

# What progress and solidarity looks like.

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cicerii • 223 points • 25 February, 2021 02:53 PM

My ex used to always compare me to women in a positive light and say I'm not dramatic, materialistic, wear a lot of makeup, etc. But oh how the tables turned when he started comparing me to other girls he thought were better. That's when I realized if I guy says you're better than other girls it's a huge red flag.

SpaceC4se • 84 points • 25 February, 2021 03:03 PM

Absolutely. Don't expect the comparisons to other women to end there

BlazingHazard • 198 points • 25 February, 2021 03:59 PM

It's a form of negging in my opinion, it's still putting you down with a fake compliment. Putting the pressure on you to not be like the lame other girls'

Equal-Ear2312 • 54 points • 25 February, 2021 09:30 PM

I agree it's negging but at the same time it's also conditioning.

They tell you in no certain terms you need to be walking on eggshells around them because you don't know exactly what (unspecified) behaviors can set them off.

And it places the woman at the end of this "compliment" under immense pressure! She needs to constantly meet the *expectations* set upon them to *not be* like other girls. It's disturbing.

CassieGreen85 • 36 points • 25 February, 2021 09:52 PM

It's a form of negging ~~in my opinion~~

Don't worry about softening your words here sis, no LV dusty scrotes to tell you off.

AbbyDean1985 • 12 points • 25 February, 2021 07:06 PM

This is how i feel too, just not able to articulate it as well.



notstrongenoughyet0 • 329 points • 25 February, 2021 01:00 PM

2022: \*ghosts with no explanation\*

LuckyCharmsLass • 116 points • 25 February, 2021 03:39 PM

Haha...

I did that. Was dating a fellow. He was clearly interested, and I was basically 'wait and see'.

One day, he was saying that people making over \$75k didn't need a stimulus. This is CA. I was a single mom in CA (kids are grown now). I made over that amount by quite a lot toward the end of my career, and still found it hard sometimes to stay financially healthy. I said, 'you must not have ever been a single mom'. He said, no, my wife stayed home with our kids while I worked. I said, good for you. Then I said, childcare during COVID has become very expensive. He said, well, people are working from home. I ghosted.

I could have said, but didn't, "I wonder if their isn't a healthcare provider out there on the front lines that just might be making over \$75k and needs childcare to go out to work to save your dumb ass from the COVID."

Im pretty sure he feels like I'm an unreasonable bitch. The thing is, he lacks empathy. Completely. First sign of a personality disorder. I was proud that I didn't need to educate him, or straighten out his perceptions. Just gone.

pineycitrusforest • 9 points • 25 February, 2021 09:46 PM

Glad you got out of there. That kind of thing makes my blood boil.

XRoze • 4 points • 25 February, 2021 11:08 PM

our signature move and it never gets old :D

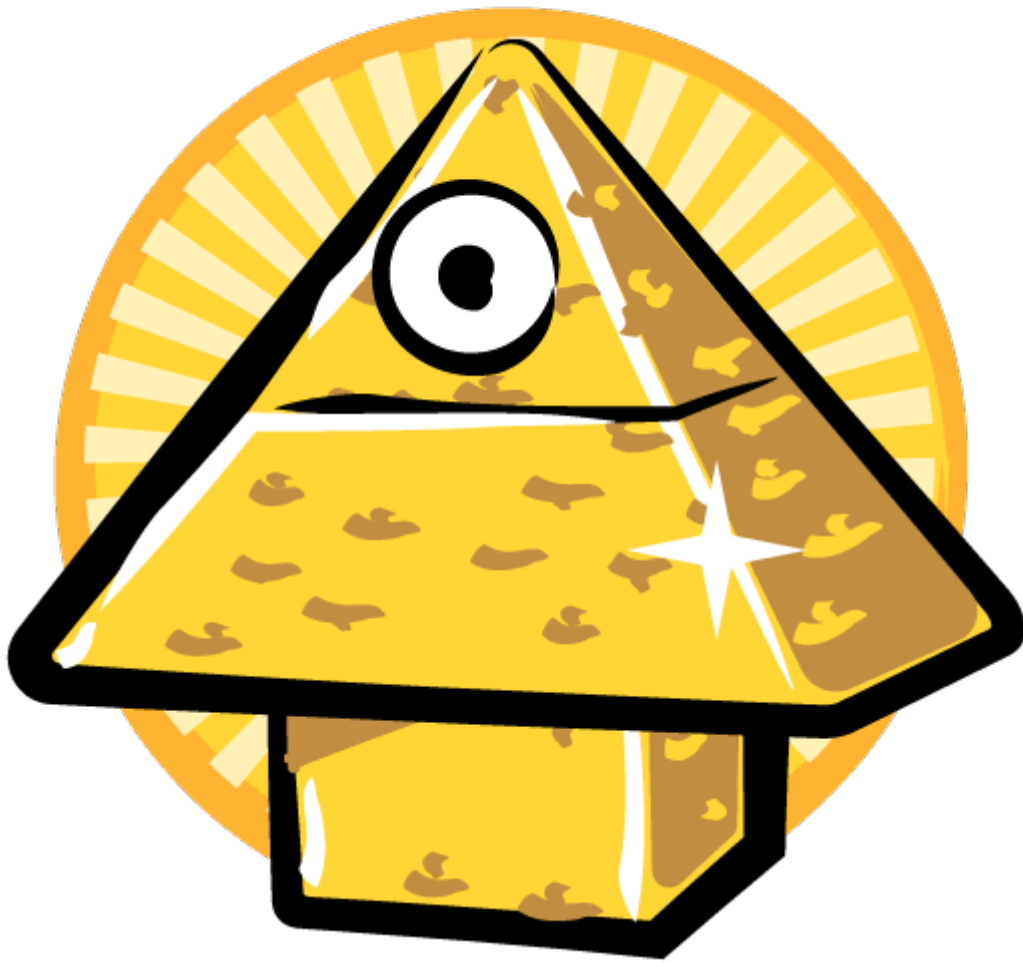
Erinelda • 255 points • 25 February, 2021 12:55 PM

I never took "compliments" like that. Not just because they put down other women but I feel like they are a subtle form of manipulation and control. Now that girl feels she can't be upset with him as to not be seen as "dramatic". I would have responded in 2010: "Ha, you ain't seen nothing yet" and now I'd just block. I'd rather we all just block them and roast them here so they don't get sneakier lol.

esoldelulu • 76 points • 25 February, 2021 03:41 PM

Oh they definitely are manipulation and control tactics. It's a covert way to signal to you that you shouldn't be DrAmATiC or that lumps you in with the "other girls." And you don't want to be with the other girls, right? You want to be special cuz you so are. Yes, you are. Good girl. □□□□

flowersfromtheheart • 234 points • 25 February, 2021 01:28 PM



It's just sad how they try to pit women against one another with such sly comparisons. "I'm expecting you to be a Cool Girl unlike all those other women, so if you want to get picked, make sure you conduct yourself like a sex vending machine and don't have any emotions or expectations of me." Just no, dude.

Also it begs the question, if a guy constantly experiences "drama" with girls, then what exactly is he doing that they all end up being upset at him? It's not her, it's him.

I think it's rather fruitless to try to explain anything to such misguided little boys, though. They might choose their words more carefully next time (not a beneficial thing for us), but they won't truly understand.

FMAB-EarthBender • 44 points • 25 February, 2021 05:24 PM

That first part gave me chills.

make sure you conduct yourself like a sex vending machine and don't have any emotions or expectations of me."

Guys said you aren't like other girls so many times to me growing up im nauseaus thinking about all the bad that could have happened. This line was used by older ones to, trying to coax me to continue to be cool and maybe let them have sex with me. Ew.

I'm glad I'm old enough to understand now that when people say things like this it hurts all women.



Extra-Tadpole4909 • 127 points • 25 February, 2021 02:29 PM

Whenever I encounter this I always tell them: "All women have good qualities, it's just not you who can truly see

it."

SpaceC4se • 25 points • 25 February, 2021 03:02 PM

This is so amazing, kudos.

Extra-Tadpole4909 • 23 points • 25 February, 2021 03:05 PM

Nothing but f.a.c.t.s. ☐

Mind-Objective • 1 point • 26 February, 2021 03:38 PM

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Equal-Ear2312 • 115 points • 25 February, 2021 04:44 PM

Finally: realizing that we don't have to compete with other women over men like they are a precious resource when they are not.

## **solidarity between women**

atouchofrazzledazzle • 18 points • 25 February, 2021 01:54 PM

"You're not dramatic", which is code for, "I don't like women to have feelings or show emotions, and so far you haven't opened up around me and I'd like to keep it that way".

xiao\_sabiha • 62 points • 25 February, 2021 02:31 PM

I've been seeing more and more content like this, and I hope young girls are seeing it as well! Would love if they see right through all the attempts to get them to hate other girls.

MomoKun999 • 6 points • 25 February, 2021 08:25 PM

My daughter is, you better believe it! I'm hoping she sends it along to all her girlfriends.

CoffeeAndCorpses • 33 points • 25 February, 2021 07:27 PM

I had an ex praise me for being "low maintenance".

I didn't realize in those days it was code for "I can take you for granted and still get sex."

blackwidowe • 25 points • 25 February, 2021 07:32 PM

Me then and now, "oh, many women are dramatic around you? You must just be a dick."

MomoKun999 • 6 points • 25 February, 2021 08:25 PM

Nice!

Neoprude • 9 points • 25 February, 2021 07:49 PM

The next time I hear this, I'll reply that whether or not I'm "like other girls" doesn't matter - he's clearly like other men.

metalbunnie • 17 points • 25 February, 2021 04:31 PM

"You have the personality of a dude, I like that" - not convinced that men like women at all, really.

soundslikeautumn • 15 points • 25 February, 2021 07:11 PM

These scrotes out here! Maybe women are "dramatic" because once a woman has put up with a lifetime of bullshit from guys she finally snaps. Most women aren't "crazy" by default. Men drive us to it and once they've succeeded they call us dramatic and crazy. That is exactly why if a man says all of his ex girlfriends were crazy I know HE is the problem and not THEM.

americansunflower • 7 points • 25 February, 2021 08:21 PM

Have a convo w a guy and don't say anything: wow you're not like other girls lmao

Kimpractical • 25 points • 25 February, 2021 05:43 PM

More like...

Me now: *blocked*

AliceHart7 • 7 points • 25 February, 2021 03:26 PM

It's interesting because for 2010 even the post makes it clear that the girl isn't too sure at that time that that statement is a compliment.

evedeeve • 11 points • 25 February, 2021 05:38 PM

That's how it started for me... I wish I had questioned it more... Despite knowing better, and having that bad instinct when a man told me "I don't like dating *insert specific race*. They are too high maintenance" I gave HIM the benefit of the doubt. Despite me saying I don't want to date irl (cuz we are in a pandemic) he kinda threw it on my face asking why I was on a dating website "to get a pen pal?" I felt icky then but still gave him the benefit of the doubt and laughed it off with him and met with him. I had panic attacks for two days straight because I felt so dirty after he kissed me and potentially put my mom in danger (she has an autoimmune disease and taking immunosuppressants) I'm so stupid I know. Cried so much. Then he kept asking why I didn't tell him. Idk. He also kept tryna push me into sex. I told him no several times and he kept trying. He kept asking why. I told him I was on my period, I already didn't want to even kiss him at that point, just kept up the charade cuz I'm an idiot. And he says "Sex is important to me because I don't wanna just have it with anyone." I didn't know what to say. I told him, in a very shy tone but firm enough, imo: "I don't want to sound yoy know bad but like, I am a girl, it's easier for me to get. So no. I don't want to." He stopped but kept calling me a tease. I felt bad and just didn't want to meet with him anymore anf I also didn't want to be the "bad guy" so ignored him until he broke it off. I feel like this sub helps me so much but not practicing things like I should be. I made a small achievement in standing my ground, but somedays I feel so defeated. I wish I was stronger already...

pineycitrusforest • 10 points • 25 February, 2021 09:51 PM

Rehearse in your head what you would do if it happened again (I mean, clearly the race comment was an immediate block and delete) but every step of the way. The more you envision yourself doing the best for yourself, the easier it will be next time. And you learned something from it.

azureangel35[S] • 3 points • 27 February, 2021 12:20 PM

you're not an idiot sis-you need to talk kindly to yourself and about yourself. we are all indoctrinated into the system of patriarchy before we are even aware of what it is. you just described my life from 14-18yrs old. you are strong for standing up to him-he used every slimy NVM tactic in the book. Take some time to love yourself first-you need a strong foundation of that before you wade into dangerous dating waters. don't let anyone steamroll over your boundaries-they aren't worth it. stay strong!

blue\_crystal\_ring • 6 points • 25 February, 2021 01:17 PM

I am absolutely proud with how far we've come.

bite\_sizedbitz • 4 points • 25 February, 2021 06:08 PM

GROWTH!! Honestly, learning to set boundaries with everyone including complete strangers has been life changing for me.

smilodon91 • 4 points • 26 February, 2021 12:53 AM

"gee, you're not a rapist misogynist murderer like all the other boys."

Interesting\_Day1188 • 2 points • 25 February, 2021 10:26 PM

Why you gotta call me out like that, OP?

But truly, this post is exactly what I was thinking about myself the other day.

MerleErEnPerle • 2 points • 25 February, 2021 11:16 PM

"All the other girls from your country are boring, but not you"

... Uhm, thank you i guess? Then why are you even here?

mirodus • 1 point • 15 March, 2021 01:19 PM

Now : you're not dramatic like other girls :) Me: (looks at him and does not respond)

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