

Just no words

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Saw this on another sub, thought it deserved to be in here as well!



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Dad with breast cancer 'rejected from support groups because he's a man'



Harrison Jones Monday 24 Feb 2020 11:03 am



David McCallion desperately wanted support beyond his immediate family (Picture: PA Real Life)

A dad says he felt isolated and lonely after being rejected by Facebook groups because he is male when he got breast cancer.

David McCallion, 55, was diagnosed with the illness shortly before his 30th wedding anniversary and even his own doctor assumed that his wife was the patient when they talked about the diagnosis. Facing a mastectomy, and being left to feel as though 'real men' don't get breast cancer, he turned online to try and get support.

But, he was told that he could not join because he was a man and it would prevent other members from opening up about their own concerns. He said: 'I was made to feel like I was muscling in, but the last thing I wanted to do was jump up and down saying, "Look at me I've got breast cancer too".'

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danyixa • 29 points • 1 March, 2020 12:14 AM

That's just evil. If they were true feminists they would know that men too get breast cancer and would accept his request to join. What are we becoming? How low and uneducated can people be?

askew599 • -26 points • 1 March, 2020 12:53 AM

I think you dont exactly understand what the support group is about.

Womens sexuality is much more defined by their breasts than men's sexuality. When its removed they can feel like they are not a whole woman

Also breastfeeding is taken from them tearing away another peice of their womanhood/child bonding/passage of rights as a women

These are the issues discussed in thoes support groups

I doubt he would benefit from any of those discussions

If you contracted an illness that forced doctors to cut half your dick or balls off and wanted join a support group, would you want that to be an all male support group with other men going through the same thing? or would you be ok about talking about your lack of manhood infront of a group of men and woman?

username2136 • 17 points • 1 March, 2020 12:57 AM

Sure but this dude is just as screwed health-wise as the rest of them so what the hell?

askew599 • -18 points • 1 March, 2020 01:04 AM*

A support group isn't a doctor or medical in nature. He isnt being denied treatment.

its mental and emotional support group where fears and painful realities are discussed like never feeling sexy in a bikini again or not being able to feed you baby. When you are talking about somthing that defines womanhood it makes it easier if it's only women listening as only another woman can empathize specifically with thoes feelings.

I doubt he even wants to have to hear those convos and as a man who has heard bits an peices of thoes convos, I can tell you that it is nothing a man wants to hear or discuss or can even contribute to.

There are many "cancer as a whole" support groups he can join that can help him deal with with the emotional trauma of cancer that would way better suit him and his experience with breast cancer.

username2136 • 5 points • 1 March, 2020 12:33 PM

I know that but he has breast cancer and you'd think that would be the only requirement needed to be a part of the group (that's probably what their description says too) but they just moved the goalpost and said he can't because he is a man.

Gnometard • 7 points • 1 March, 2020 04:09 PM

But feminists have told me boobs aren't sexual

Elliot385 • 1 point • 3 March, 2020 12:05 PM

You're so fucking retarded. Men have breasts too, they might not look the same as women, but they still do and can get the same type of cancer. It's not the same with dicks because women don't

PHYSICALLY HAVE DICKS.

And also, this man feels pretty shit having just gotten cancer and not being able to get help and talking with others just because he has a dick is fucking horrendous. The man probably feels like he's lost some manhood because a got a disease almost only women get. Please stop

willyboy_69 • 13 points • 1 March, 2020 12:30 AM

they say they're about equality, but once i (a man) wore pink for breast cancer support to an event for breast cancer fund raising and was told that they didn't need a guys help.

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RockmanXX • 5 points • 1 March, 2020 01:59 PM

when you admit and accept your dick is tiny and doesnt work to group

What are you doing here? did /r/Trufemcels go down?

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RockmanXX • 5 points • 1 March, 2020 02:15 PM

You didn't answer my question.

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RockmanXX • 4 points • 1 March, 2020 02:42 PM

Whatever you say, Miss PMS.

askew599 • -2 points • 1 March, 2020 03:08 PM

Haha you think I'm acctually joking about being a "chad" PM me and we can get some kinda chat going. I can show you what a real pp looks like

I posted here cause my sister had breast cancer and I took her to a lot of thoes support groups while waiting outside in a car.

But honestly shoot me a pm so we can talk/ i can show you how much better of a man I am than you

RockmanXX • 5 points • 1 March, 2020 03:17 PM

Your account is not even a day old, unlike your egg carton.

jkyle33 • 1 point • 18 March, 2020 02:07 PM

"hold my latte I'm going to show this guy how much of a Chad I am."

sorearm • 5 points • 1 March, 2020 11:01 AM

He should just say that it's ok, he self identifies as a gender fluid stunning and brave free spirit.

If they deny your new status then they are transphobic bigots...

LULgetcanceranddie • 3 points • 1 March, 2020 03:43 PM

Massive amounts of women/feminsits want to join anything majority-male even if they don't like the content of the group (e.g. sports): LET US IN LET US IN **LET US IN!**

Ok fine.

One man wants to join a majority-female support group due to a very serious and unfortunate illness?

Women/feminists: Ew, yucky, no!

battyryder • 1 point • 1 March, 2020 05:43 PM

So much for female compassion & empathy.

TerrorRyze • 1 point • 1 March, 2020 06:32 PM

Painful

fonyon • 1 point • 17 March, 2020 07:18 PM

Feminism is very stupid