

# Do not put your life on hold waiting on Prince Charming

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Are you a Special Snowflake? Do you melt at the first sign of adversity?

No?

Then what motivates you to wipe your eyes, swear like a sailor, or kick something, or run a mile, or whatever it is that gives you the determination to keep fighting and make the changes to improve things?

Or are you a woman who wipes her eyes, decides to be patient and then taps into her success of being vulnerable, submissive and a soft place to land, happy to step back and wait for a man to take care things? If so, then how do you get by if there is no man around?

There have been a number of posts from young women espousing their dreams and plans for the future and that is a good thing. The bad thing is no one is keeping them accountable in terms of reality. I am hoping that some of our more experienced participants will back me up when I say:

**Let a good man lead, but do not make your life plan dependent on a good man to take care of you.**

As much as a man wants to provide for and protect his woman, there are times this is out of his control. If you can't step up and make the effort to take care of things on your own in these situations, then the outcome is not good.

Do not throw away any opportunities to better educate yourself while searching for the right man. You never know how this knowledge can add to the quality of your marriage.

If you really want to be a SAHM you had better accept the fact that you might not be living in your dream house and furnishing it from Wayfair. Instead, to make life as comfortable as you can and make ends meet, you may be canning food, gardening, sewing, and scavenging thrift shops to re-purpose furniture. These are admirable skills, but they are skills that have to be learned and that takes time, so start to learn them now.

If you are not interested in this then you better find something you are good at that brings income into the household. Your beauty, your skills in the bedroom and your cooking may keep your man happy, but they won't account for much, if times get hard. And nothing will ruin a marriage faster than money problems.

I am giving advice that I hope will give some young women a reason to pause and reexamine the reality of their expectations of what a marriage will entail. Do not expect any man to be your meal ticket, because the ones willing to do this are the men you will despise down the line.

I am not saying every woman should go to college. There are alternatives out there. Learn a skill. Skilled labor is becoming a rare commodity in both male and female pursuits. And some skills are interwoven. If you don't want to work with a bunch of women, learn about carpentry or auto mechanics, or web design, or welding, or landscaping, and so on. The list goes on.

The best thing about finding something that sparks your interest enough to educate yourself is the excitement that comes along with it. It is something to think about when you are doing mundane tasks and it something that gives you a sense of purpose outside the expectations of everyday routine. Furthermore, it makes you more interesting.

Before Covid hit the area where I live, there were many classes and workshops available at community colleges, continuing Ed courses at high schools and libraries, parks and museums that were affordable or free.

You don't need a fortune to pursue an education in a skill or knowledge that interests you and it may pan

out as a way to earn some income in the future. If you do decide to invest money in an education make sure you choose a field that offers a good chance of employment.

There are no white knights out there to rescue you. Your best bet to a good marriage is to bring skills and knowledge to the table that indicate that you are ready to pull your weight in the coming years.

edited to say thanks daniella thanks arkasia

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## Comments

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blushingoleander • 35 points • 3 September, 2020 08:43 PM

I agree. in a lot of ways our skills are the only guarantee that we carry with us for life because you can't unlearn something. There is disability there is divorce there is death there is job loss there are recessions there are jobs that go away and never come back.

It has never been the case that women didn't work. My grandmother worked part-time as a lunch lady to help the family make ends meet and she had nine kids and remained married to my grandfather till the day he died. It has nothing to do with feminism.

I don't judge women who choose to work. I also don't judge women who choose to stay home. There are up and downsides to everything and there's no perfect solution. The one thing you shouldn't do is have no plan b. I think sometimes around here women forget that RPW is supposed to be a way of interacting with men. it really has nothing to do specifically with living a traditional fantasy lifestyle.

Unfortunately the women who do stay at home don't often talk about what sacrifices they might have to make in order to be able to do that. we give the impression to young women that all you have to do is find the perfect ideal guy and you're set for life. So much can change over a lifetime. Which goes back to it never being a mistake to learn a skill and be able to take care of yourself competently.

This is it particularly salient post for me at the moment. I know a woman at work who divorced in the last year. She gets alimony for a set number of years and she got part of his retirement savings. she has a job making very little money and kids who will be out of the house around the same time her alimony goes away. She cannot support herself and she will not be able to retire but she never learned how to take care of herself so she also can't curb her spending. I don't know why she divorced I don't know if her husband was terrible or if it was frivolous and it's really irrelevant. The problem is that she doesn't have anything to fall back on other than a \$15,000 year skill-less job and savings that she is quickly depleting.

The red pill is supposed to be looking at the world as it exists now. We can lament how sad it is that we have to go to work and that two income households are the norm for most people. But that doesn't change the fact that that's what it is. We can lament the divorce rates but that doesn't change what they are. We can lament that we're probably heading into a recession where a lot of jobs that haven't already been lost will be lost but that doesn't change what it is.

I'd say we can't live the way that we did in my grandparents' day but again my grandmother worked.

stevierose789[S] • 21 points • 3 September, 2020 08:59 PM

Yeah! A voice from an experienced RPW. Thank you. I have been some what horrified by comments from girls working in dead end jobs who refuse to educate themselves because they don't think it will be necessary once they get married and have kids. They look at marriage as a way to opt out of having to be responsible for themselves. They want to be taken care of. All women enjoy being taken care of by a man she loves. The sad fact is there are times a woman has to take care of herself and if she isn't prepared to handle that then she will often fall apart.

MirriMazDuur • 7 points • 4 September, 2020 06:13 AM

It has never been the case that women didn't work

I feel like because we never learn about the history of common people and the household (like we learn about wars and treaties, etc) we have a skewed view on what it has meant to be a wife, historically. A woman

didn't just cook a chicken stew, she had to behead the chicken, pluck it, eviscerate it and then cook it. There was a time when there were no sanitary products, no disposable products, no specialised cleaning products that you could buy, so the women had to make cloths, to boil them and iron them to keep everything sanitary. My grandparents didn't just grew up without washing machines, they grew up without the gas stove, refrigerator, vacuum cleaner, dish detergent and running warm water. Apart from that, there have always been washerwomen, weavers, tailors, then hair stylists and manicurists, jobs that women exclusively did since forever.

AnarchoNAP • 3 points • 3 September, 2020 08:59 PM

because you can't unlearn something

This just isn't true. Almost all, if not all, useful career skills need to be kept up with or you will become obsolete.

danyixa • 2 points • 5 September, 2020 01:49 AM

As someone majoring in cyber security this is very true especially in the tech industry. Things are changing rapidly and you need to learn about it and stay informed or else you won't advance.

blushingoleander • 3 points • 3 September, 2020 09:06 PM

That really depends on what the career skills are. and being able to brush up on a skill is a lot different from learning it from scratch.

Plus as somebody who has to do continuing education to maintain licenses for work, the continuing education is kind of a joke. I could walk away from my job for a decade and come back and not have a huge amount of relearning.

and there's no way to say this without being snarky and I don't mean it to be but, if you're a stay-at-home mom and not in the workforce how do you know?

Hammocknapping • 5 points • 3 September, 2020 09:10 PM

They're allegedly just a stay at home something. No kids.

AnarchoNAP • 0 points • 3 September, 2020 09:15 PM

Who's alleging that?

AnarchoNAP • 1 point • 3 September, 2020 09:15 PM

Interestingly, I was not assigned a husband at 18. I don't get how ANYONE wouldn't know.

blushingoleander • 0 points • 3 September, 2020 09:20 PM

I mean again my job wouldn't require relearning skills it may require brushing up on new information. My husband's job wouldn't require relearning skills. I know a lot of friends that wouldn't require relearning skills. I learned to sew when I was 9 I don't have to relearn to use a sewing machine every time I want to do something even if it's been a decade since I touched it.

I don't know what it has to do with being assigned a husband at 18 or not.

AnarchoNAP • 4 points • 3 September, 2020 09:24 PM

Yeah, but sewing isn't a career skill.

If I wasn't assigned a husband at 18 that means I had at least one job at some point....

blushingoleander • 9 points • 3 September, 2020 09:28 PM

I worked in a bridal salon for a while, sewing is very much a career skill if you are a seamstress. Plus that's something that could be done on alternate-raise-kids hours & still have a more or less traditional life with a pretty decent skill to fall back on. Bonus your kids would have awesome Halloween costumes.

stevierose789[S] • 7 points • 3 September, 2020 09:38 PM

Yeah, but sewing isn't a career skill.

Ever hear of re-upholsters, drapery makers, fashion designers.....?

Nandemodekiru • 7 points • 4 September, 2020 12:41 AM

Not to mention tailors

[deleted] • 13 points • 4 September, 2020 12:46 AM

Hard agree. I have seen too many women who rely on their husbands for family finances without ever understanding how savings, budgeting, or investing works. They don't understand how to pay bills, manage a portfolio, or even access the family finances. I know a woman who lost literally millions of dollars to the IRS after her husband's death - he'd been evading his taxes and he died before the IRS could catch up to him.

stevierose789[S] • 9 points • 4 September, 2020 01:05 AM

I have to admit I was pretty ignorant about investing until a couple of years ago. Fortunately once I was ready to learn, my husband guided me through buying and selling in the market with some of my retirement investment. I am a very much a play it safe girl, but I did do okay with my choices. Unfortunately unless a woman studies finance and business there are not very many places to learn about investing unless you want to go through a broker. Then you pay some one to manage your money. It is hard to learn this stuff on line when it is all greek to you at first.

[deleted] • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 06:05 PM

That is true, but many relatively few men are trained at finance and teach themselves. I learned from a friend who is trained in finance and he basically told me that as long as I stick to traditional stock trading "going long", stay away from risky stuff like options, and research on the companies I am investing in, it's not too dangerous. He also reassured me about index funds, since very few (probably less than 10%) of fund managers are able to beat the market. An index fund won't make you a millionaire during an upturn, but it shouldn't make you a pauper during a downturn either.

stevierose789[S] • 2 points • 4 September, 2020 06:28 PM

Thanks for the info. My husband taught himself. There was one hard lesson during the dot.com bubble that kind of turned me against the market until I understood that he had learned from it and in time became pretty savvy about where to put his money. I make my own choices, but I pretty much take all of his advice.

clemangerine • 2 points • 4 September, 2020 03:58 AM

I poured through the different retirement plans my employer offered, Googled and reddited the hell out of all these abbreviated fund names. I still have no idea what I signed.

AquaSerenityPhoenix • 10 points • 3 September, 2020 10:22 PM

I agree. I always grew up with the idea that when I was an adult it's my job to take care of myself. Once My husband and I became more serious we talked about what our relationship would look like and we choose the traditional route.

Now that I'm a homemaker I am thankful for my experience. I understand how hard it is to work and make ends meat. So i work my butt off to make it easier for my husband. I don't always succeed haha, but I try.

Cooking from scratch, going without, learning copycat recipes, meal planning, sewing, learning skills, doing odd jobs for extra money.

It's a challenge and it's not for someone thinking they will thrive in that relationship looking at their partner as a paycheck. I will let my children know how important being able to take care of yourself is. No one wants to carry their partner along, especially competent people that work hard.

stevierose789[S] • 8 points • 3 September, 2020 10:29 PM

No one wants to carry their partner along, especially competent people that work hard.

I am afraid that this idea of a woman expecting her husband to carry her is what lead to the RP concept that "a woman is the oldest teenager in the house".

AquaSerenityPhoenix • 4 points • 3 September, 2020 10:33 PM

I believe this too. I saw it so much in my early 20s. All these women I was acquainted with this toxic ideas of what the men they were interested in needed to do for them.

I never grew up with that minds set so I always thought I needed to work hard to be worthy of a good man. For a long time I didn't think I could measure up.

It brought a lot of conflict with my husband early on because he was redpilled and i wasn't. I couldn't understand his opinion of women (I still think that's an issue with RP men but that's another beast). Once I stopped taking it personal I realized he was right- to an extent.

CuppyBees • 19 points • 3 September, 2020 08:53 PM

I agree with a lot of your points here. I am a SAHM to 1 child, we live comfortably off of 1 income and I don't bring in any extra money at the moment. I also don't can foods, or sew (beyond clothing maintenance). However, I also have a degree in child psychology and am prepared to work if I have too; I'll also be furthering my education and returning to the work force once our kids are older. I don't think it's necessarily a bad thing to rely on your husband to provide financially, but there should always be a "plan B" of you returning to the work force if something were to happen.

stevierose789[S] • 14 points • 3 September, 2020 09:27 PM

but there should always be a "plan B"

This is exactly what I am trying to stress. If you are single and working and you have the time and opportunity to learn something that interests you and adds to your knowledge and skill set, you are wasting precious years if you don't take advantage of it. This is the time to ensure you have more than just one path in life. The road that seems easy and straight can have nasty curves up the bend.

CuppyBees • 4 points • 3 September, 2020 09:33 PM

Absolutely! Not even just if you're single, but, before bigger responsibilities creep in, you should be ready for what life can throw at you. I graduated after I had married my husband, but before the house

and baby came along. Everyone thinks that having a plan B is referring to divorce, but so many other things can happen.

stevierose789[S] • 4 points • 3 September, 2020 09:44 PM

A plan B is your way to be a support system in a marriage. It is using your brain and your talents to add to the quality of life for your family. It is a way to have your husbands back and take the pressure off of him in uncertain times.

Ok-Firefighter-2266 • 13 points • 3 September, 2020 11:38 PM

There is some overlap between RPW and this “femininity” movement happening on the internet right now. I think a lot of these women are very young and they are listening to youtubers who are telling them they don’t need to be able to support themselves.

There was a thread the other day started by a girl who dropped out of college because she wanted to be a SAHM and her rational for doing so was word for word something I’ve heard in a Mrs. Midwest video. A lot of these are young girls aren’t thinking for themselves and are just doing what the internet is telling them to do.

stevierose789[S] • 13 points • 4 September, 2020 12:14 AM

I never thought I would see the day when once again women make a conscious decision to be completely helpless as a means of survival. This was well and good in warrior times, but it ain't such a good idea today. I hope they wake up from their fantasy, because there may be a few rough years ahead of us from the covid fall out and they may be forced to step up or perish.

ManguZa • 6 points • 4 September, 2020 06:07 AM

In warrior times women have to be useful more than now ! Some people have just fantasies that never was real...

Throwaway230306 • 6 points • 3 September, 2020 10:26 PM

This is a pretty awesome post. I'd add that before the Industrial Revolution, women worked in the home/farm ( as u/hammocknapping describes) and even sometimes outside the home--for example, single women working as live-in domestic servants or farmhands. In the home, it seems like the focus was on labor, not so much on cozy domesticity or super attentive motherhood, in contrast to today's homemakers.

What different and probably unprecedented about the work women are encouraged to do today is that work is seen as self-actualization for the benefit of the woman alone.

In the past women worked under the supervision of their husbands or families for the purpose of advancing the *entire family or household*. Today, career focused women work independently, outside the home, with the purpose of advancing their own career or self actualization goals, which could entirely independent of the goals of their husbands or families. That's modern feminism--not work itself.

stevierose789[S] • 4 points • 3 September, 2020 10:39 PM

Today, career focused women work independently, outside the home, with the purpose of advancing their own career or self actualization goals.

Yes this true. And again I would like to point out that I am not bringing up the question of whether a woman should have a career. Building a career is a different scenario than finding a niche that you are good at that and can be economically advantageous. It is the difference between selling your homemade bread to the local cafe and starting your own bakery. Some women are not interested in careers, but would like to be able to



contribute to the family finances.

Hammocknapping • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 01:36 AM\*

[T]oday ... work is seen as self-actualization for the benefit of the woman alone.

While I can't disagree that this applies to the women who post Instaham photos with hashtags like #bossbetch and #werk, I don't think that it is the case for women who work low wage, low skill and/or service jobs. Most women work because that's what's best for their families. Having a SAHP is great if that's an option, but food, rent, utilities, clothes and healthcare aren't optional. Not every woman with a job had a career and not every woman with a career has one solely for her own benefit.

This is true in my own life. My husband and I follow the FIRE philosophy. I work hard to achieve shared goals like making sure I'm financially independent before I turn 35, and in a position where I can shift to project based freelance work that I only have to take of its works for my family. I'm also working so we can pay for a vacation home/income property in the next year or two in order to help fund our shared goal of traveling more.

I like my current job, but I could certainly find work that I enjoy more. I stay in this job because it provides basically free benefits for myself and my husband that are far better than benefits at another job, and it's incredibly flexible.

Throwaway230306 • 2 points • 4 September, 2020 03:02 AM

I very much agree that most women work for practical reasons, not because they're striving to be boss babes. However, I'd argue that the boss babe narrative is pushed loudly and incessantly by all media and entertainment geared toward women.

It's especially pernicious because it glamorizes only white-collar, corporate career women (CEOs and various corporate execs, academics, maybe a handful of women in STEM) who have the resources and time to pursue self actualization through a career.

TheBunk\_TB • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 12:13 AM

Licenses+skills>gen studies

fairydust91 • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 04:33 AM

Great post ☐ ☐

fairydust91 • 2 points • 4 September, 2020 05:30 AM

What skills would you recommend apart from a job? I would love to learn some new skills.

stevierose789[S] • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 05:07 PM

One of the skills that was most useful to me was sewing. I have made draperies, roman shades, comforters, bed skirts, pillows, cushions and altered and repaired clothing.

I took a continuing ed course at a local high school on re-upholstering furniture and saved a fortune buying and recovering used furniture. I even had fun changing the style of a couch by cutting down the frame. I was confident enough to try this because I had also taken a class in simple wood working techniques from the same high school.

During the four weeks of this class, I made window boxes, created a wood valance to fill a space between the cabinets above my sink, and made a false drawer front to cover a grate under the sink.



If you are interested in improving your computer skills, libraries will often offer courses in this. Explore classes in landscaping and gardening. For a couple of years when I was a stay at home mom I grew flowers and dried them to make wreathes and baskets to sell at craft shows. I also taught a class about growing and drying flowers and herbs at a local museum.

The next time one is offered, I would like to take a class on basic automotive maintenance for women. I am also learning to shoot a gun and plan to take the next available concealed carry class, but that is another story.

Sorry to have written a novel, but I was excited to point out some options I knew about personally.

danyixa • 2 points • 5 September, 2020 01:47 AM

I think it's important as women to lift each other up. There's nothing wrong with working women or SAHM. I see so many "tradwives" put working women down and have this notion that working women are "masculine" or "bad mothers". Lots of times, these working women have to work to make ends meet, or maybe their husband can't work if he's on disability. I think learning a skill is super important because if something happens to your husband and he can't provide anymore, you have to step up and take matters into your own hands. Whatever the reason may be if your husband can't provide whether it be job loss, disability or death, it's important to make the best out of the situation so you can live comfortably.

Whateverbabe2 • 1 point • 27 January, 2021 08:26 PM

What's the point of being a redpilled woman if the guy doesn't even take care of you? I can get love by having a regular relationship, I don't want to do anything extra if I don't get anything extra.

stevierose789[S] • 1 point • 28 January, 2021 02:00 AM

A redpilled woman doesn't think in terms of tit for tat or covert contracts.

Whateverbabe2 • 1 point • 28 January, 2021 02:03 AM

Yeah, but that's within a redpilled relationship. If I have to live like a liberal feminist couple I'm not gonna act like a redpilled wife.

stevierose789[S] • 1 point • 28 January, 2021 02:25 AM

There is no liberal feminist or conservative equation in this. A successful marriage requires that both partners come to the table ready to work for the benefit of the team using the skills and knowledge they have. The more skills and knowledge each brings offers more opportunity for the marriage to survive. Being a redpilled wife doesn't give you an excuse to sit on your ass and let your man handle life while you work on being beautiful and the goddess of fun and light. I don't know how you think a redpilled wife acts, but I think it is far from accurate.

Whateverbabe2 • 1 point • 28 January, 2021 02:30 AM

Being a redpilled wife is not my only option.

But if I chose to do it, I would never submit to a man who could not be a provider. Working from home or having a side hustle is fine, but I'm not going to cook, do laundry, keep the house clean, etc. And work 40 hours a week. At that point I'm working harder than him and I wouldn't be able to respect him anymore.

stevierose789[S] • 1 point • 28 January, 2021 02:46 AM

Being a redpilled wife is not my only option.

Being a redpilled wife is dependent on the man you fall in love with, the man you marry. It is a skill set to keep some men happy, in fact most men happy, but it does require work on the man's part to give his partner what she needs to be motivated to use these skills. I never said a woman should be submissive to a man who could not be a provider. Instead I was pointing out that there are times that a man cannot provide due to life's circumstances and at those times it is really a benefit when the woman can step up and bring some income into the home. This is not an excuse for a man not to live up to his responsibilities. Instead it is a way to have his back when he goes through some hard time in his life and give him the support he needs to get back on his feet.

AnarchoNAP • -10 points • 3 September, 2020 07:41 PM

If you're telling women not to depend on men then you are essentially telling women to stay independent/feminist. Yes, obviously you need a job before you get married. The whole point of getting married is to create a division of labor for raising children. If you intend to fulfill the male role as well then there is absolutely no reason to find a man. We both have our own roles to fill, and we shouldn't expect to have a career anymore than they should expect to be pregnant.

fairydust91 • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 05:26 AM

If only it were so simple! Most couples have to both work just to get by, especially if they want a kid or two.

applepies4kittens22 • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 10:06 AM

Exactly, if an unexpected expense comes up you can't just give the bank a hand-knitted scarf instead of your mortgage payment (although I wish I could :P)

fairydust91 • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 10:08 AM

Aw man that would be awesome. Maybe they'll take a nice casserole instead? ☐☐

stevierose789[S] • 7 points • 3 September, 2020 08:04 PM

I think you have misinterpreted what I have written. I am not spouting feminism. I am suggesting that women accept that sometimes one bread winner in the family is not enough and to find avenues that can offer a chance to bring money into the household when it is needed like right now when a number of men have lost their jobs because of Covid.

Yes, obviously you need a job before you get married.

I am suggesting you learn other skills and gain knowledge while you are working. Especially if you don't want to work at this job when you are married with kids.

If you intend to fulfill the male role as well then there is absolutely no reason to find a man.

Are you saying that bringing money into the home is strictly a male role?

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This is a very narrow minded attitude. Also, I never mentioned a career. I am talking about increasing your knowledge and skill set to add the quality of life for your family.

AnarchoNAP • -2 points • 3 September, 2020 08:10 PM

I am suggesting that women accept that sometimes one bread winner in the family is not enough

This is feminism. Third wave feminism is about hating men. First wave feminism is about trying to be men.

Are you saying that bringing money into the home is strictly a male role?

Yes.

This is a very narrow minded attitude. Also, I never mentioned a career. I am talking about increasing your knowledge and skill set to add the quality of life for your family.

You mentioned both. We should do things that add efficiency and save (refrain from wasting is more like it) money. Having a vegetable garden, if he provides you a home with access to enough yard space for this, is part of managing the household. Managing the household is our job. Going out and getting a job is part of providing resources. Providing resources is his job.

Hammocknapping • 11 points • 3 September, 2020 08:30 PM

Sorry, just a couple of questions here.

First, even before the Industrial Revolution, it was common for when to bring money into the home. Women would weave from home, make other goods from home, sell excess produce and other animal good, or work as domestic labor. During and after the Industrial Revolution, it was common for women to work in factories and other businesses outside of the home. This doesn't even begin to touch on families where one or more spouse participated in forced labor.

So, just to clarify, is providing the role of the man in all relationships or just those where both spouses are white and come from upper middle class backgrounds?

Second, what steps should a woman take to prepare herself for a situation where her husband is unable to work due to disability or death?

Finally, should women fully reject men that are unable to provide for a family on a single income? How can women vet a man to ensure they are going to be able to provide for the family's needs throughout their life?

AnarchoNAP • -4 points • 3 September, 2020 08:55 PM

First, even before the Industrial Revolution,

People didn't typically go off and get jobs the way they do today. Most everyone worked from home. If you're working as domestic labor you aren't very well raising your own family, are you? So not sure how that is relevant to being a SAHM or mom at all.

So, just to clarify, is providing the role of the man in all relationships or just those where both spouses are white and come from upper middle class backgrounds?

If you want to talk about where I come from, take it up with my dad. You can't call him; he'll have to call you. If you'd like to discuss the topic at hand then lets do that.

Second, what steps should a woman take to prepare herself for a situation where her husband is unable to work due to disability or death?

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Finally, should women fully reject men that are unable to provide for a family on a single income? How can women vet a man to ensure they are going to be able to provide for the family's needs throughout their life?

Yes. What is their role otherwise? You can pursue a career while being a mother all on your own. If you want to divide the labor up, then you DIVIDE the labor. That being said, most men can afford a family. They just can't afford a family AND all the luxuries that they or the woman want. By looking at his career and career path? Finding out how ambitious they are?

Hammocknapping • 9 points • 3 September, 2020 08:58 PM

Ah, so not only do you know very little about history, you also don't understand the limitations of insurance.

Probably could've learned a little about both in college and the work place.

stevierose789[S] • 14 points • 3 September, 2020 08:22 PM

Well for your sake, I hope your husband doesn't get sick or hurt or laid off from his job because your family may be in for a world of hurt if you are not willing to pick up the slack and try to earn some money.

[deleted] • 16 points • 3 September, 2020 08:47 PM

Naturally, they'll just pay the bills by mending socks and selling their home grown vegetables. s/

stevierose789[S] • 3 points • 3 September, 2020 09:30 PM

Loved this comment.

AnarchoNAP • -1 points • 3 September, 2020 08:46 PM

Insurance exists.

stevierose789[S] • 5 points • 3 September, 2020 09:32 PM

If you are counting on insurance you are more disillusioned than I thought. Try buying insurance under an individual plan that you pay for yourself. Read the FINE print of your contracts.

[deleted] • 6 points • 4 September, 2020 02:47 AM

I'm calling troll at this point.

AnarchoNAP • 0 points • 3 September, 2020 09:34 PM

Uh, yeah we pay for it. That's what premiums are.

ManguZa • 5 points • 3 September, 2020 08:38 PM

If you're sick, or if you break your leg, do you expect that your husband help you with the house/raising children? He have to know how beforehand to do that...

It's the same thing with financial difficulties. You're supposed to be a team that support each other. Life is not a Disney ideal where you can live your dream. You can work toward your ideal but you have to be realistic and be prepared to help your SO and work for your marriage/family in any situation.

AnarchoNAP • -2 points • 3 September, 2020 08:47 PM

He has to go to work if he's sick. I have to work if I'm sick. The whole "calling in sick" think really only exists in an exact point of skilled enough to not have a shit job, but not skilled enough to be indispensable.

rosesonthefloor • 3 points • 4 September, 2020 02:01 AM

So if you end up with a chronic health condition where you're unable to take care of the kids/home as much as you did previously, what then? Who picks up the slack? What if your husband is injured on the job and can no longer work? Insurance likely won't cover his full salary, so what then?

It's easy to be young and feel like you'll be healthy forever. Life doesn't always work that way.