

# On confidence vs asshole and on nice guys.

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I posted this as a reply in [this thread](#) but I wanted to expand on this a bit.

## On Nice Guys

A common trope I continuously hear is that nice guys aren't really nice, or that they pretend to be nice to score. Or that their niceness is contrived. This attempts to reframe the argument that nice-guys aren't really nice therefore rejecting them is rational, female egos be preserved.

Niceness need not be contrived to fail. I was a genuinely nice guy, I just did stuff for everybody that asked. I figured, people like nice. I like to be liked. Therefore I'll be nice.

And I let people take advantage of me. But this wasn't contrived niceness. It was naivety. I was taught from an early age, share, be nice, respect people and they'll respect you. What really happened was nobody respected me and everybody took advantage of me.

And I think that's why I dislike the recent reframe of the nice-guy problem. They're not typically disingenuous. They're simply misinformed. They can be as genuinely nice as anybody can be.

## On Confidence/Assholes

I keep seeing here on the red pill this common trope. **"You don't have to be an asshole, just confident..."**

So the argument is that you don't have to be an asshole to be confident. I disagree. Part of having good game (for men) is conveying (not explicitly) that you have options. The only way to do that is to send signals that you have options. These signals must act counter to what would be expected from somebody following the "rules" of our society. In other words, in order to convey value implicitly, I must appear to be unintentionally breaking societal rules. To do this, I must make offenses, albeit small enough ones to maintain attraction.

Some examples:

- You text me, sometimes I don't text back.
- I cancel dates 1/3 of the time.
- I make plans with multiple people and only go to the one that I'm most interested in that day.
- I won't buy you a birthday gift.
- I won't buy you drinks.
- You'll try to get me to open up, and I'm not going to.

These are all not just confidence traits, but decidedly anti-social traits that we learn from youth are what "assholes" do.

And it drives women wild.

Enlightened women mention they like the combo of asshole and gentleman. I agree that's the most attractive way to go about life for a man. But don't forget, to be both, you have to be an asshole at least some of the time.

It's not enough to be confident. You must convey your value by showing you have options, and you cannot do so explicitly.



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## Comments

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VZPurp • 35 points • 12 April, 2013 04:34 PM

I don't really have much to add at the moment since I'm on the run, but you're spot on. It's astounding that "nice guy" has become a pejorative. I clearly think "nice guys" are the way they are because of how society raises most boys (completely feminized).

You end up with the brunt of guys being nice, and I think genuinely. No real sinister deception. Just a flawed strategy that sees like it's a good thing.

Instead they ought to have those confident asshole attributes and pursue women aggressively. Don't be afraid to get rejected Be a man, let those thoughts from your dick and testes surging with testosterone be your guide. You don't want to be nice to her, YOU WANT TO FUCK HER. So quit messing around. Act like a man. Be a man. Make a move.

Anyone shaming nice guys, especially women and feminists, really miss the mark because they engender the environment for nice guy creation, and continue to feed them bullshit about being yourself and finding the right girl, while that said girl gets plowed by some other guy. Let's be real. Women are talking, but nothing worth listening is coming out.

So the icing on the cake is now they're shaming all the nice guys. Way to make heads spin.

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slfnflctd • 6 points • 12 April, 2013 05:57 PM

Stop giving until you have the capacity to give.

Bingo. There's a lot of substance to that statement.

favours\_of\_the\_moon • 6 points • 12 April, 2013 08:50 PM

Very true. You have to be in a place of abundance before you can give to others.

My view is that, you can be nice. Very nice. Even gentlemanly. BUT, then you do other things to show that you are not doing so because you are a pussy. It's not coming from a place of desperation.

So hold the door. Pay for dinner. Be cool. But let them know you're not a pushover. Just my own personal style I guess.

"A gentleman is someone who never insults another person, unintentionally."

IntrovertSuccess • 2 points • 12 April, 2013 08:54 PM

What are the things that you do that show you aren't coming from a needy place?

I can hardly afford to be nice in any way since I get punished for it.

favours\_of\_the\_moon • 6 points • 13 April, 2013 01:35 AM

You can be courteous, without being a pushover.

Don't take any of her shit. Stand your ground. Be a little cocky. Taunt her a little bit. Challenge her. Disagree with her on a topic. lol

IntrovertSuccess • 1 point • 13 April, 2013 02:50 PM

Yeah... I guess I'm already like that.

favours\_of\_the\_moon • 1 point • 13 April, 2013 08:23 PM

Make her suck your dick.

favours\_of\_the\_moon • 2 points • 13 April, 2013 01:39 AM

On occasion, you might even go so far as to disobey her.

Are\_You\_A\_Real\_Man • 8 points • 12 April, 2013 10:17 PM

These days, when a woman calls me an asshole, I know that I'm working my game correctly.

Ethan47 • 2 points • 13 April, 2013 01:27 PM

how do you respond? I just smile and say "yes". Or "I warned you".

[deleted] • 8 points • 12 April, 2013 10:51 PM

I don't see anything on that list as 'asshole'-ish. Is that what it's come to? Any chick that expects that much attentiveness is an entitled princess.

I consider being an 'asshole' like cussing her out for no reason, slapping dinner off the table, or dropping her off in a bad neighborhood. The former warrant being a genuine 'asshole'.

[deleted] • 4 points • 13 April, 2013 01:36 AM

Any chick that expects that much attentiveness is an entitled princess.

It seems they are more common than you think.

[deleted] • 4 points • 13 April, 2013 06:07 AM

I know that's the majority even, but just because something is commonplace doesn't mean standards and definitions should be redefined. It just doesn't warrant the "asshole" title to me.

Ethan47 • 7 points • 12 April, 2013 05:17 PM

I like this. Tips like this are something I need to re-visit to make sure I don't slip back into beta-patterns. Other things I try to do. Be the first to break away during making out. Have a plan for the night and make the decisions about what is happening when. If she doesn't want sex, I pull away and start doing something productive (email, studying). Call them on bullshit/shit tests.

Anyone else? Things i'm bad at - canceling. I'm sure I need work in other areas as well.

theubercuber • 2 points • 12 April, 2013 08:28 PM

Me too. I think as RPS does it would make it easier.

Schedule multiple dates then cancel all but your favourite.

As soon as I can get two dates at the same time I'm definitely trying this out.

thecajunone • 5 points • 12 April, 2013 05:45 PM

Really glad you posted this. I've been thinking about it a lot. A little bit of ass hole goes a long way. Seriously, women *eat that shit up* and will stay with a man who treats them like shit over a guy who may even be confident

but nice. Why? Are all women masochists?.

redpillschool[S] • 17 points • 12 April, 2013 05:47 PM

It signals an abundance mentality. If I can afford to be an asshole, then I don't really care if she stays or goes. If that's my mentality, I must have options. If I have options, other girls must want me. If other girls want me, I must have something women want. Circular reasoning? Sure. Doesn't matter, preselection works.

fokm • 4 points • 12 April, 2013 08:02 PM

This is one of the best posts I've read here in a while. Awesome knowledge.

Doesn't part of you think it sucks that you just can't be "nice" and have it work out? By "nice" I guess I mean "genuine".

thecajunone • 2 points • 12 April, 2013 05:50 PM

Oh no doubt, I agree with all that and understand it but sometimes I wonder if there is more to it than that.

favours\_of\_the\_moon • 4 points • 12 April, 2013 07:45 PM

I always offer to pay or to buy drinks. But I'm still an asshole in my own way. LOL.

I just think there is a place for gallantry. The Art of Courtly Love by Andreas Capellanus.

Hold the door, offer to drive, be complimentary. But you can STILL hit that emotional button!

Wherewasyou3 points 12 April, 2013 09:23 PM **[recovered]**

Hi all, first time poster here. Just found this sub-reddit and it's fascinating! Can't wait to dive in more!

I don't understand why you have to cancel 1/3 of your dates. Why not just say "I'm busy that night. I'm seeing a friend."? That shows you have options and you don't need to stand up a woman... and you seem mysterious.

WHO is your friend?!

Why make plans with multiple people and then only choose one? Why not just say "I'm not really interested" to anyone you don't want to go out with?

I'm just curious. Why be anti-social?

The only problem I've ever had with women is that once they realize that I'm nice and not interested in playing games, they want to CLAIM me hard (usually with sex).

redpillschool[S] • 6 points • 12 April, 2013 10:25 PM

Because you can't just have a busy life. You have to convey that you're so busy you don't even notice you've double booked. It's nothing to you.

Do you think a rich person bends over to pick up a dime he dropped?

ImNickJames1 points 15 April, 2013 07:48 AM **[recovered]**

This just feels counterintuitive when it becomes forced. If you actually are that busy - great. But if you're just keeping up the appearance of having an active life to try and 'game' a girl, then you're missing the forest for the trees.

redpillschool[S] • 3 points • 15 April, 2013 01:08 PM

Well ultimately, I'd hope scheduling multiple dates and picking your favorite would mean you are actually busy.

But you know what they say, gotta fake it till you make it. Preselection can work for you if you got it, and against if you if you don't.

ImNickJames0 points 15 April, 2013 05:30 PM [\[recovered\]](#)

I think I misunderstood a lot of this post late last night - I was assuming you were suggesting guys to manipulate and lie about having too much to do just to seem busy. If you actually are that busy that's another thing, and that was a bad assumption to make on my part.

I never really believed in the 'fake it til you make it mentality.' Instead I'd say just focus on 'making it' and being authentic to yourself and the women in your life.

redpillschool[S] • 3 points • 15 April, 2013 05:35 PM

Ask yourself this: How do you make it if the requirement for making it is having already made it?

If you appear as though you're not already successful with women, women sniff it out and will lose interest because of it.

Alekazam • 3 points • 12 April, 2013 10:27 PM

Good post. I agree with pretty much everything you say, although the examples you mention I wouldn't consider being an 'asshole'. For me being an asshole is deliberately doing something malicious. You can be 'nice' without taking any shit.

RedHonest • 3 points • 13 April, 2013 05:01 PM

My take: If you're a nice guy, then being an asshole will be perceived as confidence.

The thing about being a nice guy, is that it's going to be *really hard* to change your personality. There's no way around it, you're going to have to experiment with being an asshole. Just make sure you understand the difference between being a caring versus an uncaring asshole. Basically, alpha assholery doesn't actually have an agenda, other than boredom or some sort of dominance play. Beta assholery, on the other hand, is trying to get back at someone, bitching out. Alpha is active; beta is reactive.

As a reformed nice guy myself, I learned *how far you can take it* with women. I spent my teenage years transforming myself into the feminist ideal, and treated women with respect and equality, only to learn that this is exactly the kind of respect that they find uncomfortable and offputting. Women generally are annoyed by being treated with too high respect.

Let me say it this way: There is comedy and tragedy involved when social morality and the rewards and punishments of *nature* drive in separate directions, and between them is tied you or I or any other chump on this earth. So the trend for men will be like this, the greater a hold that society has on us, the more we will be feminists, chumps, and white knights; and invariably later, and it is only a question of how long later, man will gradually learn by nature to become more instinctive, more natural. I was lucky to learn about the red pill in my late twenties, I would have hated to have woke up in my fifty's.

IntrovertSuccess • 2 points • 12 April, 2013 07:47 PM

This is the one thing I've always struggled with. Like the OP, I've seen with my own eyes that 'just being confident' only gets you so far... a bit of the dark-triad really gets you heading in the right direction.

But it's always been hard for me to take on those behaviours. It's the last piece of my 'game' that I still need to fake by mimicking specific behaviours.

So far I can fake it to an extent by having my mission being my number one focus and by spinning plates. But the little list that the OP wrote about is the kind of thing I use for myself otherwise I'll slip up.

Does anyone else have some similar tips that they've used to good effect? Like I said I'm fairly successful but could do even better if I could harness some dark-triad behaviours.

JamesRyder • 2 points • 14 April, 2013 11:24 AM

There's being needlessly cruel and there's also being needlessly nice. The trick is to find a balance.

ImNickJames • 1 points • 15 April, 2013 07:30 AM **[recovered]**

Sorry, I agree with a lot of redpill but this is pretty bullshit. Yes, it's a tactic that may work but really, doing a lot of that stuff does make you an asshole. I do none of those things and have plenty of high quality women tripping over themselves to be with me.

I'll let you in on a secret - you CAN be both nice and confident. It may be tough when you've been a nice guy all your life and are trying to break those habits, but there is a definite balance to be struck.

I know what I want - from my job, from my hobbies, from my friends, and from that blonde chick sitting at the bar when I walk in. And I convey that as directly as possible. And it often works out favorably. If it doesn't work out, no big deal - on to the next thing.

I can be asshole-ish in my responses to women (and I like your last point: 'you try to get me to open up and im not going to') but the rest of that stuff just makes you a legitimate asshole. You may win the game, but nobody will like playing it with you for long.

redpillschool[S] • 2 points • 15 April, 2013 01:10 PM

Well you do have to calibrate for your local market. If women are throwing themselves at you, you don't have to necessarily play on hard mode.

But realize if girls are throwing themselves at you, you will probably exhibit all the traits listed above.

Which demonstrates preselection.

Which is why I listed the traits above.

ImNickJames • 1 points • 15 April, 2013 05:33 PM **[recovered]**

But I *don't* exhibit a lot of those traits... I'm comfortably busy but not so much so that I'm making multiple dates every night I go out and then canceling on half of them.

But yeah, I guess we're saying the same thing here (preselection is huge), we're just going about it with slightly different philosophies. I will admit, back when I was learning 'game' years ago I was a lot more of an asshole than I am now, and it worked to some extent.

My disagreement is painting asshole behavior as the end goal, when for me it was a stepping stone to the person I've become today.

redpillschool[S] • 2 points • 15 April, 2013 05:46 PM

If you become too accessible, you lose your grip on hypergamy. If women don't think there's still some work to get you 100%, they're on to the next guy. Asshole behavior is a must at all parts of the game. You might not call these behaviors "asshole-ish" but if they aren't sufficient, you lose.

[deleted] • 1 point • 20 April, 2013 11:27 PM

Being an asshole means offending someone. Having healthy borders also means offending someone. It's just a

fact of life. If you assert yourself, you are going to eventually step on some toes and some entitled and irrational people are going to blame and shame you in order to control you. There's also a social price for taking risks. Sometimes those risks don't pan out. That's just facts of life.