

An invitation to older women to get your feet wet.

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If you are lurking and are intrigued and want to comment, but are afraid to do so because you are not quite sure of the protocol around here, and you feel like your input might not be appreciated, just try dipping your toes in the water. I for one wished I had done that instead of jumping in head first into the waters of social media, never even having been on face book, just learning to text, and completely unfamiliar with reddit. I came up sputtering and lost as I tried to understand red pill concepts and acronyms, and figure out the ropes of pushing the right buttons to upvote, quote, and you name it. What made matters worse was I was just hitting my stride when I got banned. I had stumbled into a blue pill brigade (still not sure what that means exactly) and my comments, unbeknownst to me were stoking the fires. I was pretty upset about being banned because I was really starting to understand and appreciate the discussions and advice I was reading, so I emailed the moderators with a rebuttal. Long story short, I was not only welcomed back, the mods went out their way to help me navigate these unfamiliar waters. I have definitely used up my "message the mods" quota, and I am ashamed to admit that the last time I emailed them was a ridiculous and paranoid impulse on my part. Instead of trusting my own good judgment in making a comment, I let the hamster loose and suddenly I was just certain that I had opened myself up to ridicule. I was still afraid of the Blue Pill response, or the TRP response, or the MRP response, because let's face it no one wants to be ridiculed. I have finally come to peace with the fact that our mods know what the hell they are doing, that the tone of this sub will continue to be positive, that its members will continue to be honest, and that it is for all women. I am grateful to be here because I lack regular female companionship in my life. I feel I have a lot to offer this sub as well as a lot learn from it. Thank you to the mods of this sub for their patience, their hard work and their commitment in using their life experiences to help other women. To those who are intrigued, please consider taking the step to comment. I have found that older wiser advice is welcomed here.

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Comments

BeautifulSpaceCadet • 8 points • 22 April, 2016 09:53 PM **[recovered]**

I cannot speak for everyone but I can enthusiastically say that I have found you to be a joy in the sub, and your unique perspective to be a wonderful voice. All your contributions are thoughtful, and I think we all have some sympathy and patience to offer on the challenges posed being a user unfamiliar with social media.

You've been a fantastic presence and I sincerely do appreciate your wisdom. 35 years of marriage is no joke!

I'm so happy you are feeling more comfortable, and am hoping we can see more original content from you -- perhaps even some guides on unique situations that would not be experienced by some of us youngsters!

Thank you for sharing and I'm excited for what's to come (:

[deleted] • 8 points • 22 April, 2016 09:23 PM

Thank you for posting this. I feel like I want women who have been in relationships 10+ years to comment. I need to learn your ways!!! My longest relationships were 4 years a piece (allllll really bad and some overlap and shitty behaviors on my part). So I want to know what long term healthy relationships look like. What about the seven year itch? Is that a thing? What about when it's time to retire? That's a shift in dynamic right? I wish more older women would do field reports about things like that so thank you for posting this!!

StingrayVC • 5 points • 22 April, 2016 09:48 PM

Put those questions up in the Simple Questions posts or make separate posts. It's hard to know what people want to know sometimes.

Regarding the 7 year itch. Nah. Never experienced it. The other stuff like retirement, I can't say. My husband isn't even close yet, but I think it will be awesome! These things are what you make of them.

[deleted] • 6 points • 22 April, 2016 09:56 PM

Oh I definitely will put them. :D

[deleted] • 5 points • 23 April, 2016 02:16 AM

So true! Any midlife crises or whatnot that crop up commonly, what the wife did right or wrong, what worked for certain couples etc us younger ladies would like your knowledge!!! Don't be afraid it's not strictly "red pill" just tell us what didn't work then or what you did wrong. Then we'll know not to start there. :-)

stevierose345 • 3 points • 25 April, 2016 12:46 AM **[recovered]**

Wanted you to know that I bought a damn apron and lost a pair of earrings. As a friend of my often said: I am a work in progress. Thank you for your comments.

[deleted] • 2 points • 25 April, 2016 12:53 AM

We are all a work in progress! I love that saying.

Dalaim0mma • 11 points • 23 April, 2016 12:30 AM **[recovered]**

Ok, I'll bite!

I'm 32 married mom of three. Been together with my husband for 11 years. All I ever heard about red pill was the guys subreddit, and tbh it seemed abnoxious. That said, I do appreciate the "old fashioned" gender roles, and

what ive seen of modern feminism makes me roll my eyes.

So I'll ask: what is the goal of redpillwives? I read the sidebar and I'm still lost. The acronyms are all foreign, and I'm not sure I know what redpill even means, exactly. Is it about supporting our redpill husbands, or being redpill ourselves?

Edit: full disclosure, I recently read Think Like A Man, Act like a lady, and it dawned on me that I'm not good at letting my husband "be the man." If this sub is about that (which I think it is?), then I think I'll fit right in. After I reread everything in the wiki, that is.

[deleted] • 7 points • 23 April, 2016 02:14 AM

Letting men be men and assume the natural leadership role in our relationship and our family. Being aware of the negative aspects of our femininity and downplaying those as well as developing the positive aspects of our femininity. I feel like that's a condensed definition of the red pill wives.

TempestTcup • 7 points • 23 April, 2016 12:29 PM **[recovered]**

I'm a couple of years younger than you and with my husband for a few less years, and had never even heard of reddit when I was asked to moderate the old sub almost three years ago. OMG I made so many mistakes! I didn't even know there was such a thing as a troll, and had no idea that there was a sub out there made purely to mock and ridicule us. Pretty much our first 20 or so posts were from TBP with users making up crazy stories so that they could post them to their sub and laugh at us, LOL!

I didn't even know that I was capable of banning or anything. I took those posts as real posts, I answered earnestly, I poured my heart out onto the screen, only to later see my words twisted beyond recognition. It was heartbreaking at the time, but looking back now I do find it pretty funny :)

Everyone has to start somewhere, and there will be stumbling blocks along the way. In fact, throughout the years, some of our best RPW have been women we previously banned! It was like a lightbulb lit when they were banned, they thought about what they were saying, reread their posts and our answers, and they came back strong, like a phoenix from the ashes!

I think older more experienced voices are needed here because so many of the women are much younger and struggling for answers. There is so much to be learned from those who have been there and done that instead of having only purely theoretical knowledge. You can read about things and imagine how things will go, but until you have actually been in those shoes and walked around, you don't really know how things will work out.

I'm not sure if you've been to our IRC (I think you might have), but if you ever want to chat, it's a lot of fun. A word of warning though, it is very addicting, and you will lose hours of time, so just come in when you have a lot of spare time :)

smallpeach • 3 points • 28 April, 2016 05:10 AM

Your replies are always so helpful!

Out of curiosity, was there another forum before RPW migrated to reddit?

TempestTcup • 5 points • 28 April, 2016 09:51 AM **[recovered]**

I don't believe that there was a forum for women before reddit, but a lot of the women bloggers did email each other and we commented on each other's blogs. There used to be a lot of women in the manosphere a few years ago.

smallpeach • 2 points • 28 April, 2016 03:48 PM

Oh, got it. Thanks!

stevierose345 • 2 points • 24 April, 2016 11:37 PM [recovered]

I can't even imagine trying to moderate this sub, much less face what you did starting out. It speaks volumes about your work ethic that you stuck it out. Thank you for making me feel better about over reacting. I just cannot comprehend the fact that some people have nothing better to do than sit around and tear down other women and men. I did try the IRC. Twenty minutes in I thought my head would explode. I could not begin to keep up. Thank you for the invitation. I may pop in on occasion and just listen.

StingrayVC • 7 points • 22 April, 2016 09:19 PM

Excellent.

[deleted] • 8 points • 23 April, 2016 04:03 PM

i am /u/_wingnut_ and as most of you know I am 46. ive been with my husband for 13 years. I think the presence of older, experienced married women on this sub is what truly sets us apart. not only do we have personal experience, but one thing young people often dont realize is that as you age you gain the insight of the experience of youre entire generation. young people are all beginnings, older people have seen endings, heard the 100s of divorce tales of their generation and friends. this is where you draw the patterns of marriage and human behavior from. weve seen all the stories play out, theres nothing new under sun

eliza_schuyler • 4 points • 23 April, 2016 04:15 AM [recovered]

Thank you for your post /u/stevierose345!

I would love to hear more of your advice. It would be lovely if you could share some of your experiences of your marriage in a "Field Report" style post one day. I really appreciate you sharing your knowledge- it's awesome to hear from people further down the journey of traditional relationships and marriage. Keep posting, please! <3

stevierose345 • 2 points • 24 April, 2016 11:40 PM [recovered]

Thank you for your nice comment. I do intend to write a couple of posts in the near future. I have also enjoyed your input here.

fhigurethisout • 3 points • 25 April, 2016 03:48 AM [recovered]

I am grateful to be here because I lack regular female companionship in my life.

This.

I have some female friends but the majority of women are NOTHING like the women around here. I am very grateful for this sub.

I also have to point out that the younger women around here (including myself) are VERY grateful for the presence of women who have been married or in LTRs for a long time. We have so much to learn from you.

I'm so happy you're here with us :) Thank you!

littleteafox • 2 points • 25 April, 2016 07:02 PM

Yes, this exactly! I'm glad you're here too stevie:)