

The kidnapping of 186 teenage boys in Syria on 30 May has gone largely unreported in the wider world, a curious omission given the outcry over the teenage girls in Nigeria.

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When it's girls, the news reports "missing girls!"

When it's boys, the news reports "missing students!"

LOL

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Same thing with minorities. Whenever you hear about "youths rioting" you know it's minorities.

Mikesapien • 35 points • 11 July, 2014 03:41 PM

And "urban" is a poorly-disguised synonym for black and latino.

Luke666808g • 5 points • 12 July, 2014 03:40 AM

you mean euphemism.

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london riots?

through_a_ways • 2 points • 12 July, 2014 08:54 AM

And when you hear "minorities", you know it's black and Hispanic people.

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In the US, yes. But I'm european so that actually doesn't quite apply here.

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Depends on the country.

France: Black people

Britain: Black people and pakis/indians

Germany: Arabs

Sweden: Arabs and blacks

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Not only turkish, but predominantlly, that's right.

Swedens full of Arabs, check this out:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malmö#Demographics>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S%C3%B6dert%C3%A4lje#Demographics>

Södertälje and Malmö are by far the worst cities when it comes to Sweden.

Little video about Malmö: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzLECtFT4aU>

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Something unclear in my explanation?

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[deleted] • 6 points • 11 July, 2014 06:11 PM

I hadn't downvoted the other post, but I will downvote this one.

HydrogenxPi • 4 points • 11 July, 2014 01:53 PM

<http://youtu.be/6ZAuqkqk9A>

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Male psyche is probably screaming I want to have sex with those girls. But nobody will ever admit that.

[deleted] • 160 points • 11 July, 2014 12:18 PM

Men are disposable. You have to get to terms with this.

Cold_and_Composed • 75 points • 11 July, 2014 12:36 PM

Men are intrinsically disposable. You have to ultimately create value in yourself and create value around yourself to remove that disposability. Females by default have this value in our society and white females even more so. Read more here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missing_white_woman_syndrome

We_Are_Legion • 78 points • 11 July, 2014 12:57 PM*

Call me crazy, but on the whole, I say western white women are the most privileged group of people on earth.

Sure, many upper class men have slightly better opportunities to avenues of power, but those are a minute subset. The rest even face stigma on their behalf. The benefits of being a white woman though... they're pervasive and most are automatically conferred just for being a member.

Now I'm not American or European so I've never personally encountered women peddling the concept of privilege. But I wonder if their own ever got brought up or called out. When I traveled to Canada and the UK, I heard vaguely about that debate and group divides... I understood the idea... but if you really think about it, *they* are the top of the racial ladder. The epitome of automatic birth privilege.

rebuildingMyself • 54 points • 11 July, 2014 01:31 PM

Maybe that's why upper middle class white women project so much shit about white male privilege.

M_rafay • 14 points • 11 July, 2014 01:59 PM*

Hmm... very interesting to think about... could it be a form of unintentional power talk?

It wouldn't be very comfortable to admit their own privilege. So they just don't mention it and imply they're victims. Perhaps they see it as better to point at another party. It'd fulfill the three main distinguishing features of power talk at least.

It is used to get something for oneself, rather than to convey information.

It can be truth or lies, according to the needs of the speaker.

It is plausibly deniable.

The Clueless(white knights and other women) absolutely follow the rhetoric and don't lead the movement feminism into attacking its own engine(white women free enough to complain) or call out their self-serving bullshit.

EDIT: Either that or I'm misinterpreting power-talk and you should ignore this attempt.

PaulRivers10 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 09:09 PM

Personally, I think this is a great post and spot on. Wonder if you should make a front page post about it.

Ideas like privilege emotionally **resonate** with women, and there's a reason - it's because they're surrounded by other women. And in a nebulous social system where privilege isn't really based on something concrete, what's the only way to get those women to stop? Convincing the women with privilege to "check their privilege".

M_rafay • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 10:46 PM

I invite you to write on it actually. I'm very uninformed myself. Besides, power-talk posts almost always welcomed by mods and ECs.

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It's projection. Five more gay words.

[deleted] • 10 points • 11 July, 2014 02:03 PM

Anyone with any semblance of knowledge knows that western white women are the most 'privileged' group on earth, in spades. It's not new and you're not crazy.

autowikibot • 18 points • 11 July, 2014 12:36 PM

Missing white woman syndrome:

Missing white woman syndrome (MWWS) is a phrase used by social scientists to describe the extensive media coverage, especially in television, of missing person cases that involve young, white, upper-middle class women or girls. Sociologists define the media phenomenon as the undue focus on upper-middle class white women who disappear, with the disproportionate degree of coverage they receive being compared to cases concerning missing women of other ethnicities and social classes, or with missing males of all social classes and ethnicities. The PBS news anchor Gwen Ifill is said to be the originator of the phrase.

rp-oldgame • 20 points • 11 July, 2014 12:55 PM

Leave it to Patrice O'neal to have this covered in one of his comedy routines...

http://youtu.be/eIM1gU_T2RQ

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My favorite scene from Scary Movie 3..."fifty black people get their ass shot by police today but the whole world gotta stop for one little whitie down the hole"

CyberFi • 3 points • 12 July, 2014 09:03 AM

Law 11 Learn to Keep People Dependent on You

To maintain your independence you must always be needed and wanted. The more you are relied on, the more freedom you have. Make people depend on you for their happiness and prosperity and you have nothing to fear. Never teach them enough so that they can do without you.

~Robert Greene, 48 Laws of power.

Truthfully however, in modern society creating a sense of dependence on the masses isn't exactly straightforward.

FagDamager • 17 points • 11 July, 2014 03:03 PM

I need feminism because I want to be rescued when I'm kidnapped

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I'm glad someone else beat me to this.

Transapien • 2 points • 12 July, 2014 06:08 AM*

Useful men are intrinsically not disposable even if they are disposed of.

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skoobled • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 05:07 PM

Very nice summary of the evolutionary reason for this

vandaalen • 49 points • 11 July, 2014 01:57 PM

There are legions of boys abducted every year and forced to fight as boy soldiers in Africa and nobody gives a shit in the West but instead fuels the various conflicts with weapons and money to exploit the resources.

It wasn't about the fate of the girls in the first place as well. The main export of Nigeria consists of oil and since

peak oil is nearing, or has already been passed in various countries, the West is in desperate need of new strawmen to justify any upcoming interventions in oil exporting countries.

Girls are just suited better for this kind of propaganda marketing since they are the most innocent and pure beings any liberal western dipshit can imagine.

It's also more powerful to speculate about them being sold as sex slaves. Not ordinary slaves, but sex slaves. The public is brainwashed so much that they think being forced to have sex is so much worse, than being forced to fight and eventually get wounded or even die. The inflicted traumata when participating and witnessing battles or even war crimes let aside.

Mikesapien • 13 points • 11 July, 2014 03:42 PM

Exploitation of Africa is not unique to "the West."

China is just as guilty as North America in that regard.

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vandaalen • 0 points • 11 July, 2014 06:50 PM

Well. I believe we could argue for hours over the reasons why the situation in Africa (or the Middle East, or Asia, or...) is the way it is. In the end one might end up with the times of the colonies and what happened when they came to an end.

Nonetheless it's a fact that the African people have been exploited for a very long time by both their leaders and our hemisphere and there is no end in sight.

Admittedly I don't know how this could be solved though.

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vandaalen • 4 points • 11 July, 2014 06:57 PM

I always considered this to be the best solution for the Near and Middle East as well.

through_a_ways • 2 points • 12 July, 2014 08:56 AM

I think they're taking care of that for us

mothcock • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 07:05 PM

Middle-east ? Do you realise that the turks have occupied arab countries for centuries before the West liberated them (WWI) and created the actual borders ?

vandaalen • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 07:36 PM

liberated

Not sure if serious.

For the rest:

I'm German. Be assured that everything related to the World Wars gets hammered into our heads, at least from the point when we enter high school, to such an extend that it would be sufficient for a Master Degree in other countries...

By the way: I believe we are on the same side here but you didn't quite understand my post (or

vice versa). Just to clear things up: I'm pretty sure that drawing borders with a ruler without regarding ethnical and cultural differences of the popultaion is one of the main reasons why there a so many local conflicts going on.

I might be called out for wearing a tin foil hat, but I'm pretty sure this was done on purpose. At least this is exploited today to fuel hate and make the people turn on each other and cause chaos. Divide et impere.

This was also always good to fill the pockets of certain people and keep the economy rolling. War is a good solution if you want the system to persist. First you sell them the weapons (each participating faction) and then you send your companies to build up everything that has been destroyed, making sure that aid money will come back to your country, where it originated.

mothcock • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 07:54 PM

The arabs rebeled against the turks during WW1, alongside the "allies". There were no countries before, the conflicts were inevitable. Its pretty much the fault of the turks.

vandaalen • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 06:43 PM*

I'm well aware of that. Also Russia. But since the propaganda aims for the West and not China I omitted them.

Edit: I've also not heard of any Chinese efforts to export "freedom" and "democracy" to other nations via B-52s for a long time.

jolly--roger • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 09:17 PM

You are also well aware of that Chinese wouldn't use that rhetoric (since they cover behind the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence) and yeah, they have no equivalent of B-52s. Other than that, let's see them flexing their navy muscles in South China See.

vandaalen • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 09:42 PM

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Flexing your muscles and actually hitting somebody are different things in my world.

No need to argue though. I don't have any illusions about this. If China or Russia had the influence and power the US has at the moment the roles would just be reversed and it would be the same shit on different day.

PaulRivers10 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 08:59 PM

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Right, and this is what the case usually is when feminism claims that "women were historically oppressed!" - they're usually leaving out the side that men had it just as bad if not worse in that same situation. Everyone got screwed over.

vandaalen • 6 points • 11 July, 2014 09:25 PM

In wartimes I'd prefere being woman. The chance to survive is much bigger. You might end up being

abducted or raped or whatever, but at least you will still have your life left. Boys and men in any condition and age making them able to fight will usually be the first ones who are killed by the opponent when a strip of land is conquered.

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Wasn't this what kony 2012 was about?

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SirNemesis • 2 points • 12 July, 2014 02:17 AM

To be fair, the sex slaves thing is largely due to the Boko Haram leader actually saying as much in his video.

HumanSockPuppet • 12 points • 11 July, 2014 06:18 PM

To any of you guys (particularly newbies to TRP) who might be thinking that this is unfair: you're actually better off.

Your baseline SMV is low by virtue of your sex alone, that much is true. But you can also increase your SMV by working out and working smart. Get in shape and earn a steady stream of generous income, and your SMV will get high (and stay high) for decades.

Alternatively, a woman's baseline SMV is high by virtue of her sex, but it is also fixed, and it depreciates with time. Hot young girls are interchangeable, and ALL of them become mediocre cougars in the end. They have less control over their lives and their value.

Embrace this fact, and work hard to keep your value high. **It's your privilege.**

just_pizza • 6 points • 11 July, 2014 06:49 PM

There's no point. Those girls aren't coming back, they'll be sex slaves until they die. The boys are probably already dead. It's a war zone.

secaa23 • 4 points • 11 July, 2014 07:47 PM

In a "Feminist" world, men and boys are secondary - if not immaterial now.

Moresolater • 30 points • 11 July, 2014 01:09 PM

This is MR... Not redpill. Let's aim to keep this subreddit targeted towards the sexual strategy and positive masculinity component of redpill not towards the "look at this unfair double standard in the media" component

PaulRivers10 • 7 points • 11 July, 2014 09:15 PM

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Yeah...it's one thing to say "this is why this feminist article that showed up all over my facebook feed is bullshit" - that's closer to trp, pointing out bullshit.

But I feel like posts just describing that things are sexist against men don't quite belong here. You certainly see a lot fewer posts on sexual strategy now than you used to.

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dreckmal • 7 points • 11 July, 2014 03:21 PM

I would imagine it is recent converts who:

- a) Lack a place to discuss men's rights issues and think this is the place to do so (it isn't, and should not be).
- b) Feel there is some connection with bettering yourself and bettering society (there may be, but it is tenuous at best).

It happens in every single sub. Seriously, I was beyond horrified to find that /r/TrueRedPill is actually a sub. Enough unlike minded people join the pool, and the meaning begins to warp.

DavidTIntellectual • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 02:04 PM

There's an MRA flair, though.

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martianmarvin • 13 points • 11 July, 2014 02:15 PM

Same country, same organization, different sex of victims:

<http://www.mediaite.com/online/why-did-kidnapping-girls-but-not-burning-boys-alive-wake-media-up-to-bo-ko-haram/>

On February 25, between 40 and 59 children were killed by the fundamentalist militant group. Early that morning, Boko Haram terrorists attacked a boarding school and shot many of children, aged 11 to 18, while they slept. Some of the students were gunned down as they attempted to flee. Others had their throats slit. In some buildings, Boko Haram militants locked the doors and set the building alight. The occupants were burned alive.

All of the victims were boys. Reports indicated that the young girls the militants encountered were spared. According to the BBC, the militants told the girls to flee, get married, and shun the western education to which they were privy.

Beyond wire reports and a handful of segments on globally-focused outlets like NPR, this atrocity went unremarked upon in the popular news media.

We_Are_Legion • 5 points • 11 July, 2014 02:23 PM*

Balanced, informed comment. Good. But the issue this story highlights is still prevalent. Before the kidnappings by Boko Haram, you had outright massacres (and kidnappings) of many times more boys in Nigeria by the same group, yet it didn't seem to *trigger* the public in the same way.

Similarly, child soldiery and abduction of boys wholesale does still happen in Africa (some people put a numbers estimate at 200,000). The incidents of kidnapping aren't rare, but no reaction. The simple trend that RP is pointing out here is the difference in community reactions to the same types of events in similar conditions with just... slight changes in variables.

While you're right, the state of Syria has played a role in the lack of news, to claim nobody knew is silly. This was reported. The lack of reporting was also reported. Nothing happened.

These are also schoolboys, just like the Nigerian girls, abducted during their education to be indoctrinated. They are being brutally tortured, imprisoned, threatened with death and forcibly being turned into weapons.

Many of them who don't/can't pick up guns probably will be marching into civilian areas with bombs on their chests pretty soon.

It doesn't carry the same impact as female kidnapping or female prostitution for public outrage, but its interesting to note that it doesn't.

The simple point RP is making is, some groups are more disposable than others. And males automatically top that list.

But you're right, discussion of the war itself and events in detail should stay in /r/syriancivilwar.

Godwins_Law_Bot • 8 points • 11 July, 2014 02:04 PM

Hello, I am Godwin's law bot!

I'm calculating how long on average it takes for hitler to be mentioned.

Seconds Hours

This post 7783.0 2

Average over 3947 posts 193908 53

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ISIS isn't fucking around with the Kurds right now. They have a huge standoff/truce in which both sides are taking up (USA provided!) weaponry and equipment abandoned by the Iraqi army. They're violent but they're not crazy.

facetothedawn[] • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 02:55 PM

What's the hashtag for the missing girls? Let's start up one for these boys - it's really that simple (to start).

We need to bring light to these things together to get the attention we deserve

jjshinobi • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 03:15 PM

Even if you had the perfect reasons to really care for uneducated disposable men, people still would not care. This is already known and it's borderline Men Rights. In fact, a list of commonly reported injustifications like the media's double standards and the disposability of men should be in the sidebar.

facetothedawn[] • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 03:18 PM

Yes and No

While I see your point WE in fact are people. WE can start a hashtag and encourage others to follow it. If we push hard enough, people will listen. I know this sub is controversial to some, but I think all people can agree a large scale kidnapping is wrong and should be addressed.

Let's bring it to light

jjshinobi • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 03:29 PM

I agree, however with the exception that only 4chan can do this with its humor. Definitely not on a serious note.

facetothedawn[] • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 04:13 PM

Well I don't see why this can't be done seriously.

Overkillengine • 0 points • 12 July, 2014 07:47 AM

go to /r/MRA if you want to do that. This is not an activism sub.

biffsocko • 4 points • 11 July, 2014 02:41 PM

Why is this on TRP? This is more of a mensrights post.

dreckmal • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 03:16 PM

Haven't you noticed the upswing of MRA posts here?

I would bet real money that someone will try to explain to you that you need to be reminded of your disposability, as it will help you maintain frame.

Which is fucking hilarious, because any man who comes here already firmly grasps the concept of his own disposability.

biffsocko • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 03:35 PM

we have to stay on point in TRP and call out the MRA posts when we see them. New members may be confusing us with the MRA.

phillip42069 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 07:01 PM

i dont see michelle obama starting a hashtag campaign for them....

[deleted] • 4 points • 11 July, 2014 02:31 PM

Also interesting: capture a bunch of boys/ men and they'll come up with a cunning plan to escape.

Capture a bunch of girls and they'll slip in to 'defenceless woman' mode.

AlsdousHuxley • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 07:17 PM

That is absolutely ridiculous, think of all the boys who didnt escape.

These just happen to be resourceful boys - dont put a misogynistic slant on everything

[deleted] • 4 points • 12 July, 2014 03:48 AM

Why is this stuff on the red pill?

I always hear how this isnt about men vs. women but more about self-confidence blah blah, but these kinds of articles always pop up about women somehow getting preferential treatment by the media or otherwise.

SirNemesis • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 02:18 AM

Ah yes ISIS. Freedom fighters in Syria, terrorists in Iraq. At least according to the U.S. government.

gustavsmg • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 02:57 AM

regardless the girls in nigeria shouldn't be treated as any different than the thousands it happens to on a daily basis. i mean whatever works to help bring them home even if it is somethin like the news because i think human trafficking is ungodly horrendous.... i totally get the point of this but regardless i was actually thinking that it was stupid all my friends on facebook were posting how crazy it was that those girls were taken and arguing about it when children all over get taken either single or in groups every. single. day. it's just naive to think they're special somehow cause the news reported it. makes no sense how anyone could possibly think that any single

reported incident is a rarity

Overkillengine • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 07:51 AM

The problem is when people post crap like this without bothering to at least make the effort of expounding on the whole male disposability thing as explanation/intro to discussion, which leaves the assumption/impression they are just doing it to troll for outrage karma and activism...which is fine in an appropriate sub for it. Just not this one.

CheezStik • -6 points • 11 July, 2014 03:25 PM

Maybe because Syria is in the middle of a civil war. Atrocities are happening there every day.

But no you're right, it's the feminist agenda at work.

[deleted] • -9 points • 11 July, 2014 03:15 PM

An omission? Lol wow this sub really has gone to shit. This was posted on the GUARDIAN's website. Pretty sure they're mainstream news and it isn't being hidden by the feminists. Your title is sensationalism and bringing this article here thinking it's relevant is just watering down the content. Stop.

[deleted] • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 03:28 PM

Know how I know you didn't read the article?

joaquim56 • -2 points • 11 July, 2014 06:27 PM*

I still think this stuff is TRP relevant, not about the outrage of it, but to reaffirm that unless you bring anything to table as a man, you're invisible to society. That's relevant in escaping victim mentality.