PM

The wage gap doesn't exist. Now get out your wallet.

sarkington • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 03:06 PM

I do when it's because of sexism, aka, let's pay someone less for doing the same job or refusing to hire/promote/support them at all

Now, leaving jobs or declining promotions because babies, sure, that's a choice

QuestionableParadigm • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:12 PM

Wanting men to pay for dates IS a result of the wage gap.

Women get paid less, and pay more for cosmetics, so it makes sense for men to pay on the first date.

To clarify, I don't expect men to pay for any dates, I am merely providing another perspective for those of you who are angry towards the women who do.

didofire • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:39 PM

The person who asks on a first date pays. In a relationship, you should treat each other for special occasions or the higher earner should pay more frequently if that works for everyone/makes the most sense. Very simple.

AntiSocialPartygoer • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:07 PM

I'm a single man and I always pay the bill on the first date, but I **HATE** the social norm of men having to pay.

Men have to do all the effort, it's an exhausting thing.

Matched with woman on Tinder? Man has to send the first message.

You two are scheduling the first date? Man has to plan.

You two are going on the first date? Man has to pay.

You two are going to fuck on a motel? Man has to pay... again.

No one here is asking women to be the chasers and men the chased, but having to do all the effort in the courting game is extremely tiresome.

cuckedalt • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:18 PM

I'm a single man and I always pay the bill on the first date, but I HATE the social norm of men having to pay.

So don't. There's women splitting, some even on this thread. Maybe you're missing out on more compatible women and using up time with less compatible women

localmicrodosechamp • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:19 PM

Nah. 50/50 financial is not 50/50. If men are only bringing money to a relationship it's not equal to go 50/50 in only one area.

Retrojazz17 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:36 PM

Tbh I think those are two different issues that do not lead to one another. One is a preference and the other is a societal issue (or not depending on how you feel)

coolboy_24278 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:54 PM

but they're economically connected. if a pay gap truly does exist explicitly(which it doesnt), most men wont be complaining about paying the first date

Retrojazz17 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 11:25 PM

Which would be true, but I'm sure the reason women want men to pay first is because of dating culture, or the "man is the provider" mindset many people have, which economically is in reference to a time where women never worked.

Ohyarlysmiles • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 07:00 PM

I mean, I'm unsure what the parallel is between outdated gendered dating expectations and complaining about (alleged) discrimination.

Doesn't seem to follow.

coolboy_24278 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:38 PM

because if a wage gap does truly exist explicitly, most men wouldnt have a problem paying for first dates knowing women get paid less. money earned and spendings are all connected

Ohyarlysmiles • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:22 PM

Right now and back in a time when the wage gap was for sure more about discrimination than about other factors, most men don't have a problem paying for first dates.

Izanaminomikoto19 • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 08:03 PM

Whoever asks out pays!!

EricAllonde • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:27 AM

<https://www.reddit.com/r/PurplePillDebate/comments/vnhtbf/comment/ie90ube/>

Ohms2North • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 09:42 PM

If she wants to behave like a hooker, I'll treat her like a hooker

And anyway, there is no wage gap.

lowlifedougal • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:05 PM*

few modern western females will ever admit to it, but we all know most women have a biological propensity for wanting to be provided for - including before, during and even after courtship...Most of the rebuttals from women on this subject will be some form of virtue signal claiming to be some rational "exception to the rule"...problem is that so called rational gender fairness rarely plays out in real life. Yeah it sounds nice, but for the most part its academic - as female ACTIONS and what they respond to in real life is what really matters

I would posit that such "50/50" "unicorns" do exist, but it comes in the form of a trade off in terms what other features men would be attracted to in that women... so in effect, she will actually not be a unicorn at all

As far as equal pay... i think most women are actually unsure of this and take the prproganda as a form of female group think. The women that knowingly misrepresented this gap are seeking some sort of leverage or force to propel themselves over men. They seek to masculinize themselves against thier biology for parity and power over men, I dont they really want to have power over men...i think its a form of unabated hypergamy,,, by pretending to be a boss chick she can filter through a higher spectrum of men, and pick out an optimal choice especially an ideal genetic specimen

hemaristhysbe • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:34 PM

Most of the rebuttals from women on this subject will be some form of virtue signal claiming to be some rational "exception to the rule".

Fuck that, smart women pay their share because they aren't obligated to perform a sex act. Men who pay for a slice and a beer expect something in return. RP men *rage* when they don't get any action after paying for a meal.

Many men are deeply offended when a woman pays her own way because they see it as a rejection to their one-sided proposition.

Those men are correct.

AngelsMuse • 3 points • 29 June, 2022 06:59 PM

Men who pay for a slice and a beer expect something in return.

LOL they can expect, doesn't mean we are obligated or they get. No is a complete sentence, and any guy who would get pissed off I said no isn't worth a second date anyways.

hemaristhysbe • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:02 PM

Oh the manosphere *rages* when women don't put out after they pay for a meal.

Funniest thing is when women ask to split the bill and they rage twice as hard because they read the

split as a rejection. *Women can't reject an offer they never agreed to, Kevin. She agreed to a slice, not a blow job*

smallstarseeker • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:18 PM

Everybody is entitled to complain about everything!

Some complains might make people look like entitled assholes though.

RearwindowPinecone • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:06 PM

No, except you agree that you cant complain being cheated on or "dead bedroom" or " divorce raped"

SpiritualEnema • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 03:19 PM

Divorce rape generally only works in one direction. Women are the breadwinners in 40% of households but only pay 3% of the total alimony paid out.

OfficialHavik • 5 points • 29 June, 2022 03:41 PM

Does that statistic count single, unwed mothers as a "household?"

SpiritualEnema • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 04:06 PM

Yes

daproest1 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:29 PM

Wage gap is a myth that has been debunked anyway.

-maternity leave

-men do the dangerous, disgusting jobs that women don't want to do. And those pay well

-the workaholics are mostly men

-most entrepreneurs (highest paid occupation in this country) mostly men.

List goes on.

jingleofadogscollar_ • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 02:29 AM

-on average, men spend hundreds of more hours at work every year

AutoModerator[M] • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 03:00 PM

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thetruthishere_ • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 04:32 PM*

I dont complain about any wage gap and a man crying over a \$20 dinner is not a man Id even date.
Good thing men of my generation dont cry over a \$20 dinner.

doshkhaleesi • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 05:32 PM

Yeah, same. I think this must be a post-Gen X thing because nobody whined like this back in the day.

cruciod • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:01 PM

As a gen Zer I do whine about the wage gap □ I also go dutch though. Might be a generational thing.

doshkhaleesi • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:13 PM

I think so. I also think fewer women had high-paying jobs (especially STEM) in the late 90s/early 00s. I meant guys didn't whine about the price of a dinner (or some beers).

thetruthishere_ • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:48 AM

They did not and still dont in general.

I dont expect a man Im dating to pay for everything but my goodness the whining over a \$20 dinner here. LOL

cowfishAreReal • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 03:06 PM

I don't think I've ever seen a single person doing both. They seem incompatible because they're usually done by different people. If you can link someone that did both of them sure ill think that person is dumb, but I think you're arguing against a non existent position here.

And the only non sexist conclusion of course is that men should NOT be expected to pay for both people in the first date and the wage gap is bad

343_peaches_and_tea • 6 points • 29 June, 2022 03:21 PM

I've definitely seen both being said by the same person.

cowfishAreReal • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 03:30 PM

The only person in this thread explicitly saying both is a guy

343_peaches_and_tea • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 03:31 PM

I don't think anyone who holds both views is likely to speak up and spell it out.

prettymuchredpilled • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:57 PM

I don't think I've ever seen a single person doing both.

FemaleDatingStrategy queens do it all the time, they whine about how men "should pay for dates" because "the gender wage gap still exists!". I'm not saying that these women are even remotely intelligent, but they do exist.

cowfishAreReal • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 04:12 PM

Well there's a reason they're gone

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 04:01 PM

There's actually quite a few in the thread if you want to take a look. The hypocrisy is real ☐

cowfishAreReal • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 04:12 PM

Only saw one, and it was a man

FutureBannedAccount2 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 10:53 PM

Lmao Ive een on many dates where a woman will talk about gender pay gap and how gender roles should be abolished (live in a “woke” area) but when the check comes it gets pushed to me

So many people only want the stuff that benefits them, not the disadvantages that come with it

prettymuchredpilled • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 03:56 PM

The gender wage gap will always exist, and that's a cold hard fact. Men will always make more than women (on average) for two reasons: 1) Women can get pregnant, which takes them out of the workforce for several months. 2) Generally speaking, women are biologically and socially driven to seek out men who make more than them. We need to start simply tuning out any female who whines about the "gender wage gap".

bluestjuice • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 10:55 PM

The wage gap doesn't have anything to do with disparities in income between two partners or prospective partners.

Kentucky_Supreme • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:35 PM

That has crossed my mind too. Women can make their own money now but we hear shit like "men aren't economically attractive anymore". Women want to make equal to what a man makes but if he doesn't pay on the date then he's not a "real man". Like wtf.

RedditorSafeSpace • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:36 PM

Women don't get to complain about the wage gap when none of them are willing to put their foot down for a raise.

Men at my job: here's my keys im quitting if I don't get money

Women: can I please have a raise? No? You won't even give me my yearly review? Oh okay see you tomorrow.

KatatonicSnake • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 04:25 PM

I don't think men should automatically pay on the first date, but is the pay gap truly fixed by not letting men pay? Surely the pay gap would be the only even slightly logical reason to expect a man pay.

Cosima_Fan_Tutte • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:10 PM*

This is a very funny and entertaining thread, nice job ppd.

Actually, the women have funnier zingers here. Good time for men to leverage agree and amplify and amused mastery. Go get 'em.

peteypete781 points 29 June, 2022 03:20 PM **[recovered]**

Your first mistake is thinking the wage gap is real, your second is thinking feminists wont complain for complaining sake.

Mrs_Drgree[M] • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:28 PM

Automod please

peteypete781 points 29 June, 2022 03:45 PM [recovered]

What?

Mrs_Drgree[M] • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:48 PM

Your comment isn't challenging the OP, therefore it belongs under the automod.

MakeMoneyNotWar1 points 29 June, 2022 03:32 PM [recovered]

There isn't a real wage gap. Women are more likely to pick lower paying careers, take time off for childcare, etc., factors outside the control of employers. If you take a same age man and woman, on the same career path, same level of talent and how hard they work, same time off, same firms, the wage gap is negligible.

Why are highly paid executives and business owners skew towards men? Because these guys usually work insane hours, and women are more likely to desire work life balance.

If there's a real difference such that the women is truly getting paid less than the equivalent male counterpart for equal output, than any rational business owner would profit by only hiring women and in the long run outcompete their sexist rivals.

Mrs_Drgree[M] • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 03:49 PM

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DeJuanBallard • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:43 PM

Facts, also the pay gap is a myth, that had been disproven many times.

newrunner29 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:48 PM

If you don't expect women (and men, but over different things) to be completely hypocritical over what they say they want vs what they really want then enjoy being single forever

Arguing with a woman about feminism is like arguing with a toddler about dinosaurs being real. Why are you even getting into that conversation to begin with? Are you going to ask for permission to kiss her next because that's what Reddit tells you to do? Lmao

EricAllonde • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:28 AM

100% agree.

Life's too short to date a feminist.

HazyMemory7 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:00 PM

There is no wage gap. It's a myth. Equal competence, job, and qualifications, pay is the same. The "wage gap" doesn't take into account the fact that men work longer hours, are more likely to ask for a raise, work more dangerous jobs, work blue collar jobs that women don't ect...

Snoo-92685 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 11:17 PM*

The wage gap isn't real and men shouldn't be expected to pay on the first date, and the commenters are doing a massive cop out with the "whoever invites the other on the date should pay" because they know damn well men are expected to do the asking

EricAllonde • 2 points • 30 June, 2022 12:22 AM

the commenters are doing a massive coo out with the "whoever invites the other on the date should pay" because they know damn well men are expected to do the asking

100% agree.

Women who say that are outing themselves as dishonest and exploitative. They are not relationship material and men should avoid them.

CentralAdmin • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:48 AM

There is no wage gap. So women shouldn't complain about it anyway.

They choose lower paying jobs. It is illegal to pay someone less for the same work. There would be lawsuits all over the place if this happened. No economist takes the wage gap seriously either.

RearwindowPinecone • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 04:19 AM

agree on that

ViolinistOk8622[] • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 04:24 AM

Only a man would equate paying for dates to gender discrimination in the workplace. Ridiculous.

noobsnowman • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 05:29 AM*

Alright just to get this clear, the pay gap is bullshit.

Companies aren't legally allowed to pay women less due to gender under the 1963 Equal Pay Act. Here in Australia, it's not allowed under the Fair Work Act.

Men earn more than women because they are more willing to work overtime, more assertive in asking for higher wages, and do not take maternity leave like women do. Also, most men dominated fields happened to be paid more, but nothings stopping women from pursuing those careers in this day and age, considering that most college graduates are women.

If men are paid more because they are men, companies would have hired only women.

Now that's out of the way, it's hilarious that many modern women still expect men to pay for dates when they are more than capable of making money themselves. They are quick to say that men not paying means he's disinterested but pull out the misogyny card if a man views sex as indication of her interest, or views sexual compatibility highly. It's like they don't see a problem objectifying men financially, but god forbid men objectify women sexually.

Admiral_Gecko • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:31 AM

Not to mention a lot of the jobs that are male dominated that pay a lot have a lot of risks attached to them like Oil drilling, underwater salvage, Search and Rescue, Truck Driving, Construction work, minging, so on.

noobsnowman • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 08:00 AM

The problem about people who argue about the pay gap is that they only care about the equality of outcome, not equality of opportunity.

97% of workplace deaths are men, shall we even that out as well? Anyone can bet that most women would never think about doing those jobs you listed.

To even out the pay between men and women while ignoring the fact that men in general work harder and in riskier jobs is replacing perceived discrimination with actual discrimination, because now it means

that women get the same pay while not working as hard.

NoneOfYourBusiness • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 03:18 PM*

Simple way to filter this. Ask her if she can pay half.

Pay the full thing anyway, and never go on a date with her again if she said no. That's a dodged bullet.

Edit: I should probably mention there's edge cases to this, e. g. you pay for the meal, she pays for desert, etc. The main point is she needs to be willing to pull her weight.

BikePersonDotCom • 9 points • 29 June, 2022 04:46 PM

You're just filtering yourself out as some cheap guy who plays weird tricks on dates. Even if a woman offers to pay and you pay the whole thing it's a turnoff. I don't understand guys who play these games on dates at all tbh. I kind of expect most of you actually don't and it's just something to post about on reddit.

NoneOfYourBusiness • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 04:51 PM

If there's a better way of knowing if someone is willing to pull their weight feel free to let me know.

BikePersonDotCom • 4 points • 29 June, 2022 04:52 PM

The better way is to wait until date 2 and see if they offer to pay or split. Guys don't want to do that so they kill themselves upfront. I'd recommend only pulling these tactics on people you don't care about seeing again. In that case though you might as well just force a split.

Admirable_Bee_8714 • -1 points • 29 June, 2022 03:48 PM

That's why when you are on the date you tell the waiter right off the bat that it will be two separate checks. If she has a problem the date will be short and you won't waste time or money.

itm4l20001 points 29 June, 2022 03:33 PM **[recovered]**

Women are deeply confused.

The only Man that pays for it her unconditionally is her father.

Women expect an unconditional man to be worthy, I think this is where the problem lies.

IF more men told their daughters that the only man that really cares about them unconditionally is them, they wouldn't be disappointed when men let them down or don't meet their expectations like a good father would behave.

Women can't expect men they interested in them to care about them that much. That would be asking too much.

Mrs_Drgree[M] • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 03:49 PM

Please check the post flair and repost your comment under the automod if necessary.

armpitqueefs • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 05:44 PM

Earnings gap

UrMomma4 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:35 PM

110% agree. The whole men paying for dates is so antiquated. We aren't in the 1950s anymore. Just like how my husband doesn't expect me to do all the cleaning, cooking, and child rearing. We are a team. Our first date I paid for my own movie ticket and it was no big deal. We'd go to bars and half the time he'd buy drinks and half the time I would. 14 years later, still happy and in love.

Fit-Faithlessness149 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:45 PM

Another reason you don't get to complain about the wage Gap is because it doesn't exist.

Salt_Mathematician24 • 0 points • 29 June, 2022 08:46 PM

Does any woman expect this anymore? I certainly don't. I think it is the stupidest and most pointless dating tradition left over. Especially because thereafter, you always split the bill 50/50. My ex paid on the first date, after a few months together, he would piss his money away like there was no tomorrow, and then start hounding me for cash. STUPID, pointless rule that means naff all.

jingleofadogscollar_ • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 12:29 AM

Don't forget engagement ring hypocrisy

fuwbd • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 12:19 PM

If you are a "man" you pay it.

bludkraze • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 11:46 PM

You don't get to decide what a man is. Men do.

fuwbd • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 04:44 AM

I do and, I just did. If you don't pay it you are a soft man :)

neetykeeno • -2 points • 29 June, 2022 07:31 PM

Well the date's just never going to happen if he doesn't pay because random dick that hasn't justified it's existence is worthless to a girl. Or more likely than worthless it is of negative worth. And we all need our money more than ever at this point in history.

So I guess everyone can find a mate through social circles, community activities, and hobbies they are involved in. You know...money and time they are spending anyway because they are interested and involved members of the community who enjoy spending hours a week in the nonsexual company of other human beings and enjoy doing things

And introverted men who think that's even more of a waste than paying for the occasional plate of pasta for some girl can cry into their already damp wanksocks.

OK I am up for it. No more paid for dates, ever, in exchange for scrupulously enforced wage equality. Men's wages go down (you didn't for a moment think it would involve women's wages increasing in this economic climate? There is endless pressure downward on real wages, someone's wages gonna be going down) and so does men's major tool for obtaining an hour to just talk to a woman whose social circle they are not part of. When do we start?

cuckedalt1 points 29 June, 2022 08:08 PM [recovered]

Who hurt you. I was gonna go through and do the thing where you swap the genders as to your vicious attack and see how it feels, but I'm sure it's obvious enough how that would sound.

wtknight[M] • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 12:12 AM

Don't make things personal.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:42 PM

I hope women are this up front of their misandry before a 1st date so they can be avoided

rivetcitymayor • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:45 PM

Imma wait for my credit man

kalashhhhhhhh • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:57 PM

I don't expect it. Whenever I went on a date a guy would pay on his own.

My ex never let me pay when we went out. He worked, my parents gave me like 10 dollars when I went out and it kinda made sense. I honestly hated that he paid for everything, and it's not like I never offered.

My current bf and I are both in college with no income of our own, and we either split the bill, or take turns treating each other. Once when he was drunk, he told me he wishes he could treat me more. I honestly don't mind it at all, it never even crossed my mind as a problem.

And women deserve equal pay for equal work, regardless of whether men offer to treat their dates or not.

Moscow_Gordon • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 05:59 PM

Making more money as a man makes you more attractive, especially for relationships. This is a major motivator for men to make more money in a way that it isn't for women and therefore a driver of the "wage gap." Paying for dates is just a symptom of that.

LizvEross • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 06:29 PM

You do realize that the wage gap is part of the reason why women expect men to pay, I don't agree with men paying for the first date either. But the leap you're making... You do realize women put a lot more into a date generally than men right? Do you know how much makeup is? Do you know how much women's clothing cost versus men? Do you know how much women's hygiene products cost versus men? All of it cost a lot of money. Do you know how much time women put into their appearance for a first date versus men? Usually a minimum of three hours. Which I also think it's ridiculous that we're expected to do that. But that's neither here nor there. Also it is a lot less likely that a man will be sexually harassed, sexually assaulted, or stalked If the date goes poorly.

wtknight • 2 points • 29 June, 2022 06:33 PM

Which I also think it's ridiculous that we're expected to do that.

Who is expecting that? Are men asking women to do that? A lot of men here actually say that they prefer women without makeup.

LizvEross • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:23 PM

They say that, until they see one. Or until they date one and they call her lazy for not putting an effort into her appearance.

EricAllonde • 0 points • 30 June, 2022 12:35 AM

You do realize that the wage gap is part of the reason why women expect men to pay

If someone is still clinging to the long-debunked gender pay gap myth in 2022, that's a clear indicator that they're desperate to make themselves the victim, likely hate men for the same reason, and are certain to be a bad date.

Please do tell men that you embrace victimhood culture in this way before they take you out and waste their money on a date. Men deserve to be able to make an informed decision about you.

You do realize women put a lot more into a date generally than men right? Do you know how much makeup is? Do you know how much women's clothing cost versus men?

Those are all things that women do for their own reasons: to compete with other women and salve their own insecurities. None of it is done for men, who much prefer a more natural look and low-maintenance women.

Do you know how much time women put into their appearance for a first date versus men? Usually a minimum of three hours.

You can spend your time on whatever hobbies you choose, you have that freedom. But you don't get to complain about it.

Which I also think it's ridiculous that we're expected to do that.

You're not. Grow up.

LizvEross • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:40 PM

Cite your sources please, because here are mine. As of this year, the pay gap is stronger than ever and women of color are actually the ones that suffer the most.

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/equal-pay-day.html>

It has not been debunked, so no. For information I fight for a lot of men's issues, such as men not receiving equal aid, men being the victims often not being believed, and many other men's health issues. I don't hate men, I love men, I am in a healthy relationship with a man.

And I haven't embraced victimhood, but that doesn't mean I haven't been a victim. It doesn't mean a large percentage of my peers who are also women have not been victims. I have had to witness it my entire life, so excuse me if I'm not only mad about it but informed enough to understand why some people might decide on things the way they do.

And a society built for men by men says that women who do not wear a full face of make up or not professional enough, and the service industry men do not have to wear make up they barely have to run a brush through their hair and they can make hundreds of dollars of tips whereas if a woman does not wear a full face of make up she might lose out on hundreds of dollars of tips. This is from professional experience that I have had throughout my many years in the industry.

Look at the standards that women are held to buy magazines that are owned by men and written by men with photos that are taken by men... We're gaining women's magazines that don't do those things.

And yes there are women out there who hold other women to a ridiculous standard. But predominantly it's not the case, predominant like you said women hyping other women up for just treating themselves like people.

I personally cannot put on make up, I barely put on make up and it simply because I have a lot of allergies to most make up and most jewelry. And I'm treated a lot less seriously than my coworkers who put on more make up. That's society, not me. So to say I have any control over that is ridiculous.

But the funny thing is that you act like this is women versus men. It's not, it's society versus us. It's a social construct that needs to be demolished vs us. Society has set impossible standards for women, so very tired. They're not getting paid as much, and they're expected to buy so much more than they can afford. And when they don't they are looked down on by society. In general.

And sweetheart I don't have time for hobbies, nor do I have the money for hobbies. I'm too busy striving to work just to not starve. I don't have time for fancy clothes, I don't have time for dates, I don't have time for hobbies, all I do is go to work mind my damn business and come home and sleep.

So stop ASSuming, it makes you look bad.

cuckedalt • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 08:12 PM

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Also it is a lot less likely that a man will be sexually harassed, sexually assaulted, or stalked If the date goes poorly.

And even despite all of this, there's women who split the bill anyway. Mutual vetting ☐♂☐

LizvEross • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:24 PM

I am a woman who would prefer to split the bill. I don't want anyone holding anything over my head, there's always that chance I'm going to end up on a date with someone who would think that they magically are owed something.

Catherine772023 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 07:35 PM

I am a feminist who is happy to ppl at my share.

Comfortable-Unit-897 • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 09:19 PM

I pay for all dates! Its not even up for discussion.

HuntressAndGoat • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 10:14 PM

I would GLADLY PAY MY WHOLE WAY EVERY Single! TIME. Because i have WORKED MY ASS off working FOR MEN i was Dating and THEY REFUSED TO BE EQUAL.. So YEAH PAY US EQUAL AND .. MEN. DONT EFFIN PAY OKAY PROB SOLVED ha!

Whynotbebetter • 1 point • 29 June, 2022 11:00 PM

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isyhgial1993 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:33 AM

Hey, you are bullying women intellectually lol

YellowFeverbrah • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 01:57 AM

That's why you don't bring them somewhere expensive or that costs anything at all on the first date.

george__whorewell • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:34 AM

imo whoever initiated pays, or you split the bill

Over_Noise3530 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 03:47 AM

One time in my early 20s this 40 year old asked me out on a date to an expensive steak restaurant. I went and still didn't fuck him, even after the second date. He started pissing and moaning about me being "alpha widowed" but not in those words. Surprise twist: the digs didn't work and he never got any

yaboytim • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 03:50 AM

They shouldn't complain about a wage gap in the first place, since it doesn't exist.

ConsultJimMoriarty • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 07:50 AM

Americans are pretty much the only people who do this. Just go to a cafe for a first date like regular people.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:20 PM

Yea then women will say you're cheap lmao. It's a lose/lose

ConsultJimMoriarty • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:22 PM

Just in the US.

Admiral_Gecko • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 11:43 AM

My idea of a date is at the food court at my local mall or my local cafe where I'm a regular

Dubi12345 • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 09:43 AM*

I hate the argument that goes "whoever asks out pays" its just a indirect way of saying "We know that the overwhelming majority of the people who make the first move are men, we just dont want to say that a man should pay".Just say that, dont beat around the bush...

HuMMHallelujah • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 11:43 AM

the wage gap affects women who aren't even dating. I'm sure you think they don't deserve equal pay either but how much of the female population is actually actively dating? Many women never "date" the way you're describing because they marry young or just don't socialize that way.

SmarmyPapsmears[S] • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:30 PM

If they aren't dating then they don't have the expectation of being paid for...

YveisGrey • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:36 PM

I believe men should pay and couldn't care less about a pay gap so...

meanwhileinvermont • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 12:47 PM

What the heck does one thing have to do with another? My female coworker doing the same job as me with the same experience should absolutely be paid the same, what she does in her personal life is irrelevant.

rhmel • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 02:49 PM

Being desperate for sex = doing anything for more chances of getting laid = conforming to what ANY woman wants = less desirable = less chances of getting laid.

Giving sex it's proper position in your life = respecting yourself to the point of not doing anything for more chances of getting laid = having standards on women (as you should) = more desirable = more chances of getting laid.

Doing what they ask you to do is not a way to more chances of getting laid, that's a plain out lie. You shouldn't believe neither incels (who are not getting laid for a reason) nor women who tell you should please them in whatever wish they have (who are making those guys incels).

They want sex as much as you do. Some may not want to have it with you... so what? No biggie, there're plenty of other women. No need to be a beggar. Respect yourself and you will see how they will respect you back.

I always offer to pay first date. If the woman doesn't tune in to pay her half I just drop her after the first date. I consider it an investment in dating to weed out women I don't want to be in my life in any role, even sexual partners.

If she offers to pay her half I let her know the first one is on me and the second one on her. I always got some sort of "yes" and a smile as a response. And I go through my word. I had zero women not being happy to pay second date and from then on I get that dynamic going: "hey I want to go to X place" and Pay. Next time they catch on and do the same. Never had a problem because I already discarded any woman that sees me as a walking wallet and provider of unilateral pleasure.

Then relationship may move on and if you happen to have a better income than your partner you can pay for whatever you want so you can both enjoy nice things together. I love doing that because it makes me happy to share that with a particular woman, not any woman. In turn, that particular woman understands why I'm doing so (because at that point we already know the basics of each other) and feels rightfully special, because she is to me, I'm not going to spend several hours of my time and money with a random boring person just to have some sex, as if it's worth it. No, I'm spending my time and money to enjoy X with a person I care about and holds a special place in my life.

Pay to enjoy life with a woman you really like instead of paying to have a sex with a random woman. Your life will be way better.

ReactiveNylxthograph • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 08:39 PM

These comments were way better then i was expecting lmao

whoa_thats_edgy • 1 point • 30 June, 2022 11:15 PM

whoever offered to go out should pay or it's split. my husband and i do this. no issues with it.
also wage gap isn't like how they say it is. yes i'm a woman.

coastFI_chaser • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 04:51 AM

Stupid. This is a non-issue. Don't pay on the first date and you'll weed out women that aren't into that.

I don't see those two position as irreconcilable as women can give birth and men cannot. Also men ask women out at higher rates so in that context it's reasonable for women to confirm the guy is stable and expect the person who asks/could impregnate them to pay. Also women tend to wear heels, makeup etc.

I pay for gfs meals and buy them gifts so if a guy can't show me an equally good time why bother?

ValentPerspective • 1 point • 1 July, 2022 10:21 AM

There is no wage gap. Adjusted for hours worked and job title, women only make 7 percent less on average. It's fair to say that men on average are just that tad bit more competitive than women, accounting for small difference. If busineds owners were straight up allowed to just pay women less for the same job title, there would be no incentive to hire men at all in the workforce.