

If feminists actually believed in the theory behind toxic masculinity, they would support the men's rights movement. MRAs are giving men a voice and a safe space to express themselves.

2205 upvotes | 14 December, 2020 | by Oncefa2

A really big gender problem is that you can't talk about men without people trying to say that women have it worse or that it's really caused by men / the patriarchy / toxic masculinity.

Which is really just victim blaming and is used to silence the voices of men in these discussions.

Well if you've listened to their rhetoric before, that's what toxic masculinity is supposed to be about!

And the men's rights movement is giving men a safe space to speak up and express themselves.

So if they actually cared about the logic behind toxic masculinity, they would support the movement.

Which really makes the average MRA a better feminist, per their "dictionary definition", than the average feminist is. Like at least we're doing something about it in the real world instead of just screaming at the top of our lungs about toxic masculinity or whatever.

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IMightBeAPenguin • 115 points • 14 December, 2020 04:49 PM

I'm not a frequent visitor of this sub, but this reminded me of my personal experiences with feminists. They generally don't care about men, but what they do care about is framing things to be a part of the patriarchy or will go through any and all mental gymnastics possible to frame a situation as being sexist towards women. They act like they care about men when the truth is they could care less, and will only use mens' issues to prove that sexism is happening against women and hurting men because of the patriarchy. Trying to sympathize with them is the emotional equivalent of cock and ball torture.

mcsotty1276 • 64 points • 14 December, 2020 07:51 PM

Men commit suicide, women most affected.

whatisthequestion__ • 37 points • 14 December, 2020 08:11 PM

Ironically male suicide is higher than women, and the common narrative I've heard is that men do stupid stunts so they die younger but in reality the lifespan avg is just heavily affected by male suicide between 18-30

whatafoolishsquid • 19 points • 14 December, 2020 09:53 PM

It's because no one gives a shit about men, and men feel it. Unless you are one of the .0001% of men who manage to rise to a position of power, you are not valued or cared for at all. In fact, it's that rather than patriarchy that pushes men into those positions of power. Women can fail and still be cared for and supported. Men have much more pressure to succeed.

whatisthequestion__ • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 10:45 PM

You speak in too many absolutes friend. I know women who love me and give a shit about me; there will always be people who don't care, but if you say these statements you become one of the ones who don't care - totality will include you. Try to speak and permeate the kind of tones and attitudes you want society to comprise of, and you'll probably start seeing the world differently

Oncefa2[S] • 20 points • 14 December, 2020 11:26 PM

Absolutes or not what he said is generally true and there's academic research to back it up.

It's called the **empathy gap** and coyly denying that it's real because it doesn't line up with the gender narrative you want to push isn't helping anyone.

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/dec04/women>

Gender differences in automatic in-group bias: why do women like women more than men like men?

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15491274>

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"Missing white girl syndrome": the media, and presumably it's viewers, care more about white women going missing than men and minority women

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/evan-shapiro/trayvon-martin-media_b_1383082.html

Bias towards seeing violence against women as worse than violence against men

<http://www.inside-man.co.uk/2014/07/21/gaza-more-concern-women-children-die/>

There's also evidence that people care less about issues that effect men.

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whatafoolishsquid • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 11:07 AM

No reason to get all high minded. I'm clearly talking about the general social attitude.

Obviously there are individual people who care about average men, but that's still not how the society and culture are set up.

Oncefa2[S] • 34 points • 14 December, 2020 08:51 PM

Maybe when people joke about it

The real causes are things like child custody laws being slanted against men, and men generally being put under more stress than women are.

whatisthequestion__ • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 10:47 PM

The real causes of male death rates being higher than women? Those are a couple reasons why men get pushed to suicide, along with a stigma that counseling/therapy means something is wrong w u and so men who are struggling don't seek help. I think it is really important to note how overly stigmatized mental health is in North american culture.

Oncefa2[S] • 20 points • 14 December, 2020 10:58 PM

stigma that counseling/therapy means something is wrong w u

Are you aware of the female centric nature of therapy and psychology in general? We focus on women and helping women to the point that we simply don't have adequate care for men who seek help.

whatisthequestion__ comment score below threshold • -8 points • 15 December, 2020 12:36 AM

I sought help, i got adequate care. Your views are narrow and opinionated and honestly not all encompassing of women.

Edit: i agree men have a harder time seeking out therapy, but i don't think therapists want to focus more on women, I think there are social stigmas against men going in for health help.

Arby01 • 20 points • 15 December, 2020 04:25 AM

I think that there is a major "gap" when it comes to therapy. Therapy is primarily focused on a model that works for most women. Guys therefore have to adapt to a model that doesn't seem to really "fit".

My opinion is that all of this "men should be more emotional and sensitive and talk more" is actually telling men that they are defective and need to be more like women. I don't think that men are defective women. I think men generally relate and express and converse in different forms. And it starts with the idea that men bond differently than women do. Men don't bond over talking. Men bond over shared activity (historically and anecdotally, I don't think there are a lot of studies being done since the "defective women" viewpoint dominates the floor).

If we believe that this "bonding" is what is the root of the improvement of mental health for women and that the "talking" is secondary. We can see that all of the steps to dismantle male only spaces have also had the effect of destroying all the mental health stabilizing relationship and conversation building places that men have historically had.

If we removed all therapy for women over the next, what, 30 years, could we expect women's mental health issues to skyrocket? I think yes. And I think it's exactly what we have done to men in our society.

whatisthequestion__ • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 04:54 AM

Hm. I do like your point about men being, simply put, different from women, and are not supposed to be more like women. Honestly? I'm not sure I have any answers other than treating anyone and everyone with respect (minus the exceptions of pedos/molesters/rapists/advocates of genocide). I'm definitely not educated enough on the topic to have an in depth discussion about it on reddit.

Thanks for sharing your views man I really appreciate it!

Edit: that lil list is just my personal no-no's, I'm sure there would be others that would be nigh on intolerable for me, but I digress.

Oncefa2[S] • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 01:59 PM

There's academic research backing up what I said. We're not just making things up.

And if it worked for you then great but be careful about the victim blaming. If you're not getting the people who need help then there are problems with messaging and advertising, not your target audience. This is like a golden rule for non profits and I think it is apt here as well.

When in distress, women tend to want to talk about their feelings whereas men tend to want to fix whatever is causing the distress (Holloway et al. 2018). However our mental health services are delivered in a “gender blind” way, so that treatment options that might suit men better are rarely considered (Liddon et al. 2017).

https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-04384-1_5

whatafoolishsquid • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 01:33 PM

It's irrelevant what a therapist's intentions are, just as your anecdotal experience is irrelevant. The APA has made its position on the matter clear with their guidelines for treating men and boys. If a woman has mental issues, she's been victimized by an oppressive patriarchal culture. If a man has mental issues, he needs to change himself and stop being a cog in that machine of oppression. If that's therapy, I don't want it.

whatisthequestion__ comment score below threshold • -5 points • 14 December, 2020 10:49 PM

And ya they are generally joking about it; it isn't a joking matter. I wouldn't joke about indigenous women being the most likely to get raped/murdered out of any population in the states, and i expect the same civility from others with whom I associate when talking about men.

Oncefa2[S] • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 11:01 PM*

I wouldn't joke about indigenous women being the most likely to get raped/murdered out of any population in the states

You do know that 70% of indigenous people who go missing or murdered are men, right?

What does it say about society that men are clearly the most victimized when it comes to things like that, but almost all of the attention is given to women? To the point that you have probably gone most of your life under this false assumption that something terrible is going on with indigenous women (or at least you assume that it's worse for women than for men).

Seriously just think about that for a second. It is sexist. Systematically sexist. Not you specifically but everything in society that led you to that false belief and concern for indigenous women (and not indigenous men) is an example of systematic sexism against men in society.

That's why people throw around the term the red pill, even though that's a completely separate movement. Society is so jaded against men that you really do have to "open your eyes" to see it sometimes because of just how little the average person cares about men or men's issues. It's a level of sexism above and beyond anything that's ever effected women. And feminists are, to an extent, complacent in it and help exasperate that gender norm / stereotype in society.

Edit:

Here's a source (linked in post) and some context.

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/hj0ov8/canadian_and_un_agencies_obsesse

d_with_focus_on/

TheForeignerInName • 1 point • 9 January, 2021 03:14 AM

As far as I'm aware the reason for this is how gender stereotypes of men being the one to work the jobs created the number of suicides and when women started getting into the work force their number started to rise

Emergency_Carpet_475 • 15 points • 15 December, 2020 05:03 AM

This is true. Anytime I bring up the issue of the military draft with feminists, they always find a way to make it sound sexist towards women.

“The reason women aren’t in the draft is because they are seen as weak and helpless whereas men are seen as strong and powerful.”

Like...no Karen, women are excluded from the draft because of traditionalist views. Under such views, men are seen as disposable and women are seen as these special beings that we’re supposed to protect...even at the disposal of our own lives.

Sumoki_Kuma • 47 points • 14 December, 2020 04:44 PM

One of the top 10 reasons I don't identify as a feminist. I have 0 solidarity with other women. The only people who have truly been empathetic and understanding towards me and my struggles have been men.

I've had SO many women try to ruin my life and who did I run to for safety and love? My guy friends.

My guy friends are my entire world. I'd fucking die for my kings ☐ I will always have a safe and warm space in my heart for you guys ☐

BigOunce4204 • 15 points • 14 December, 2020 09:48 PM

Awwwwwwww that's wholesome af :)

pixel_ic-1 points 14 December, 2020 10:00 PM* [recovered]

You sure are just the most ☐quirky☐ person on the planet!

Sumoki_Kuma • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 10:25 AM

I hope you have a better day today that doesn't give you reason to be irrationally mean to a stranger ☐



MetroidJunkie • 302 points • 14 December, 2020 04:03 PM

Feminists: Why is the Patriarchy not allowing men to be vulnerable?

Also Feminists: I'm drinking your male tears right now.

LoneArcher96 • 151 points • 14 December, 2020 04:36 PM

a feminist and mental health advocate making fun of my body and depression here on Reddit, and me telling her how wrong this is and how it could make someone commit suicide, and her response was:

"Cry me a river"

MetroidJunkie • 89 points • 14 December, 2020 04:46 PM

Don't you know, though? It's the Patriarchy's fault when Feminists mock you for having feelings.

[deleted] • 69 points • 14 December, 2020 09:48 PM

Feminist: "Men should open up about their problems"

Man: Opens up about his problems

Feminist: "Wow, imagine being this fragile. Stop whining you baby"

I'm extra salty about this subject because it happened to me in real life

Rapt0r1JW • 30 points • 14 December, 2020 10:06 PM

Me too and it hurts, it hurts being told you can open up and then being mocked for it

Grave_Heresy • 26 points • 14 December, 2020 11:29 PM

Brother let me be the first to tell you... NEVER open up with these people. They don't give a damn about you.

Rapt0r1JW • 13 points • 14 December, 2020 11:32 PM

Its people that you think you can trust, they seem trustworthy but they aren't.

gmanex • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 09:28 AM

Some people see men opening up as something to laugh at. All they need is to get their popcorn

MetroidJunkie • 15 points • 14 December, 2020 11:38 PM

Yeah, it's screwed up. "Quit whining! We need to talk about women's issues!"

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -71 points • 14 December, 2020 05:10 PM

I have never heard a feminist say this.

I think this thread is kinda nuts.

Oncefa2[S] • 64 points • 14 December, 2020 05:13 PM

Really? Look up male tears and fragile masculinity.

When men don't speak up they're toxic but when they do, they're fragile. It's literally a double bind for men built right into modern day feminist theory.

Sure not all feminists etc but you'd have to be blind to not notice the hypocrisy here.

MetroidJunkie • 24 points • 14 December, 2020 05:54 PM

<https://knowyourmeme.com/memes/male-tears>

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -41 points • 14 December, 2020 06:00 PM

Shitty people saying shitty things.

MetroidJunkie • 38 points • 14 December, 2020 06:15 PM

Except, when other groups of people have individuals who say/do shitty things, the whole group gets judged. AKA Gamergate. Somehow, Feminists are immune from other Feminists being heartless asses.

whatisthequestion__ • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 08:07 PM

They are and they aren't. Nobody in my friend group tolerates gender inequality. There was one girl who was a total SJW to a big fault (just stupid stuff, think gatekeeping people enjoying stuff bc they aren't a certain race). Well this girl started talking about her bf crying about the red ring of death on his xbox 360 (long time ago) and being really demeaning towards men: it took about -5seconds for a couple of my other friends (girls) to interrupt her and ask her how she responded to him when he was upset. It's about educating men and women, not just talking down and being negative. Don't call those people feminists bc they aren't, they're anti-men. And tbh I'd be fed up too if 90% of the worlds problems have come from decisions men made all whilst belittling women.

MetroidJunkie • 15 points • 14 December, 2020 08:19 PM

One problem, they call themselves Feminists and they're the ones with megaphones for others to listen to. They're the ones influencing Politicians and the News Media. You're outpowered, here.

whatisthequestion__ • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 08:32 PM

Ya it's a bummer that the loudest people usually have the most ignorant things to say. I like that you said they call themselves feminists - honestly will personally start opting for a new term, like Equalists. Ik rhat sounds like a LoK reference but who cares it's pretty accurate, we just want people to be treated equally under the law and in the eyes of the corporate world.

MetroidJunkie • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 08:51 PM

Good idea, the term Feminist probably isn't one you're ever going to get back. Gotta know when it's time to drop a label.

Apprehensive_Ad1248 • 38 points • 14 December, 2020 06:04 PM

So you agree femnist are shitty people?

whatafoolishsquid • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 09:50 PM

Looks like someone wants to play no true feminist

Fennicks47 • -3 points • 14 December, 2020 11:35 PM

Ive met plenty of them. ive also met tons of assholes.

[deleted] • 127 points • 14 December, 2020 04:06 PM

All misandrous feminists want from men is silent aquiescence to their eternal and omnipresent victim narrative.

Bttali0nxx • 31 points • 14 December, 2020 05:36 PM

Why you busting out the thesaurus, bro?

redditthrowaway1478 • 38 points • 14 December, 2020 05:39 PM

Translation: Sit down, shut up, do as you're told.

Also, buy me flowers.

Emperorerror • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 12:03 AM

Why would you shame someone for using language so well?

whatisthequestion__ comment score below threshold • -13 points • 14 December, 2020 08:10 PM*

r/nothowgirlswork, even the misandrists.

Edit: how can you make such statements? You haven't met all women and you're just ignorant. It's just as sexist for you to say "all women" as it is for women to do that to us "all men are pigs etc". Thanks for downvoting :)

nacho-chonky • 9 points • 15 December, 2020 03:55 PM

Not how girls work but 100% how feminists work, I don't understand why feminists always assume they represent all women when only 30% of women consider themselves nazis oops I meant feminists

whatisthequestion__ • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 06:46 PM

Not true man, i personally know feminists that are actually educated and really are equalists. Not all feminists are anti-men, those are pseudofeminists. These broad statements about groups is rreally unhealthy for a well-rounded, unbiased perspective: when we use certain language, it will permeate into our daily thinking.

nacho-chonky • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 07:18 PM

Alright maybe not all feminists but FEMINISM as it's core beliefs are anti men, those equalist feminists are naive

whatisthequestion__ • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 07:50 PM

Also what makes equalists naive? Is it naive to want everyone to have equal opportunity and recognition under the law? Pretty much all a real feminist wants is for everybody to be treated with an equal amount of respect and dignity.

nacho-chonky • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 08:20 PM

Look up Erin prizzey the founder of women's shelters was kicked out of the feminist movement for standing up for male victims of DV

whatisthequestion__ • 1 point • 15 December, 2020 09:09 PM

Lol she didn't get kicked out of the movement, she got kicked out of her own home (just as fucked up). Specifically, she says "militant feminists" gave her death threats, however her research is applauded by many in the feminist world.

Edit: tldr: women are just as capable of domestic abuse, women who are aggressive in their ideologies don't like this stat. Women like that are not representative of the entire movement behind equality.

whatisthequestion__ • -2 points • 15 December, 2020 07:48 PM

Still not true. Feminism at it's core beliefs are pro men/women equality. It is insecurity, misunderstanding, and personal ideologies that impact how certain people portray feminism. Literally look up what feminism is.

nacho-chonky • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 08:11 PM

Lol the dictionary definition does not define an ideology that at its highest level teaches anti male theory, that's not a misunderstanding, go to a gender studies class and see the stuff they teach, and it's naive for an equalist to believe feminism helps men or men's rights in any way

whatisthequestion__ • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 09:12 PM

Never said it helps. Just graduated actually thanks :) also, literally from oxford: "the advocacy of women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes."

themolestedsliver • 58 points • 14 December, 2020 04:42 PM

That's the thing though. Most like toxic masculinity because it is a scapegoat they can attribute all male issues in order to talk more in detail about female issues or better yet *how toxic masculinity affects women*

I go on feminist subs so I can see some differing thoughts and more often then not o see toxic masculinity used in addition to "the patriarchy" in order to justify inaction.

Oncefa2[S] • 27 points • 14 December, 2020 04:55 PM

I mean yeah that's the truth behind the term but they'd never admit to that.

I'm just taking what they say on face value and bringing it to its logical conclusion.

They either have to admit that they're lying or they have to admit that MRAs have a point here.

HUZNAIN • 101 points • 14 December, 2020 02:53 PM

Feminists hate MRAs for criticizing them

bartholomewjohnson • 13 points • 14 December, 2020 07:22 PM

The problem isn't toxic masculinity, it's lack of masculinity.

serial-grapeist • 18 points • 14 December, 2020 05:10 PM

They don't want to fix toxic masculinity, they just want to hate on men. It's really that simple.

whathidude • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 10:22 PM

I support both male and female issues, as I think both movements are usually benefititual to the world. Expect toxic/extreme MRA and toxic/extreme feminists.

Arby01 • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 03:50 AM

This is the best viewpoint, imo.

EDIT: I would really like to see Feminism decry their toxic leaders/writers though, like Solanas and a bunch of others.

Mr_Swil_Phift • 20 points • 14 December, 2020 04:54 PM

The whole idea of toxic masculinity, or blaming men for everything is just a total myth, if they blame wars on women, women have started wars, and there are female soldiers, it isn't just a man thing. Those basement dwelling feminists can fuck off

threaddew • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 09:10 PM

That's not what toxic masculinity means though. Toxic masculinity exists only as juxtaposition against

helpful, positive masculinity - its not saying that all masculinity is toxic, but that some societally (because men and women enforce toxic masculinity) enforced concepts about what masculinity is/should be are toxic. The things about being a man that we love and take pride and strength from, rather than the bullshit standards we are told to expect from ourselves (I think the best examples are forced self reliance and emotion suppression). This is by its real definition, the term is very commonly misused - I'm even willing to admit that it's so commonly misused that the term itself isn't helpful and we should just say sexism against men.

Mr_Swil_Phift • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 09:11 PM

That's how I view it, i didn't say that's the full story and explains everything

threaddew • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 09:37 PM

I hear you. I think the problem is with the term toxic masculinity itself. Its at best misleading, at worst intentionally so.

AloysiusC • 2 points • 20 December, 2020 08:47 PM

Toxic masculinity exists only as juxtaposition against helpful, positive masculinity

Define "helpful, positive masculinity", then take that definition to feminists and watch them say "but women can be all that too" before concluding it's best to just say masculinity is whatever you want it to be.

its not saying that all masculinity is toxic

Actually it is, just not explicitly so. It defines TM as a subset of masculinity. Only it cannot and will not be held to examples of masculinity that isn't toxic. So it's an improper subset and therefore equal to the superset.

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Very good. Not try to persuade feminists. The problem is that TM *is* sexism against men and that's precisely what they like about it.

threaddew • 2 points • 20 December, 2020 09:17 PM

Yeah, I think we're agreeing conceptually, and I'm coming around to where you are in practice. I just also think it's important to discuss the concept that toxic masculinity supposedly is supposed to address - restrictive gender norms - even if the term itself has become or always was sexist.

AloysiusC • 2 points • 20 December, 2020 09:56 PM

I'd be the *first* to talk about restrictive gender norms. Not at least because I break many more of them than most.

But don't you see the problem with calling that "toxic masculinity". It's like describing antisemitism as "toxic Judaism" or racism against black people as "toxic blackness". We don't say telling women to go back into the kitchen is "toxic femininity".

It's absurd to name an injustice imposed on a demographic as a trait of said demographic. Especially if that's done by the very movement that ostensibly is against gendered terminology.

threaddew • 3 points • 21 December, 2020 03:43 AM

These analogies really illustrate the point well, thanks.

iainmf • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 11:32 PM

What I would expect to see to solve the problem:

If the problem is men don't want to be vulnerable, then we should take better care of vulnerable men. Institutions should have policies and plans to take care of men and have public awareness campaigns to let men know they will be taken care of.

If the problem is men don't express their emotions, then we should give men the opportunity to express themselves more. We should not be prescriptive in the ways men express themselves. We should provide funding to men's groups who support men to share their emotions.

If the problem boys learning toxic ideas about what it means to be a man, then we should have much better support for involved fathers who can be good role models. We should make sure boys get to spend time with their fathers.

Bascillay, if you think toxic masculinity is a problem then put your money where your mouth is and fund institutional changes.

AloysiusC • 2 points • 20 December, 2020 08:52 PM

If the problem is men don't want to be vulnerable, then we should take better care of vulnerable men.

This is a magnificent sentence.

lancelot-dumontet • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 06:42 PM

Their life goal is the eradication of masculinity

AnalBerserkerReturn • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 06:51 PM

Another thing

Who decide to dissolve male space or shame/call it toxic? I wonder too.

ithriveintoxicity • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 11:08 PM

Power hungry feminists

McFeely_Smackup • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 09:57 PM

Feminists: "Men are fundamentally broken in every way"

MRA: "ok, let's get men the help they need"

Feminists: "oH teH PoOr mEnZ! WAH!"



threaddew • 51 points • 14 December, 2020 03:52 PM*

I love the idea of MRA and support fellow men, but From spending time on this sub it feels to me like the MRA movement suffers from the same problem that the feminist movement suffers from - it struggles with distancing itself from the very vocal minority of members who take its views to the far extreme, often resulting in open antagonism.

It's tough, because the point of the sub is to support men, which frequently takes the form of pointing out the struggles that men face, often because of systemic norms that society refuses to recognize. But so often threads here turn into toxic echo chambers denigrating women and feminists and lumping them all under the banner of their most toxic members while refusing to acknowledge the challenges women still face (or even the idea that

women have ever faced greater challenges than men). Obviously, the point of this sub is not to fight for women, and I don't necessarily expect to see that sort of thing here, but when I see attacks on women here (in general, attacks against specific antagonist people are fine), I don't feel represented at all. I think society can suck for everyone, it seems more productive to me to be positive, but I guess that doesn't get upvotes.

Toxic masculinity is one of if not the biggest challenges that men face. It's perpetuated by both men and women at all levels. Most people in the real world, if they've ever even heard the term, have a total incorrect definition in their heads for it.

NohoTwoPointOh • 41 points • 14 December, 2020 04:03 PM

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I would agree. Part of me feels that this struggle is healthy. Too much radicalization means being ignored. Not enough means getting zero results. There is a nice balance of MLK and Malcom X that can be achieved. Both, however, are necessary.

But so often threads here turn into toxic echo chambers denigrating women and feminists and lumping them all under the banner of their most toxic members while refusing to acknowledge the challenges women still face

But there is also the other side. Those who believe any ~~criticism~~ examination of gender mechanics is hostile and toxic if it does not paint women in a positive light. For example, you use the term toxic masculinity. If I ask about the existence of "toxic femininity", the answer should be just as gung-ho. Equally so, even. If not, there is a problem.

Toxic masculinity is one of if not the biggest challenges that men face

No it is not. This is where we diverge. This path looks suspiciously like an attempt to re-define and trivialize Men's Rights issues.

Postor64 • 26 points • 14 December, 2020 05:24 PM*

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100% agree. Men are openly discriminated by tech companies and universities, and it has nothing to do "with toxic masculinity". Feminism is the problem here.

One of the many problems coming from "traditional gender roles" is white knighting. Men perpetuate it, just like "toxic masculinity" (i.e. male "emotionlessness").

However, feminists would never criticize this sort of behavior, because they deem it as "basic empathy", but it's not basic. These men (i.e. SIMPs/whiteknights) think about other men as "enemies" or "competitors". They consider women "cooler" than men in literally everything. Obviously feminists consider these men useful.

Feminists are usually strong proponents of "positive discrimination" against men (i.e. gender quotas, affirmative action for women in STEM) and "simps in STEM" support them [hopefully downvoted ;-)].

I'll quote a guy who wrote the original codeforces post, shared at linkedin (codeforces is a large competitive programming site):

Also, these days, many guys on linkedin are just turning into Simps and destroying opportunities for fresher men in India

(Google India drama)

GoblinLoveChild • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 12:17 AM

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I hate the fact that I totally agree with you.

I also hate the fact that it is totally necessary.

I will leave with teh Voltairian principle

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it"

thraddeu • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 04:15 PM*

I strongly agree with your second response, people unwilling to criticize women or analyze social dynamics in a way that points out victimization if men at the hands of women are being wholly unrealistic/unproductive/ are just wrong. I just see the reverse on this thread a lot (men unwilling to admit that women are ever or have ever been disadvantaged because of their gender) and it makes me uncomfortable. I agree with your first point in so far as I agree that social movements that don't make people uncomfortable 1) aren't really social movements and 2) certainly aren't going to affect change.

The third point seems like we just disagree on priorities - I think toxic masculinity (forced self reliance and emotional repression) and its' insane impact on societies (how men subconsciously think we should act/react, as well as how women overtly expect men to act/react, and both punish those who act outside expectation) expectation for how men are supposed to behave is the root cause for many of the problems we face. You can disagree of course but how the fuck is that trivializing men's rights issues?

PS I definitely think toxic femininity exists, but feminists often are aware of it and fight it, while being in denial of their own propagation of toxic masculinity.

Grave_Heresy • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 11:59 PM*

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Legal discrimination and societal expectations of financial success have nothing to do with mens failure huh?

Individual misandry has nothing to do with it huh?

The media's toxic portrayals of men have nothing to do with it huh?

Hate rhetoric from f=minist writers has nothing to do with it huh?

Societies inability to empathize with males and the government's complete lack of concern for ending violence against men has nothing to do with it huh?

It's all just the fault of men who are guilty of toxic masculinity.

yeah ok bro

PS I definitely think toxic femininity exists, but feminists often are aware of it and fight it, while

being in denial of their own propagation of toxic masculinity.

This is unambiguously FALSE!

I was a feminist for several decades and I have NEVER heard/seen the word "toxic" precede the word "femininity" in any social media post, lecture, "news" article, public speech or television production by ANY feminist.

Most MRAs don't even talk about it opting to instead talk about "toxic feminism".

The closest that I have seen someone come to talking about it was a podcast and an opinion piece in Psychology Today. The former offered legitimate criticism of it but again focused solely on female victimhood. The latter literally referenced it in order to point the finger at big bad society and play up the woman = victim narrative.

If you heard a feminist talking about toxic femininity, then it was in the context of an attempt to remove accountability from women for their bad behavior or an attempt to assert female victimhood into the intellectual landscape.

Come on dude. Let's be honest here. Have you ever seen a single debate among feminists about whether or not they should dampen down their toxicity?

The last time someone called out the radicals in the feminist movement was Bell Hooks about 3 decades ago and that was only after female separatists and SCUM manifesto.

They have RARELY controlled their people and only call out female bad behavior in an attempt to have a broader conversation about male villainy.

Avaloen[] comment score below threshold • -8 points • 14 December, 2020 04:36 PM

I fear, that you might also be mistaken about the (textbook) meaning of toxic masculinity. It refers to the unhealthy expectations society has for men. It's at the core of most Men's Rights issues.

Oncefa2[S] • 25 points • 14 December, 2020 04:52 PM

It's the closest that some people get to acknowledging that sexism and discrimination against men exists.

That's why there's this big dance around toxic masculinity.

For women they just call it sexism which is a lot more strait forward.

I think a lot of MRAs would prefer we drop the act and start calling toxic masculinity what it is: *sexism against men*.

thraddeew • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 05:14 PM

Yeah I don't think I realized this until you pointed it out. Personally, I use toxic masculinity to refer to a specific type of sexism toward men, that is perpetrated by both/all genders. It conveniently allows you to avoid using the word sexism though.

ajahanonymous • 16 points • 14 December, 2020 05:05 PM

Society has plenty of unhealthy expectations of women yet I don't see anyone seriously using the term toxic femininity.

duhhhh • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 09:23 PM

Toxic masculinity for men - mens fault. Internalized misogyny for women - mens fault. Toxic gender roles pushed by society - not talked about..

[deleted] • 24 points • 14 December, 2020 04:09 PM

it struggles with distancing itself

At the very least, dissent is not quashed here. Women or feminists voice are not banned and censored, as men are on feminist forums. How many #killallwomen hashtags do you see on social media? How many "I hate men" diatribes in major newspapers? How many female focused negative pejoratives cooked up by psychologists like 'toxic masculinity'?

Grave_Heresy • 13 points • 15 December, 2020 12:07 AM

Thing is that "Toxic masculinity" isn't even a scientifically validated construct. There have been no studies to define or measure it.

The idea is completely a made up idea. Yet people keep trying to make it a thing lol.

Greg_W_Allan • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 12:09 PM

It's just another bait and switch game. Any negative reaction to the concept proves one's toxicity.

AKA Kafka Trap.

threadew • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 04:25 PM

I've participated in feminist forums a decent amount and have not always been universally received well but have not been banned. I've also seen lots of anecdotes of people in this sub complaining about being band on 2X or whatever and you Read the post that was banned it was a deliberately inflammatory troll post. I don't think this is a universal experience. I agree this sub is generally open to dissent, which is a positive indicator.

Grave_Heresy • 8 points • 15 December, 2020 12:23 AM

Mine definitely wasn't inflammatory. I honestly think that a mod was just triggered because for something person in her life.

You cannot disagree with feminists. I honestly believe that if they had the legal power to kill people who didn't agree with them they would take the chance in a heart beat.

AnActualPerson • -4 points • 15 December, 2020 05:43 AM

Bro, go talk to some feminists in the real world, you're views are so warped.

Grave_Heresy • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 02:35 PM

I was a radical feminist for many years. So I have an idea of what people will or won't do from that camp. Yes many absolutely would put a bullet in an MRAs head if they could.

My friend, if you don't understand this then you don't understand how people work.

AnActualPerson • 1 point • 22 December, 2020 09:04 AM

You are the one who doesn't understand how people work. You also need to really get out of this MRA bubble if you really think feminists want to murder you. That's an insane thing to think.

Grave_Heresy • 1 point • 23 December, 2020 03:20 PM*

I didn't say that they want to murder me. I said that if they had the power to kill me they would. There's an important distinction there that needs to be acknowledged.

That being said, feminists ARE killing men and boys by their constant indifference to their suffering and unrelenting vilification of them.

Feminists are the ones saying # KillAllMen. That is literal incitement of violence: the worst form of hate speech. Yet these same people will try to destroy a comedians career over some of the most trivial shit.

Feminists are the ones promoting stereotypes that men are rapists, abusers, tyrants and murderers.

Feminists are the ones who constantly re-conceptualize men's problems as women's problems while pretending like things such as IPV and rape are exclusively women's problems.

They are the one's promoting laws and policies that give women special privileges and refusing to challenge the multiple ways in which men are disadvantaged.

They are the one's calling MRAs, Red Pill, and MGTOW community hate groups. How many of us have called for the wholesale killing of women?

How many of us would defend this sort of language? They regularly defend this language. Don't believe me? Go to any feminist sub and ask the people if they've ever called out another woman for saying "KillAllMen" , "Men are trash", "Cancel men" etc... You won't find any.

Hell MGTOW aren't calling for men to do anything other than to mind their own business and you people are trying to get these communities to be reclassified as hate groups. In the UK feminists are trying to pass laws in which online MGTOW communities can be prosecuted or shut down.

Why? Because these men are sharing their stories with other men...

You need to stop reading The Guardian and see what is right in front of you.

AnActualPerson • 1 point • 26 December, 2020 07:08 PM

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How? By not sleeping with them? How can you actively do something by not doing anything?

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Some feminists say that as a joke. You're acting like feminists are a monolith. I can't think of any comedian who's career was ruined for telling sexist jokes.

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Such as?

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What I see in front of me is bitter hatred.

Grave_Heresy • 1 point • 26 December, 2020 11:31 PM

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The difference being that f-minists would only kill an MRA if the law permitted it as their primary demographic is too risk averse and have little knowledge or physical ability to do so. They would rather use the power of the

State to do their dirty work. As they have for the past 100 years.

How? By not sleeping with them? How can you actively do something by not doing anything?

What does sex have to do with any of this??? Idk if you've noticed or not but unless you're living in Siberia, sex is pretty easy to get lol thanks to sex positivity it's cheap, easy and a lot less pressure.

No f~minists are killing men and boys with their complete silence on the things that are harming men most. They are killing men by doing everything in their power to stop any group that tries to help them if that group doesn't simultaneously vilify them.

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Yet when Paul Elam and MRA say things "As a joke" its called hate speech... Hypocrisy. Calling for mass murderer makes someone trash. That's the definition of hate speech. Like the way you just tried to straw man me here. I didn't say anything about peoples careers being ruined I said that they TRY to shut them down. Which is true. Let's live in reality on this f~minists are constantly trying to get comedians such out: Kevin Hart and Dave Chapelle are two good examples a la oscars.

People like you and other f~minists will make excuses for calls for mass genocide if a woman does it to men because you're biased against men. Plain and simple sexism.

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So it's ok to stereotype men as a group a specific way simply because a small fraction of people do it? Either way, men are the number one victims of all violent crime yet feminists care about this.

Yes while the majority of female victims of violent crime are men, the majority of violent crimes with female perps are also men, meaning both men and women are hurting men at higher rates than women.

Now before you whine about men being the largest perp group, the same bullshit logic is applied by racists to talk about minorities and classists to talk about poor people. Don't get me started on what Islamophobes say about Muslims.

Point being, the only good that promoting stereotypes about a group can have is well... NOTHING. The only point is to vilify men because they're prejudice against the male sex.

Because a lot of those problems are human problems.

NO! 70-80% homicide victims being men isn't a "Human problem" it's a male problem. Sentencing disparities that favor women isn't a human problem, its a male problem, 60-80% of homeless people being men isn't a human problem,

it's a male problem. Sex-based mandatory military conscription isn't a human problem, its a male problem. The complete erasure of male sexual assault victims and laws that exclude men from being the victims of rape by definition alone is a male problem. Shorter life spans than women but later retirement ages (BY LAW) aren't human problems, those are male problems.

Lower education attainment, higher suicide rates, paternity fraud, wrongful incarceration, the archaic divorce law etc... Are men problems, NOT human problems.

If you want to cry about human problems then you should look to things where there is a hell of a lot more gender parity like IPV or sexual assault.

| This hasn't been the case for a while now.

That's a lie. I have not seen or spoken with a single f=minist who wants to change the laws to protect male victims of sexual assault, nor have I seen a single f=minist organization lobbying the State or United Nations to pass resolutions to end violence against men.

In the US the law known as VAWA offers no funding to researchers who want to look into male victims. The paucity of research into mens issues creates the illusion that men are doing fine, when in fact the little bit of data that we have has shown that women are committing these crimes at similar rates to men.

The f=minist response? Deny, cover up, accuse. These same assholes then want to point to the thousands of studies that they have to support their victimhood narrative as evidence of a lopsided problem. Smh

| Such as?

See above. I mean we could have a whole conversation on genital mutilation alone lol. But if you just hang around this sub you will see plenty of examples. This isn't hidden knowledge.

| Because they actively are. RP and MGTOW are all full of hate against women.... so they're hate groups.

So telling men how to avoid being falsely accused of a crime they didn't commit or warning them about the bias in the laws is hatred now??? Wow you have an interesting perspective.

| I bet you would. You're blinded by your hatred of feminism.

If that's the case then why haven't I? Or any MGTOW for that matter? This is bullshit and you know it. You're just making excuses because that's what they taught you to do. Think for yourself for once.

I don't hate f=minism, I fear it. Much like I fear white supremacists and Al-Qaida. The people involved in f=minism have my sympathy if anything since they are basically trapped in a hateful ideology that will do nothing but destroy them and the people around them. That makes me sad.

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You are focusing on men who have just found the Red Pill. Many were abuse victims, cheated on, lied to, cucked, divorce-raped or had their kids ripped away from them by women who were aware that society gives them a free pass to shit on men.

So you want to whine about these guys who are still finding their way? Fine! But these dudes are just trying to figure out life after having been fucked over for doing nothing but being good boyfriends or husbands. Enjoy your victim blaming bro.

These dudes don't stay that angry. It's a phase and its incredibly poisonous to prevent them from having a release valve. You wanna know why dudes are taking themselves out? Because of shit like this.

What I see in front of me is bitter hatred.

No you're confusing me with f=eminists. They want us dead. We just want to live in peace and equality.

chance080 • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 02:59 AM

I got banned for being too logical for them, reaching out a olive branch and asking them to work with those of us in MRA groups to take down child sexual abuse pages on Reddit. (Something I think any sane person would agree on). Nope, got called out for dare even offering to help. Downvoted to oblivion, and then banned for asking someone to not project their hatred, rage and anger towards men at me and groups such as MRA.

Literally. Her language was “psycho, monster, abusive, woman beating”. I could provide screenshots, but it’s literally quite pointless as I got banned shortly thereafter and really stopped giving a fuck about their problems.

A lot of these feminists see us as literal animals. Wanting nothing more than to rape and/or murder them. This is far from the truth, we all know this. Yet that’s still perpetuated.

[deleted] • 18 points • 14 December, 2020 04:35 PM

Anecdotal. I've made well intentioned and polite posts and been banned and my comment erased because it went against their narrative. The assumption is that any and all evidence, opinion or experience that is contrary to their worldview is deliberate trolling. Just as they assume every single MRA is a 'misogynist incel' You're going to find hostility towards the opposite sex on any internet forums dedicated too either feminism or men's rights, but at least on this particular one it is less censorious. But there can be no comparison in scale or scope to the support feminism gets compared with men's rights, nor any comparison to the latitude the feminists get when it comes to stating clearly and for the record, in public, that they hate men and that men are trash etc.

TheOtherGrowaway • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 07:53 PM

At the very least, dissent is not quashed here. Women or feminists voice are not banned and censored
This is as honest as saying /r/politics isn't biased.

Grave_Heresy • 12 points • 15 December, 2020 12:19 AM

I was banned from r/AskFeminists for telling someone that they didn't have to shave their legs but that they weren't entitled to a relationship either.

I literally listed all of the things that I did to make myself appealing to the opposite sex such as heavy lifting in the gym and strict dieting to keep my body fat below 14% as well as my hair and skin care regimens.

Literally agreed with the poster but pointed out that it was unreasonable for her to assume that she was entitled to a date with men or that men were the bad guys for passing her up.

But because I went against the narrative that men are bad for not dating her due to grooming habits, I was the one who was banned. That was the final straw in a long line of straws that broke the oxen back.

I literally stopped being a feminist on that day. ☐

AnActualPerson comment score below threshold • -7 points • 15 December, 2020 05:44 AM

Imagine changing your opinions on basic human rights stuff because someone was mean to you online.

Oncefa2[S] • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 02:26 PM

Men not dating you because you're unkempt and smelly is not a human rights issue.

That's called entitlement.

Grave_Heresy • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 02:37 PM

Imagine talking out of your ass because your too biased to ask questions... Oh wait you don't have to lol

Oncefa2[S] • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 08:53 PM

You might get downvoted but we let you say whatever bullshit you want to say so long as you're not violating the usual site wide rules.

bluefootedpig • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 06:18 PM

Here I can post a benign post about wanting equality and get downvoted. I guess sure, there isn't the ban hammer, but this sub is no way accepting of non-sub views, even a little.

[deleted] • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 01:27 PM

Nobody has to be 'accepting' of stupid ideas or bigoted opinions. But it's important not to censor them, however wrong they might be or ban someone for holding an opinion contrary to one's own. Downvotes can't harm you.

Oncefa2[S] • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 08:58 PM

There are some non-sub views that are upvoted right now.

I don't know what you said but I guarantee that you received some well thought out criticisms and not just blind downvotes and name calling.

threadew • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 09:13 PM

I just think there is a lot of room for MRA's between toxic feminism and thegreenpill, and there are a lot of toxic users on this sub who think that anyone not swallowing thegreenpill is a secret

feminazi.

bluefootedpig • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 10:33 PM

Top by controversial are saying there are extremists in both groups.

Seems fairly benign yet down voted.

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -16 points • 14 December, 2020 05:15 PM

My man. While you are saying all of that...

look at whats HAPPENING. women are being killed for speaking out in plenty of countries. You are really using some hastags to say, women dont have it bad?

God guys. Go outside the bubble. Yes there are some censoring. meanwhile, people are being killed left and right for speaking against men.

Apprehensive_Ad1248 • 13 points • 14 December, 2020 06:07 PM

What percentage of global homicide victims is Male Vs Female?

I bet the answer will shock you.

elephantonella comment score below threshold • -9 points • 14 December, 2020 06:46 PM

And they are killed by who?

duhhhh • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 09:27 PM

People. People are victims. People are perpetrators. Individual people.

[deleted] • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 01:36 PM

No I am not saying anything about *how women have it*. That's an entirely different matter and a **separate subject**. What I am using hashtags for is to demonstrate that the discourse around feminism allows for a VERY wide latitude of opinions that range from well thought out to genocidal misandry. Absolutely zero mainstream publications would tolerate similar appalling bigotry and hate mongering from the MRA crowd. It is night and day comparing the level of vitriol directed at men by misandrous feminists and that directed at women by MRA's. No vitriol would be better, but you are always going to have extreme opinions on any subject. Extreme opinions within feminism however, are **lauded, printed and encouraged**, that is absolutely not the case in the men's rights movement.

iaimf • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 11:04 PM

Most people in the real world, if they've ever even heard the term, have a total incorrect definition in their heads for it.

I find it quite hurtful that people use the term knowing people don't like it and misunderstand it. It's like they don't care. Please stop using the term.

threaddew • 9 points • 15 December, 2020 01:28 AM

I agree. I'm switching to "restrictive gender norms".

iaimf • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 02:08 AM

Thank you.

lasciate • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 07:59 PM*

You seem very *concerned* that the sub is toxic. In fact most of your comments on this sub are about your *concerns*...

For the record, giving a shit about what dishonest critics say is counter-productive. They will simply lie and falsify if they want "evidence" of misogyny/toxicity. Often, they will come here in the guise of an MRA who's just so *concerned* about some nebulous what the sub is doing wrong, but generally they can't help but show their true colors.

refusing to acknowledge [...] the idea that women have ever faced greater challenges than men.

They didn't. You may subjectively devalue women's privileges compared those enjoyed by men and elevate women's suffering over that of men, but that doesn't mean the status of society as defined by objective metrics aligned with your feelings. I'll acknowledge your feelings as true when you prove them. I'm not going to take "women have/had it worse" as a received truth just because some people *feel* that women are/were powerless and unduly put upon.

Edit: More evidence that you're bullshitting and concern trolling.

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Many of the larger ones have automodbots that pre-ban anyone who has posted on /r/MensRights, rules requiring that all posts and top-level comments be made by female users, and rules requiring that all posts and comments be made from a pro-feminist stance that accepts feminist theory as true. The idea that you've never encountered this stuff on feminist forums is simply impossible. You're lying. Also, your account has no posts on any feminist subreddits. Surely that's not a result of trying to hide your MensRights comments or having been pre-banned because of them, right? Such open communities they have, those feminists.

And when I said most of your comments are concern trolling I didn't realize I was underselling it. Reading through your user page I see that all of them are concern trolling.

It's eternally frustrating as a **male feminist** who would like to advocate/discuss the problems facing my gender.

Indeed.

threadew • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 08:38 PM

This is a perfect example of my original point, and its more than a little disturbing that you don't see it as such. Anyone with concerns about the sub is a false flag? I think its fair to acknowledge that the majority of my scant posts in the sub are "meta" posts about the quality of the sub - but I hate the no true scotsman bullshit that that makes me some sort of "traitor" because I think we should be introspective and self audit. I come here because I am frustrated with how men are treated and I want to talk about it, presumably just like you.

The second part of your post is extremely controversial at best, even if the view is more common on the sub than in the real world. My understanding is that you are claiming that I am "subjectively devaluing women's privileges compared to those enjoyed by men and elevate women's suffering over that of men" in order to say that men have at least historically enjoyed a globally advantageous position in comparison with women.

I've only even seen this idea here, its really far from mainstream, and so you claiming that the burden of proof is on me (and the entire established mainstream narrative of history) is absurd. I actually think this idea is really interesting intellectually, and I strongly suspect it would be pretty instantly shut down if proposed in most academic, or at least university settings, which is both a huge travesty for men and a travesty for intellectualism in general. In addition to being interesting, I think the idea almost certainly has some merit, at least enough to have it discussed. Undoubtedly there are huge problems with the historical narrative about gender roles that trivialize the historical problems that men faced in favor of highlighting the suffering of women. Hopefully we can agree on that, and I think most people willing to honestly engage would.

That's all just my opinion though, which isn't really what we're talking about. Acknowledging that there are problems with gender role narratives in history does not necessarily conclude then that women were historically privileged relative to men. That argument is such an extreme extension of that line of that, and so far beyond accepted cultural history, that the burden of proof would fall on the person making that claim, not the reverse, as you are claiming. I'm not sure how you would objectively come up with criteria for evaluating relative privilege, and it'd be even harder I suspect to get you and a feminist to agree on such criteria. Personally I think legal privileges, wealth, and access to education would have to be included - not coincidentally all three of these are HUGE areas where modern men suffer but where men were, historically, at immense advantage.

None of that trivializes the challenges that modern men face, or the extreme degree to which those challenges are ignored or worse, the degree to which the challenges are actively propagated/encouraged by "feminists".

lasciate • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 09:11 PM

Anyone with concerns about the sub is a false flag?

No, just the ones who constantly (or exclusively) complain about vague *concerns* while desperately trying to convince everyone they're an ally who just wants to help. Who do nothing except try to associate the sub/movement with words like 'misogyny', 'toxic', 'woman-haters', etc. in the guise of constructive criticism. Who are self-avowed feminists, but hide that fact because they know it will give away the game too quickly.

but I hate the no true scotsman bullshit that that makes me some sort of "traitor"

You're not a traitorous MRA. You're not an MRA at all. Nearly every comment you've made here is a criticism of the subreddit and the MRM in general. None of them have anything to do with men's rights activism. If I went to a feminist subreddit, claimed to be a feminist, then exclusively made comments about how *concerned* I was about feminist's bad behavior would you believe that I was a feminist?

That's a trick question, because I'd be banned after the first anti-feminist comment.

I come here because I am frustrated with how men are treated and I want to talk about it
You've never done that. You solely make "introspective, self-audit" style comments. You're a concern troll.

I've only even seen this idea here, its really far from mainstream, and so you claiming that the burden of proof is on me

The burden of proof for all claims you make is on you. No matter how self-evident you *feel* your claim is. That's how making claims works. Otherwise you could make a never-ending stream of claims and demand that others disprove them or accept them. If your claim is so obvious it should be trivially easy to prove.

That argument is such an extreme extension of that line of that, and so far beyond accepted cultural history, that the burden of proof would fall on the person making that claim

Yes, when you pretend that the person dismissing your unproven claim is the one who's *actually* making a claim I imagine the burden of proof would reverse like that. Fortunately, I am not obligated to join you in your pretenses.

You are not an MRA. You are a feminist concern troll exclusively trying to associate MRAs with anti-woman toxicity. That's all you do on this subreddit. We can all see your comment history.

threadew • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 09:01 PM

Reddit is not the only internet forum.

You don't to be a Green Pill frequenter to be a Men's Rights Activist. Your insistence that you do, and that all feminists are toxic liars, is net harmful to the MRA cause.

lasciate • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 09:24 PM

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Oh, you've realized the jig is up. Time to strawman!

The irony that you are lying while complaining about being called a liar is rich. You can now go back to your feminist space and cry that MRAs said "all feminists are toxic liars" when you tried to engage them in good faith and get them to see how terrible they are. Concern troll: successful.

threadew • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 10:22 PM

It's frustrating to me that you're so much concerned with being toxically antagonistic of someone you disagree with than with trying to engage. That you'd rather cast doubt on my "loyalty" and imply that I'm some sort sort of "feminist spy" that talk to me about what I originally commented on. How is that productive? How does that further MRA ideas?

lasciate • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 10:29 PM

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I have no desire to engage with your concern trolling. I'm just pointing out what you're doing

for everyone else to see. You're a male feminist who views the world through a feminist lens. You haven't contributed one pro-men's rights idea to this subreddit in your entire comment history. You exclusively comment about this subreddit and the MRM in a negative manner. You are a concern troll.

Also, don't PM me.

threadew • -2 points • 15 December, 2020 01:33 AM

Even if that were verifiably true, your lack of desire to meaningfully engage instead of attacking someone in your aggressively determined out - group shows that you aren't really interested in MRA, just in shit talking people you disagree with (which appears to me to be just about everyone). And don't worry, I won't waste my time by trying to find common ground with you anymore.

lasciate • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 09:12 AM

Your actions make it undesirable to engage with your trolling. You are only interested in attacking this sub and the MRM with vague, spurious criticisms. You are solely here to try to associate the two with negative behavior. Why would I help you in your goal?

And don't worry, I won't waste my time by trying to find common ground with you anymore.

Oh *that's* what you're trying to do with your nonstop "too bad you guys are so awful" posting.

Fennicks47 • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 05:12 PM

Yeah, every feminist Ive met supports Mens rights. Because its all about human rights.

Im glad theres a level head here, since almost all the other comments are 'man this one shitty person (women) said a shitty thing this one time'.

Avaloer[] comment score below threshold • -6 points • 14 December, 2020 04:18 PM

Thank you! I totally agree with you, and your comment sums up my thoughts about this sub. It always saddens me, when I read post where people mistake the meaning of toxic masculinity.

It seems like 80% of the people in MRA, but also at least 60% of feminists are not aware, that they have the incorrect definition that usually pops up, if one hears the term for the first time.

Oncefa2[S] • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 09:07 PM

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Does this not imply that a good 40% of feminists are using it in a hostile, misandrist manner? And that 80% of MRAs have only ever heard it used in a hostile, misandrist manner?

What does that tell you about the term and it's failure / success in the real world?

88% of men think it's sexist. That's a real figure not a guesstimation. Are you really going to argue that 88% of men are wrong to be offended by it? Even though 40% of feminists use it in a hateful manner, which is probably why they feel offended by it, since there's a good chance they've seen these people before.

The best landing I think you can make is that toxic masculinity was well intentioned but was quickly adopted and used primarily by man-hating feminists. To the point that we might as well give up and stop using the term.

Just call it sexism or oppression. That's what it is. That's what toxic masculinity describes. Why won't feminists drop the act and just be forward with the language that they're using.

threadew • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 01:40 AM

Yeah I think you're spot on. It's a super important concept, but toxic masculinity is just a bad term for it because of how easy it is to misuse it to abuse men. I'm leaving the term behind.

I still suspect that most of the men who say it's sexist don't know what the term is actually referring to, but that only further underlines how bad of a term it is.

NorthBlizzard • 17 points • 14 December, 2020 04:10 PM

The fake term "toxic masculinity"(which doesn't exist) actually comes ironically from toxic femininity being allowed to run rampant and unchecked throughout society for over a decade.

Lui_Le_Diamond • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 04:26 PM

Toxic masculinity is real, but it's a product of the unrelenting beatdown and society's war on men. It's how men are taught to suppress our emotions and be a "real man", which is largely reinforced by feminism.

Klldarkness1 points 14 December, 2020 04:52 PM* **[recovered]**

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There is absolutely nothing wrong with masculinity, and I will die on that hill.

Having a good, strong, masculine figure in your life as a child increases your chances of making anything of your life, tenfold.

The crime statistics for children raised by single mothers is astounding. Source

Toxic Masculinity is a term made up by feminists that hate men, and have been scorned in their pasts by the men in their lives. That those men were masculine has only to do with the fact that the general female psyche finds those types of men attractive.

Then they hate men, have kids, and treat their sons like unlovable monsters, whom then grow up to be exactly what they hated.

And then they blame men for those issues all over again.

I was raised by an extremely masculine father. Muscular, hard working, and a fucking Ex-con who turned his life around in his 30s, when he had kids and met my mother.

We grew up in extreme poverty, in the worst neighborhoods.

Nowadays I'm an Ex-LEO Accountant with a Degree in IT.

I didn't turn to crime. I don't hate women, and in fact am engaged to my Fiance(Girlfriend of 7 years), and we just bought a house together in May.

She just got accepted into Vet School last week, and is a strong, intelligent woman.

There is absolutely zero things toxic about masculinity. What's toxic is single mothers that blame men for their problems, and take it out on their kids.

Lui_Le_Diamond • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 07:02 PM

I think I mistyped, I'm not saying masculinity is toxic. It isn't at all. Masculinity is a natural and very healthy thing, toxic masculinity is a completely separate thing. Sorry.

jratmain comment score below threshold • -7 points • 14 December, 2020 05:00 PM

I see this perspective a lot and I'd like to offer my own perspective on the term "toxic masculinity."

If I say toxic chemicals are dangerous, I am not saying ALL chemicals are dangerous. It's the same concept. Toxic masculinity is bad. Not masculinity itself. Masculinity is not under attack, but among attributes that are labeled "masculine" by society, some of them are toxic or can be toxic (inability to emote without ridicule, inability to have close bonds among other men ['that's gay' or 'that's feminine'], etc).

Masculinity isn't bad. Toxic masculinity is bad. Pigeonholing half the population into only being allowed to behave in a very proscribed and dictated manner, and denigrating/insulting/attacking men who don't fit into that pigeonhole is bad.

RoryTate • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 05:30 PM

If I say toxic chemicals are dangerous, I am not saying ALL chemicals are dangerous.

That analogy doesn't fit here, because then why didn't they call it "toxic behaviour" instead of "toxic *masculinity*"? Remember, these are the same people who raise a fit if terms like "policemen" are used, because of the off chance that it could possibly make a female somewhere feel like she couldn't be a police officer. So why did they choose to label masculinity as toxic when that language reinforces "harmful stereotypical gender roles" in people's minds? If nothing else, that is a huge double standard.

Seriously, if you have to stop and explain that your slogan doesn't mean what it obviously appears to say, then you've lost before you begin. See "kill all men", "defund the police", or "abolish the police" for examples of this type of PR incompetence.

On the other hand, if they meant something else...

...then they would *say* something else.

We need to start listening to what people say again, and not bend over backwards to interpret it in the best possible way when they keep repeating the same crazy slogan. They are adults, and they know **exactly** what they are saying and how it will be perceived, and the word choice is deliberate.

jratmain • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 05:48 PM

I can see your perspective. When talking about specific behavior that society has deemed "male-like" or even, "male-required", that is negative, what term would you prefer? I don't think "toxic behavior" is sufficient because it's not specific to those expectations that are placed specifically on men, it doesn't have context. I'm curious what term would be better.

RoryTate • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 07:59 PM

what term would you prefer

Why bother? This criticism isn't anything new; feminists have known about these problems for decades and haven't changed their pitch one iota in response. Besides, if I'm right and the "masculinity is toxic" slogan is just a dog whistle to reinforce negative social stereotypes about men – which then requires *more* feminism to fix the supposed issue – then it's doing **exactly** what they intended. So why would they change it? Why should I waste my time?

Nath43673 • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 10:02 PM*

Some alternatives:

- restrictive male gender expectations
- toxic gender expectations for men
- toxic gender roles for men
- unhealthy gender expectations for men
- limited masculinity
- the "man box" concept

You can also choose to get more specific to the situation. eg. internalised male disposability could be used in the case of a man putting work before health, or a negligent employer with a male-dominated employee base.

There's also an argument for just saying it's sexism. When women are expected to conform to unhealthy gender norms, it's called sexism.

Kllldarkness3 points 14 December, 2020 07:51 PM* **[recovered]**

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Sorry, was busy with work and couldn't reply.

While the guy that replied to you did a great job, he did miss one point that I think needs to stand on its own.

Let me ask you...exactly where does the idea that 'Society' believes men shouldn't show their emotions come from? Or that they shouldn't have male friends?

Allow me to explain.

Toxic Masculinity is victim blaming.

In society, male role models show emotions.

In movies, the soldier on the battlefield who has saved the day, but is dying. He cries, and we feel for him.

Rocky Balboa, famous for crying out 'Adrian!' after he nearly died to win his fight.

Fuck it, even John Wayne is shown twice with tears in his eyes.

In popular media, when the male role model has suffered, or struggled, him crying is accepted, and even lauded. No one says otherwise.

As a child, my mother would comfort me when I cried.

When my dog died unexpectedly, my best male friend hugged me while I sobbed.

Not once did any of them ever ridicule me.

When someone actually is made fun of for showing emotions, think who is doing it.

It's the bully, male or female.

It's the mother that mistreats their child.

It's the girl at school, making fun of you.

None of those people are society, and not a single one of them embodies masculinity at all.

Feminism, however, will tell you different. That society thinks men shouldn't have emotions, that men are emotionless monsters, when we simply are not.

Any man that is, is a victim, and that victimhood likely started at home.

So ask yourself....why do feminists want you to believe that?..and why did you believe it in the first place?

The same of course goes for accusations of homosexuality for having close guy friends. When and where does that start? Every single male lead in a movie has a confidant, or a friend, and 99.9% of them are male.

Harold and Kumar? Superbad? Friday?

I could name a thousand movies, in all genre, where there are two guys that are best friends.

So where does 'society' think it's masculine to only have female friends?

This is another shifting of blame. A guy is asked if he's gay, when he turns a woman down. Or when someone doesn't like him, and so bullies him.

Or, and my favorite, when he actually is gay.

None of these have anything to do with masculinity, yet it's somehow shoved under the label of 'Toxic Masculinity', because it's meant to be men's faults, the 'patriarchy's' fault.

It's neither. It's simply homophobia, and that's on all sides, all genders, all creeds.

RoryTate • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 09:42 PM

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The movies you cite are all good examples of how the "toxic masculinity" label does not reflect the reality of media, but you could even go further into other mediums in modern history to make the argument stronger, I think. For example, music. The song *I Ran* by A Flock of Seagulls practically defined the entire decade of the 80's (Note: I could argue that 99

Luftballons by Nena is more representative of that generation, but that's a completely different discussion), and what do we see when we look at the depiction of masculinity within that song? *I Ran* is a vision of the masculine that is full of self-doubt and awkward feelings of love and desire, as a boy sees a girl he likes, but runs away as her imagined beauty overwhelms him ("I just ran, I ran all night and day. I couldn't get away."). These lyrics resonated with me at the time (as a boy about to enter puberty), and they still do to this day. There was no mass protest against this depiction of men when it was released, and such coming of age stories were simply common and popular, even universal, during this period, despite the false claim today of there being no examples of "non-traditional" masculine roles until just recently.

Honestly, that kind of assertion is just bullshit – as your classic movie examples prove beyond any doubt – and just an attempt to rewrite history. The truth is that the only thing that we have now that didn't exist decades ago is an absolute hatred of fatherhood in the male images coming out of the current culture, as those creating such works see it as their mission to "smash the patriarchy" and "fight toxic masculinity" through attacking Dads at every opportunity.

jrattmain • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 08:03 PM

You have both given me a lot to think about. Thank you for the reply.

Greg_W_Allan • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 12:23 PM

In society, male role models show emotions.

There's thousands of years worth of beautiful stuff created by the expression of male emotions.

Xandraelle1 points 14 December, 2020 04:44 PM* **[recovered]**

Which is largely reinforced by other men.

AgentBuddy12 • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 05:03 PM

Nope it's reinforced by both genders at an equal amount. Studies show that kids raised in single mother households are more likely to be violent and a lot of single mothers reinforce toxic masculinity leading these boys to be violent. A lot of men (including myself) have experienced toxic masculinity by more women as opposed to men. I'm not saying only women do it but women play a huge role in it.

Xandraelle1 points 14 December, 2020 05:34 PM* **[recovered]**

Studies also show that motherless households are more likely to raise violent children. Also, kids with 2 mothers do not see the increase rates of violence either.. Its almost like unstable child hoods and households in turmoil are actually to blame, instead of women. If MRA wants to be taken serious it needs to get past uh women bad all their fault mentality that is associated with incelism

AgentBuddy12 • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 05:43 PM

MRAs don't have a problem with women? They have a problem with feminism which is perfectly resonable considering the harm feminism has had on men's lives. This sub doesn't condone hate against women. MRAs will proably never be taking seriously due to people like you who think MRAs who are a bunch of misogynistic incels. My point still stand that toxic

masculinity is equally reinforced by both genders.

Xandraelle0 points 14 December, 2020 05:51 PM* [recovered]

The top post of this sub is literally that women don't have a right for feel safe.

Apprehensive_Ad1248 • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 06:09 PM

No. They don't have the right to punish men because they feel unsafe.

It's not right to punch someone because you THINK they might rob you. No one has a problem with punching someone if they are robbing you.

One requires facts and evidence, the other is just based on emotions.

RoryTate • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 08:34 PM

women don't have a right for feel safe.

I have an intense fear of spiders, like a large part of the world's population. So does that mean I should expect everyone else in the entire world to completely exterminate all arachnids so that I can always feel safe before venturing out of my own "spider-free bubble"?

Focusing on just "feeling unsafe" is far too broad of a concept when discussing societal rules, because phobias and other unreasonable fears exist that will create untenable and unjust laws in response. Yes, you have the right to feel safe in that I can't wave a loaded gun in your face. Yes, you have the right to feel safe in that I can't drive while impaired. Both of those things may infringe upon my "rights", but it is reasonable because those actions are not essential/vital to me and they logically do have negative affects on other people's safety.

No, you do not have the right to feel safe when walking down the street, when I – a large man – happen to be walking in the same direction behind you. My time is important, and I need to be free to travel and get to my destination in whatever lawful ways I have available to me. Just like in the case of my irrational fear of spiders, it is the person with the phobia who needs to do the work to overcome their fears, and they cannot expect everyone else to expend extra energy simply to meet their unreasonable and excessive demands. *Especially* considering that justifying someone's irrational fear only serves to heighten their sensitivity (see *Operant Conditioning*), which then ends up making them feel **less** safe overall.

So if the goal is to truly make people *feel* safe, then in many cases the only possible solution is to fix the person themselves, and to not make things worse by irrationally trying (and always failing) to change the entire world around them with foolish and unfair laws or social pressure.

Lui_Le_Diamond • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 07:00 PM

Which shows that both parents play a large role in parenting. Funny that feminism stopped fathers from having many parental rights at all.

MyLittleDashie7 • -4 points • 15 December, 2020 12:03 AM

The fake term "toxic masculinity"(which doesn't exist)

You can't just claim terms don't exist because you don't like them. It very obviously is a real term, even if you disagree with the concept. And even then, I'd be willing to bet you don't actually disagree with the concept, it's just a shitty name that's easily misunderstood (even by people using it) to mean "men bad".
The fact that you're happy to use the phrase "toxic femininity" is pretty much proof of that.

therenousername • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 05:17 PM

THIS.

TAPriceCTR • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 10:46 AM

We all know. Feminists don't believe a word they preach... at least not when it's inconvenient.

e874yn094eyhu90 • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 05:42 PM

Feminists want the law to protect and empower, but not bind them.

Feminists want the law to bind and obligate, but not protect men.

Apply these two precepts to everything a feminist does and says and they will explain everything about them.

erdirdmans • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 12:55 AM

As far as I can tell, MRA is just finishing the story that feminists used to tell but stopped somewhere around '95 or 2000.

It's a damn shame. When I was a kid I would definitely have called myself a feminist. Now I just stay way the fuck away from all of this.

Oncefa2[S] • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 02:31 PM

A lot of MRAs remember this and are basically ex-feminists, sometimes reluctantly so. Not because they changed their views but because the mainstream feminist movement changed and became anti-male and anti-equality.

If you remain devoted to gender equality then you can't really call yourself a feminist in good faith.

studdmuffinn3 • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 01:06 AM

Lmao a woman told me "stop being a baby" when I told her I wasn't ready to date yet because I'm still healing from a BU lol

Some women are straight hypocrites and it's disgusting. They want THIS and they want THAT.

Greg_W_Allan • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 01:31 PM*

giving men a safe space to speak up and express themselves

The male response to stress or trauma is a need to act rather than huddle and weep. Forcing boys and men to act contrary to their instincts in those circumstances is excruciating.

I've spent much time around male victims of sexual assault and associated services. The best outcomes occur in group - necessarily male only - settings where they are united with similarly motivated males - AND activated. Simply put...do things together. Men heal shoulder to shoulder rather than face to face. It takes advantage of something men have always done well - come together in numbers large or small to make incredible things happen.

cerealbih • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 06:48 PM

Feminists idea of helping men is telling us we need to wear dresses/skirts and then calling us insecure toxic men when we say we don't want to.

BigOunce4204 • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 09:55 PM

Lmaaaaaoooo ikr. They be like we do a lot things for men. Things they do for men: advocate to normalize wearing dresses and wearing nail polish (which is like 1 man in a 1000 men) and when u disagree and say that u dont care about that they go with the "iT iS jUSt bECaUsE yOU hAvE a SmOL pP"

cerealbih • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 10:02 PM

It's funny because those same women/feminists that will shame you for a dick size they haven't seen will preach on their Instagram about "all bodies are beautiful" and "body shaming is not okay" until it's a short man or a guy with a below average dick.

The cognitive dissonance they have is insane. When a woman tells me "feminists DO push for men's rights" I roll my eyes.

BigOunce4204 • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 10:04 PM

Ive read this somewhere on another thread on this sub, so when they tell u that feminism is for equality ask them what has feminism done for men

lancelot-dumontet • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 06:45 PM

Toxic masculinity is bs

ThrowawayGhostGuy1 • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 08:39 PM

They want men to open up, but only to confess how their masculinity is wrong.

MRhurray • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 11:30 PM

I am confused about the issues that feminism is supposedly upset about? The basic complaint is that females have been discriminated against. Have they simply forgotten about the plight of the minority in American history? There was a serious effort in the country to level the playing field for families, not men or women. Civil rights were supposed to allow black Families equal opportunities to support themselves and advance in society on equal forgetting as other families. What appears to have happened is instead of granting this equal footing, the "equality" got fragmented. Now everything on the planet is skipping the line and claiming their rights ahead of the Black families that fought the good fight. Everything from the spotted owl, to xmas trees and the alphabet community, is trying to move to the front of the line for equality, pushing the black family that much further to the back. It is a shame that you can't even claim that "Black lives matter" without backlash, while the slave owners wife fights for the same privileges of her husband? Those privileges come with a considerable amount of responsibility that few are willingly shoulder. You have to be willing to take the punishment for your actions willingly. You have to be accountable for your choices independently. When faced with the choice of equality few females believe that all of the privileges need to be extended. "Women and children first", should never go away in the minds of many!/? The fact that you can not confront a female with the same veracity that you would an equally offensive/ aggressive male, is yet another indication that they don't choose to be truly equal at all. I find it offensive that feminists cherry pick what areas they want equality in. You want equality in the "C-suite" but not in the ditch digging or the child support ting. If feminists want to be equal, let them! But, you can't claim you were a man yesterday and hid behind the moniker of "but I'm a woman", today. Females have always been a favored segment of our community and culture. They are the manifestation of all that is desirable and the source of the future. It does not seem reasonable that a singular group whom has been deemed worthy of such sacrifice

across cultures could reasonably claim mistreatment in general. Specific cases I am sure occur, but in general the argument simply does not hold water. Men in general are the bearers of the terrible requirements of survival. the toil and kill to ensure the safety of their families. They sacrificed their own longevity to ensure that the family, that they claimed on the faith in the mother's word, would survive even if he did not. it is an affront, to the historic sacrifices of all male kind on behalf of their wives mothers sisters and aunts who fought off the invaders or guarded the cave entrance or marched off to war of whatever kind. It will be a cold existence when men treat females in the manner in which feminists appear to want men relegated to " Sperm donators"!! When females become nothing more useful than life support for the developing fetus, will that prove their equality? If men are nothing more than a paycheck or cheap labor pool to be exploited by the family courts, what happens when every man requires a contract of surrogacy from any female he allows to have sex with him? When men choose to support each other instead of the families they traditionally supported on faith in the words of the female they dedicated their life and love to? until DNA was discovered there was only the word of the mother to determine fatherhood. When legislation allows a man to choose fatherhood, rather than have it forced upon him, choose like females do in the world of legal abortion, equality will reign supreme and the playing field will be balanced and we can all live knowing we have self determination through choice!

_jojo_69 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 03:21 AM

The problem is, some feminist think of MRAs as agenda of bringing patriarchy back.

antifeminist3 • 2 points • 18 December, 2020 08:50 PM

One definition of toxic feminism is 'feminists suppressing men's voices'.

You are welcome.

AngryIPScanner • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 07:09 PM

without people trying to say that women have it worse or that it's really caused by men / the patriarchy / toxic masculinity.

Whenever someone tries to say that, I ask them to name me three things that women go through that are devastating.

I then tell them I'm prepared to give three examples of what men go through that will leave them with PTSD, in financial ruin and would lead to depression and suicide.

They then .. magically don't have shit to say.

qemist • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 09:26 PM

I wonder why they don't like the MGTOW movement: no rape, no sexual harassment, no domestic violence... what is there for them not to like about it?

anons-a-moose • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 04:06 PM

I'm pretty sure there's not much ideological difference between feminism and mra.

If anyone wants to disagree, I'd like to discuss, but don't just blindly downvote because you disagree without saying anything.

Oncefa2[S] • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 04:22 PM*

I mean I'd venture to agree with you.

Most MRAs are ex-feminists and some are even current feminists. They joined the movement in part because feminists don't practice what they preach when it comes to gender equality for men.

We're the "true feminists" who "care about gender equality".

anons-a-moose • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 04:33 PM

I definitely think a number of feminists have gone towards the more radical side and have dropped the "equality" mantra, however feminism in itself, and the majority of more moderate feminists would probably support and agree with the tenants of MRA.

Oncefa2[S] • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 04:59 PM

So then why don't they? Why can't we be allies and work together? Including by addressing "toxic" / radical feminism as an oppressive, institutionalized force of misandry AND misogyny in society.

Fennicks47 • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 05:20 PM

They....do? I don't see how you think they aren't.

There are tons of discussions everywhere. Just look.

Oncefa2[S] • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 07:18 PM

Those discussions can happen right here right now if you want. I'm open to it. Don't act like this kind of "meet them in the middle" post wouldn't get you banned in most feminist spaces though. We've seen it happen a thousand times and people have posted threads in this sub where it's happened. So don't try to gaslight us on this. If you know of better subs than r/feminism or twox or any of those, then by all means let me know.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 05:02 PM

Because there's a huge disparity in communication. Feminists think MRAs are the enemy and MRA guys think feminism is against them. No one is actually having serious conversations about it. There's just finger pointing and accusations.

chance080 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 04:07 AM

I tried. I can provide ss's of how that went

anons-a-moose • -2 points • 15 December, 2020 01:55 PM

I'm just saying in general there's a huge disparity. It's a pervasive problem with both groups wanting to have a pissing contest about who's more victimized in society rather than come together to solve the issues.

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -5 points • 14 December, 2020 05:19 PM

We're the "true feminists" who "care about gender equality".

So, feminist then.

Right guys. Right?

Are we really taking the skewed opinion of loud shitty people, and generalizing it to an entire movement.

Looks like it.

torrentfox • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 05:44 PM

If they were really similar in ideology, wouldn't MRAs be claiming that their problems are a result of 'the matriarchy'?

anons-a-moose • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 06:07 PM

I don't think so. I'm just asking for the sake of asking, but what are the biggest problems men face?

torrentfox • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 06:21 PM

There's a good reference of men's issues in the sidebar.

Point I was trying to make is that feminism and patriarchy theory are usually a package deal. MRAs in general don't subscribe to an equivalent unifying theory that explains the shit outcomes many men deal with, so it's inappropriate to say that they are similar in ideology.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 06:24 PM

I'm just asking you for the sake of discussion what you think are the biggest problems men face.

Oncefa2[S] • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 07:27 PM

Homelessness, suicide, violence against men, legal discrimination, police discrimination, child custody discrimination, divorce discrimination, hiring discrimination, discrimination against male victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, medical discrimination (funding and resources for men), life expectancy gap, working hours and benefits gap, the work-life balance gap, relationship discrimination (women usually control most relationships), education / teaching discrimination, genital mutilation ("circumcision"), false allegations, the providership gap, the incarceration gap, the workplace fatality gap, the health insurance coverage gap, the empathy gap, and the lack of legal rights around parenting, reproduction, bodily autonomy, and others...

If I had to pick what was most important my opinion is that equal legal rights for men is most important: specifically when it comes to custody rights, parental rights, reproductive rights, and bodily autonomy rights. Probably in that order for me.

anons-a-moose • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 07:45 PM

I agree these are major problems that men face, and while radical feminists may not agree, I don't think any moderate feminist would disagree.

It's not beneficial for women or society as a whole if men are discriminated against in a court of law, nor when they're stripped of bodily autonomy. It causes a generation of children raised by shitty mothers, which only perpetuates the cycle.

I also think that men's life expectancy is lower because of lower health standards for men, and I think that there is an increasing amount of awareness of domestic violence against men. I hear many feminists talk about these things, especially the younger generation.

I'm honestly failing to see how any of these things differ from what the modern feminist movement is trying to achieve.

Oncefa2[S] • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 08:22 PM

Think of it this way: if feminists really were addressing these issues then there wouldn't be a men's rights movement.

Like literally: Warren Farrell is often described as the father of the modern men's rights movement and he started out as a feminist. And not just an average joe feminist. He was a multi million dollar author and speaker for women's issues. His books about feminism from before he became an MRA are still sold today and read just like any other feminist book from that time period. He was with the women's movement going

all the way back to the 60s. And around the early 1990s (IIRC) he started advocating for men's issues as well. In a way that he believed was kosher with feminists and feminist ideology under the banner of "feminism helps men too".

And do you know what happened? He was kicked off the board of directors for NOW and started getting criticized by the rest of the feminist establishment. His events, originally framed specifically as "feminism for men", were actively protested by feminists.

We're over here because there isn't space for us anywhere else. Including and especially among feminists. I was a feminist all my life until I realized how big of a sham the whole "feminism also helps men" thing was. And we're not the only ones who have taken that path to get here. There's a post on this sub somewhere with 10 or so prominent names (such as Kasey Jay) who became men's advocates not because they were anti-feminists but because feminism became anti-them *after they started advocating for men's issues*.

I mean can you explain to me why this is? Can you explain why I would be banned from r/feminism for saying exactly the same things that I just said to you in this comments or in the last one? Like how can you honestly tell me that feminism is pro-male when you get attacked, downvoted, and banned for bringing up issues that you yourself just conceded are important issues?

It's not that we don't want feminism to be a good ally. It's that feminists themselves often don't want to be that ally. Or they say that they do and then they turn out to be misandrists who are only pretending to care about men as part of their sexist attitude towards men.

anons-a-moose comment score below threshold • -6 points • 14 December, 2020 08:29 PM*

For the people downvoting me, the person I'm talking with literally said that they didn't ACTUALLY get banned from /r/feminism. They only said they THOUGHT they'd get banned if they posted there. This is literally preemptively playing the victim.

if feminists really were addressing these issues then there wouldn't be a men's rights movement.

I disagree. I think MRA was an overreaction to the feminist movement, and a reaction to radical feminists, much like how "all lives matters" was a protest to "black lives matters".

1990 was 30 years ago. That's three decades of time that's passed since then, and like I said, the modern feminist movement has had time to grow and mature.

We're over here because there isn't space for us anywhere else.

Are you not allowed in feminist places? How come?

Can you explain why I would be banned from r/feminism

I would like to see exactly the comment you wrote, word for word, that got you banned over there.

torrentfox • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 08:47 PM

I don't think the men's rights movement is necessarily a reaction to feminism at all. Almost all of the issues we face existed long before feminism did. The only difference is that we never had a "liberation", and virtually nothing has changed for us with regard to cultural and legal recognition of our issues in over a hundred years.

Oncefa2[S] • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 09:19 PM*

I've never commented over there but because I post here I would be auto-banned on my first comment.

Also the men's rights movement predates feminism. Saying it's a reaction to feminism really just shows how little about the history of both movements you actually know.

Men's advocates in the UK were talking about how marriage and divorce was unfair to men *under the old system of coverture* (the same system that feminists try to paint as being an example of male oppression of women) before feminism as a term even existed.

Arby01 • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 04:48 AM

I don't think any moderate feminist would disagree.

Then why do they oppose any legal challenge to amend parenting laws?

Feminism (the ideology) is opposed to men having rights. Full stop.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 02:01 PM

Who, exactly says that ?

Do you have names?

NK18 • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 06:32 PM

Feminism highlights the toxic and unfair treatment that men have to face due to the the patriarchy as well.

Oncefa2[S] • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 07:33 PM*

I'm honestly curious how much of this the average feminist would agree to:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/kcy3w8/comment/gfub63y>

Do they acknowledge reproductive rights as an issue for men? Do they support men being allowed to have a say in parenthood the way women do? I've seen many feminists argue no, that men would just have wild, crazy, unprotected sex and leave women high and dry with children. Which isn't just sexist to assume, but is a double standard seeing how women are already allowed to do exactly that (and many in fact are applauded as being empowered when they do).

My second question is, how is the patriarchy responsible for any of those things? Please tell me how the patriarchy caused feminist lobbying organizations to write those laws that currently discriminate against men...

NK18 • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 07:53 PM*

Women's rights are a pretty new thing and justice is always developing and right now the theory of intersectionality is dominating which highlights these issues. Can you list some exact policies? Or are these issues that support women's rights have inadvertently through societal bias and ignorance (as justice and everything is a societal institution that will feel the affects of human error)? Both are just as important and hence why anyone that studies justice studies understands this interconnectedness. The patriarchy hurts men due to the emphasis on the gender binary that is false on both sides. Women are not just docile home takers and men are not just breadwinners and all business. So yes patriarchy does invest in the old thought of women and men being completely different species when in reality there are more differences amongst each gender rather than between the genders.

NK18 • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 07:42 PM

Dude you hit exactly what educated and real feminist address. I know it's cliché but women studies or gender studies in university address and talk about these exact issue because the gender binary and stereotypes affect everyone not just women. Like my guy these issues are not one sided and any educated and thoughtful person could easily recognize that. For instance a huge issue that is so often addressed but not so much in mainstream media is the discrepancy in sentencing when it comes to female predators (I.e teachers who have had sex with their minor student) as well as the societal reaction that men can not be sexually assaulted or beaten by their spouse. Do you read scholarly peer reviewed articles from reputed resources or opinion columns on thought.com?

xmjones100 • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 05:02 PM

>There's a mountain of difference. For starters, feminism was founded on the belief that only women suffered disadvantages and that men have everything in their favor.

>It wasn't until very recently, where feminists did a complete 180 and said "Sure men's issues exist. But it's the result of patriarchy and toxic masculinity".

MRAs have always kept the simplistic belief that men's issues exist and need to be fixed.

anons-a-moose comment score below threshold • -7 points • 14 December, 2020 05:07 PM*

Everyone downvoting me needs to work on their reading comprehension.

Okay, but that's not what feminism represents today, so that's kind of a moot point. They haven't had that belief for over a hundred years.

Okay, so what exactly do you have against the idea of toxic masculinity? Do you not believe that there are certain aspects of masculinity that are toxic? The term doesn't mean "*all* masculinity is toxic". It just means that there are parts that are detrimental to men's health which negatively effects people around them. For example, women perpetrate toxic masculinity by telling men to "suck it up" when they face hardships. Toxic masculinity can and is perpetrated by women.

The MRA movement was started because they didn't understand that modern feminism also supports men's rights. At least when you disregard the radical feminists.

Oncefa2[S] • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 05:20 PM

Do you not believe that there are certain aspects of masculinity that are toxic?

There is nothing wrong with men or masculinity. It's society's interpretation of men and masculinity that is toxic, not masculinity itself.

The MRA movement was started because they didn't understand that modern feminism also supports men's rights. At least when you disregard the radical feminists.

Warren Farrell would disagree. Look up his history with NOW, the world's largest feminist lobbying group.

He advocated for men's rights *as a feminist* and was kicked out of the organization.

Plenty of other people have similar stories.

Men's advocacy is only allowed in small and limited quantities. And in ways that rarely actually help men.

Also men's rights predates feminism by a couple of decades, just so you know.

anons-a-moose • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 05:26 PM

Do you believe that the masculine tradition of bottling up your emotions is healthy?

Oncefa2[S] • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 07:20 PM

That's not a masculine tradition. Just because men aren't chatty doesn't mean we hold things in or can't otherwise deal with our emotions in a healthy manner.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 07:24 PM

It's a modern masculine trait. Sure, there are healthy ways of dealing with emotions, but many men don't have those outlets or support groups.

I'm just giving one example out of many. I'm sure you could come up with more problems that men face because of societal standards and expectations.

Oncefa2[S] • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 09:31 PM

but many men don't have those outlets or support groups.

Sure I agree with that but that's not their fault or the fault of masculinity.

Usually what people imply is that because men talk less than women they're bottling up their feelings. Which really isn't the case. In fact why isn't "talking too much and annoying people" considered more toxic than the reverse?

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 09:55 PM

but that's not their fault or the fault of masculinity.

How many of your male friends can you confide in, talk with your problems about, and cry with? Maybe you might, but many, many men don't have those systems because talking about feelings is considered "gay", or "unmanly".

Oncefa2[S] • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 10:48 PM

A lot of guys will go to the bar and vent or go hunting or do any of those other "toxic" man things that feminists misinterpret because they don't understand men and how they work.

We might not watch hallmark wrapped up in a blanket with a glass of wine but we really don't have a problem sharing our feelings or finding people to help us.

That's really just a misconception about men that a lot of women have on the level of r/nothowguyswork (or whatever the sub's name is).

The only thing we can't get is aid and support from housing charities, governments, homelessness organizations, domestic violence organizations, etc etc.

Arby01 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 04:56 AM

but many, many men don't have those systems

I agree many men don't have those systems. I disagree with your "reason" though. The reason, in my opinion, is that all the "spaces" that men could form those friendships in have been systematically destroyed by feminism.

There are no longer any spaces for boys or men to form those bonds in. Outdoor clubs - coed, sports teams - coed, generally male endeavours - coed, men's fraternity clubs - coed, actual fraternities at universities - coed/or at least co-living, no male only space, men's groups - not allowed/banned/protected.

The problems you are seeing now, had their beginnings in the 60's and earlier. You are seeing the result of the systematic destruction of the systems that supported male mental health.

duhhhh • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 07:09 PM

Is bottling up your emotions less healthy than sharing them and having them used against you?

If you want men to share their emotions, stop shitting on men that share their emotions and support them instead. With a little empathy, this issue would disappear within a generation or two. However if you blame masculinity and say "well women always have it worse" every time a guy shares his feelings, then he won't share his feelings and will teach his son not to share his feelings for his own good.

Fact is, it is only safe for most men to share negative feelings with close platonic friends and about a third of therapists. With almost anyone else, it does more harm than good.

anons-a-moose • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 07:11 PM*

Is bottling up your emotions less healthy than sharing them and having them used against you?

This is a loaded question, but you still answered my question.

No. It's not healthy to bottle up your emotions. I know you agree with that statement.

However if you blame masculinity and say "well women always have it worse"

I never have and never will make such a statement.

It's society's interpretation of men and masculinity that is toxic, not masculinity itself.

You misunderstand what "toxic masculinity means". I even explained it to you and you still willingly refuse to understand. It doesn't mean *all* masculinity is toxic. It just means that there are parts of masculinity that are toxic. *Toxic* masculinity, not toxic *masculinity*.

duhhhh • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 07:14 PM

This is a loaded question, but you still answered my question.

As is yours. In today's environment bottling up your emotions is healthier than sharing them with the overwhelming majority of people.

anons-a-moose • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 07:16 PM

I never asked a loaded question. You just made it that way.

Like I said, I know you agree with me. You just can't admit it.

It's almost like you being a little... toxic, huh?

xmjones100 • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 06:25 PM

Usually when men attempt to speak up, women's groups target them and protest them from events.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iARHCxAMAO0&t=2s>

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 06:29 PM

And what does that have anything to do with what I was asking?

xmjones100 • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 06:43 PM

You're attempting to use the feminist philosophy of "toxic masculinity" to give feminists credit for getting men to open up. When, in reality, feminists are usually the people trying to prevent men from opening up when it's something they don't want to hear.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 06:49 PM

Holy strawman, batman. You're making quite the assumptions about me.

[deleted] • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 08:31 PM

"Okay, but that's not what feminism represents today, so that's kind of a moot point. They haven't had that belief for over a hundred years. "

They still believe that men dont experience issues for being men on an institutional level.

I also regularly see feminist classify issues men experience as misogyny, which in a way states that its not an issue men face.

The list goes on. Their are a lot of issues with feminist theory.

anons-a-moose • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 08:34 PM

They still believe that men dont experience issues for being men on an institutional level.

Show me where they say this.

I also regularly see feminist classify issues men experience as misogyny, which in a way states that its not an issue men face.

Can you show me an example?

[deleted] • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 08:38 PM

Is askfeminists a valid source?

anons-a-moose • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 08:41 PM

I think taking one person's word for it on a niche sub isn't representative of the movement as a whole, but go ahead.

There's really no way of verifying that they are a genuine feminist or just a troll.

[deleted] • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 08:45 PM

The amount of comments and the general consensus to those comments indicate that these are beliefs held by at least that sub... I've also come across these idea a lot... so what is a valid source?

anons-a-moose • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 09:02 PM

I would still love to see some direct quotes from there if you can.

Feel free to post comments from any source you think is valid.

[deleted] • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 09:17 PM*

"does misandry exist" top comment

to be honest I dont know what is "valid" these are idea I regularly come across. People regularly defend feminism saying thats not what feminism believes, but I come across it a lot.... id be curious what sources I should be looking at.

edit

article from everyday feminism

My understanding from the article is that men dont experience sexism, they can experience gender based prejudice, because sexism is systemic and since we live in a misogynistic system it doesnt exist. But I could be misunderstanding.

xmjones100 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 06:23 PM

You need to do better research.

>The MRM can be traced back to the 1800s. Ernest Belfort Bax was a MRA historian.

>The "modern" MRM had a sudden shift in popularity in the 1970s because:

-former feminist Warren Farrell parted ways with NOW the largest feminist organization because they failed to address men's issues.

-The National Coalition For Men became a legal organization that started filing lawsuits for men's issues

-Men were looking for an alternative due to the failure of the Men's Liberation Movement.

anons-a-moose • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 06:28 PM

Well I hadn't heard of it since 2013 when MRA started gaining popularity on the internet.

Besides, all that is moot.

xmjones100 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 06:40 PM

It wouldn't be moot if you did basic research as opposed to assuming that you knew what you

were talking about.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 06:48 PM

Ah yes, the "educate yourself" argument. Never heard that one before.

xmjones100 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 07:05 PM

Well. When you fail to educate yourself on a topic, you tend to receive those words.
No shock there.

anons-a-moose • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 07:10 PM

You failed to see my entire point though. There was a clear internet resurgence of the movement in the last 5 or so years, mostly in response to the tumblrinas.

opheliarose111 • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 05:53 PM

I totally agree. I just came across a comment under another post in this subreddit that was shaming submissive men and comparing them to dogs on leashes which really upsets me. it's undeniable that toxic masculinity is caused by insecure women and men.

Taha_Amir • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 06:37 PM

What i have noticed is that over time, it became the norm that women should have more power and all that stuff. And the norm became that men didnt care about that stuff. Now, people are starting to want to have their voices heard, it is creating an imbalance in modern society, same as what happened during the world war when the feminism movement started. A smaller example of this is a teenager is told to "speak more" and when they do, people get wierded out and complain that they "talk too much" or "dont know them anymore".

The same is happening at a bigger scale here, the feminists (feminazis) can play the role of the parent while the men (MRAs) can take the role of the teenager. In this dynamic, it is expected that the teenager must do whatever the parents ask of them without any repercussions simply because they are the parent. But when something happens, something inspires the teenager to be more active, or talkative, and then the teenager starts to see all the bullshit spewing off the parents, they start to rebel, they want proper attention, they want rights, privacy, protection. The parent sees this as a sign of disrespect and tries to shut the teenager down.

The dynamic between feminists and MRAs is the same as that of a parent and their 'rebellious' kid

AdikaHUN0328 • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 07:02 PM

But we are just encouraging men to be masculine and toxic. (Sarcasm, just to be sure)

JCoxeye • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 06:16 PM

Men's rights activism is given a bad name by a vocal minority of women-hating anti-feminists. Furthermore, there are people who refuse to learn about MRA, and insist on calling MRAs the enemy.

Similarly, it seems that you have the same misconceptions about feminism that many feminists have about men's rights activism. I suggest that you stop using strawman arguments to attack them, and instead attempt to teach them about men's rights activism.

NK18 • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 06:27 PM

I think why any feminist would "reject" the meninist is because the movement was seemly formed as an opposition to the feminism movement which and is often used to belittle women issues;however, both sides are

very ignorant to not to believe that feminism is in support in becoming aware of all gender issues meaning if anyone read a scholarly article or textbook feminism highlights the issue of the gender binary on both sides and how it is unrealistic and bizarre. I recommend you guys not to just read what people say on reddit or opinion stories but to look at scholarly and reputed resources on such issues to see what actual renowned educated feminist believe. I really recommend reading Kimberle Crenshaw theory of intersectionality

ithriveintoxicity • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 11:11 PM

Isn't like scholarly sources extremely biased and or filled with inconsistent data? Like wage gap studies

NK18 • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 11:30 PM

No not at all. Have you not read a peer reviewed journal before for university or to inform yourself? Or even simple research papers in high school? The people that are writing these journals are professionals in that subject and are experts. These are social scientists with masters and phds and law degrees. Scholarly articles are the complete utter opposite to magazine articles or what you read on Reddit. I'm concerned as to what you think bias means- just because you don't agree necessarily with the analysis doesn't mean the data is necessarily wrong or biased! Just maybe realize your reality does not equate to the truth. Also try to go to a library and research peer reviewed articles through the library's online database . If you don't think scholarly articles are reputable than where do you get your facts and information?

RoryTate • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 04:29 AM

Have you not read a peer reviewed journal before for university or to inform yourself?

I have not only read journals, but submitted papers for them (mathematics), and the person you are responding to is unfortunately correct about the bias in many academic fields. Read up on the Grievance Studies hoax to see how gender studies, race studies, and other such journals peer reviewed obvious hoax papers and then happily accepted them, even giving them awards, including one hoax paper that was a clever rewrite of the abominable Mein Kampf, and included much of its divisive language on the superiority of one group over another, replacing Hitler's anti-semitic Nazism with modern intersectional feminist jargon and an anti-male bias.

The problem is that the epistemology of most of the academy is no longer based on enlightenment values (reason, truth, objectivity, etc), but has instead switched over to a type of applied postmodernism (activism, problematizing, subjectivity, lived experience, etc) as the means of generating "knowledge". This is how you get peer-reviewed papers in fat studies that "prove" that obesity has no medical effect on a person's health, or that any research into weight loss pharmaceuticals is a prelude to a "fat genocide" and therefore must be stopped.

The universities/academies are in crisis at this moment, because they cannot survive when they continue to get stuff wrong and people lose confidence and trust in them.

For example, here is a famous example of a professor claiming that "biological sex does not exist" on live TV, and more such examples of this science denialism in the academy. This is the true state of universities at this time, unfortunately.

NK18 • -2 points • 15 December, 2020 06:02 AM

I knew one of y'all would of argued that.also dude any sane person and actual educated professionals back that being overweight does affect your weight. No- real truthful medical personnel are telling their patients that is obese that it's great especially as it has been medically researched by many sources and they remain consistent. You are reading opinion columns. Also it

is obvious to also not just take one source for the whole truth but to see if there is a consistency of sorts. You lost me at Anti-male bias with feminism ☐☐like dude I hope you educate yourself one day and not just read shit that reinforces your ignorance. Yes; theories can be wrong hence why every social, medical, science is constantly progressing that is why we still have the need for such persons. Do you understand what I am saying? Are you currently in university as you seem to know what is being taught?

RoryTate • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 06:40 AM

educated professionals back that being overweight does affect your weight

No, I said that academics are arguing that being overweight does not affect your **health**. Some basic reading and writing comprehension skills seem to be needed on your end before a conversation can be had, unfortunately.

Look, everyone simply needs to accept the reality that something is fundamentally wrong at universities today – radiating outward from the humanities, but affecting every aspect of the institution, including the STEM fields (science and medical departments are beginning to "decolonize" themselves by removing the concepts of objectivity and impartiality in their work). Scholarship is no longer scientific, and it is not rigorous. We are experiencing a "legitimation crisis" across almost every aspect of modern life, and it is truly terrifying in its effects on people. It's even destroying our core ability to communicate, as words get redefined to support selfish goals like social grievances and politics.

NK18 • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 02:57 PM*

Also, when someone is trying to have critical conversation it's best to not sink to insults. I'm afraid you don't know how to have a conversation without using defensive mechanisms. Additionally, I am not wasting my time writing a legit essay on reddit to a stranger so my conventions may be shit. Are you in university? Cause you seem to know so much about what is being taught

And it was a clear typo on my end- I meant health not weight because what I said made no sense. Maybe give people the benefit of the doubt when you can't use your own comprehension skills to use context clues

May_nerdd • -2 points • 15 December, 2020 02:01 AM

Show me these 'biased' wage gap studies. For a scholarly paper to make it through the peer review process while being "filled with inconsistent data" is unlikely and rare. Even conservative outlets have found that there is a gender wage gap in the United States (although it's much smaller than the 23% or 30% or whatever that commonly gets thrown around). A study isn't "biased" just because it comes to a conclusion you don't like.

Arby01 • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 04:10 AM

Social science peer review is incredibly weak. Many studies make it through that are not good science.

The biggest one this sub should recognize is Lenore Weitzman's study, which posited "in divorce men's standard of living rises by xx% (don't remember, something like 30) and women's falls by 70%.

This study influenced, and still influences, alimony and child support laws - the problem, it's

completely false and when finally called on it, she blamed it on a grad student making a "math error". Her study shows that both persons standard of living fell. The women's standard of living did fall more but it was like -6% vs -12%, not +30 to -70.

To top that off, Lenore became a tenured professor.

You know what happens to actual scientists who publish complete lies (or even just mistaken science, like, say, Pons and Fleischman?) they lose their jobs, they are publicly ridiculed in every publication and they never get employment in their field again by any reputable scientific establishment.

When that starts happening to social science practitioners, maybe we can consider it useful. Mostly social science proves whatever bias the "researcher" had when they started. It's way to subject to conscious and unconscious bias. Not to mention actual outright liars like "professor" Weitzman.

As for the wage gap studies - most of them conflate disparate roles under umbrella groupings and then show a wage disparity. Like grouping (mostly male) neurosurgeons and women GP's running a part time practice in to the category "Doctors" to show women get paid less - it's mostly bad slight of hand. Lying with statistics.

ithriveintoxicity • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 05:05 AM*

Some things I noticed in wage gap studies that would point to them being hoaxes/poorly made/biased:

The first clue was the incredible amount of inconsistencies with wage gap studies, is it .70 to 1 or .75 to 1.

The second clue was the graphs they used, those graphs rarely but mostly never had any links to studies, papers, research even hoax versions of the three.

The third clue is that those studies rarely ever expressed if those subjects worked the equal time or were in an equal position, which would obviously change the whole study.

Edit: The last clue was in those very graphs there were never any numbers. It was the first thing that made my person to question the validity of the study.

Arby01 • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 05:13 AM

You know, it's funny. The wage gap studies are often "debunked" using their own data - and often the "70 cents to the dollar" claim is not what the researcher really claims but is an uneducated media personage shouting the thing they think will get them views. It's so much simpler to do that than explain reality.

But here's the funny thing. In the wage gap studies, they show that women make less. In the "who does the work at home" studies, they show that women do most of the work at home because men put in more hours at work.

If you put those two studies together, you would have to say the wage gap study shows that men are grossly underpaid, because in 5 years work experience, they put in enough hours on average to be equivalent to 6 years work experience, but women at 5 years are making almost as much as the men at 5 years despite having a years less experience.

It's also funny that they use both of these studies to say "men bad" .

Edit: removed extraneous comment

ithriveintoxicity • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 05:20 AM

Why do they love playing the victim card when they're strong independent women? Isn't that hilarious that those feminists that cry about no women in the STEM field (almost 50%), yet still take Gender Studies instead of being the change themselves, instead of joining a sexist field for men? Why have they turned against their own principles in which they expect everyone to follow yet break it in the notion that it's to "break the patriarchy"?

Arby01 • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 05:27 AM

too much generalization in there for me to really comment on.

I think that everyone wants to have equal opportunity and I think the narrative that women don't have it has the expected effect of people trying to correct that. It's idealism which is generally good, but the people promoting the idealism have been lying about the details.

ithriveintoxicity • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 05:30 AM

That's the point, but there is definitely a person who does these things and I'm thoroughly disappointed.

May_nerdd comment score below threshold • -5 points • 15 December, 2020 06:28 AM

This is not a criticism of social science peer review. Peterson's criticism was of Weitzman's claims that had been published in a book, not a peer-reviewed journal. I'm still interested in seeing actual examples, though, if you've got any you can think of.

Also, as for the wage gap thing... no. There's a distinction between the nonadjusted gender wage gap (which is the 20% or whatever figure people throw around all the time, this is the 'lying with statistics' number) and the adjusted gender wage gap (which is the number I was referring to, is significantly smaller but still present) - the adjusted gender wage gap is adjusted for all other mitigating factors like occupation, work experience, etc. Any good study makes it clear in its methodology what it is analyzing and adjusting for. Whether or not newspapers and magazine articles will then make sure those distinctions translate into their publications is not a criticism of the studies, but the media.

Arby01 • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 07:36 AM

> I'm still interested in seeing actual examples, though, if you've got any you can think of.

Anecdotally, there's the canard about candies and willpower that was reviewed many years later and once social status was accounted for it turned out to be more a statement of "where you start influences where you end up". That's not one where I actually read the study though. I do know some of these, but that's going to take time I don't have. I didn't develop this viewpoint from an echo chamber or vacuum though, I do tend to read studies when I have access to source data and I have enough mathematical background in statistics to usually comprehend them. (although that's getting less true as time progresses.)

As for wage gap, once we are past the 20% mark, yes, there is an ~ 1-3% wage "gap" (depending on study) that is unexplained. Which means that it cannot be accounted for and cannot be assigned as a result of any particular thing. That is, it can't be explained as discrimination and discrimination can't be dismissed as a possible cause. There are also studies that are showing certain urban centers with younger, childless professionals, women are out-earning men by much more than that percentage. Is that discrimination? Maybe both are, but no one has enough study controls to say.

May_nerdd • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 02:03 AM

This is exactly what I came here to say, hope more people see this

northern_crypto • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 10:27 PM

I think legit feminists do support men's rights

Arby01 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 03:49 AM

Maybe they do. Too bad they're basically unicorns. They don't really exist, because they don't actually do anything about the negative campaigning of feminism against men.

schwatto • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 12:09 AM

This! I'm a feminist and that belief is why I support little boys being told it's ok to have emotions, men going to therapy when they need it, and men's issues getting more awareness. The whole suppression of men's emotions comes from misogyny's "it's not ok to be feminine" thing and emotion has somehow been labeled feminine. So basically feminism DOES (at least for most feminists I know irl) include men's rights.

Stekkerbox • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 09:37 PM

can you please elaborate on the victim blaming part?

i am scared that if i mention mras they will say its because of the patriarchy. ill say its vicitm blaming, sure but id like to understand what it really is before using it in an argument

CharacterCase • 1 point • 25 December, 2020 07:24 PM

Feminism is not a monolith. Like how men are not a monolith. As there are different kinds of men, there are different kinds of feminists.

Some feminists hate men and won't give them the time of day. Other feminists keep men in mind and practice what they preach. The bad eggs that are there seem to give feminists a bad name. TL;DR Feminism has different people pushing for different rhetoric. And some are contradictory to others. Advocate for what you believe is right and argue against the rhetoric that's hurtful.

hannyucated • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 11:46 PM

feminists stand for gender equality. anyone who doesn't support men in fighting the gender-specific issues they face is not a feminist.

Brain_Embarrassed1 points 14 December, 2020 08:01 PM **[recovered]**

Feminist theory is good on gender. And gendered thinking, performance etc., is bad for both men and women. They've got it right. Their more simple minded adherents are perhaps a little sectarian. But feminism is the theoretical basis for concern about problems that affect men. Hypermasculinity is precisely such a useful idea — a gendered notion which constrains men and distorts perceptions of men. It's feminism through and through.

Jakeybaby125 • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 09:20 PM

They really haven't. They don't bother to understand men at all

[deleted] • 1 point • 15 December, 2020 08:50 PM

feminism is against toxic masculinity...

Oncefa2[S] • 1 point • 17 December, 2020 06:28 PM

Which makes them in support of the men's rights movement, right?

Or have we just uncovered evidence of hypocrisy or downright dishonesty between what they say and what they do?

MadPilotMurdock comment score below threshold • -10 points • 14 December, 2020 03:23 PM

Not all feminists Not all MRA's

EmirikolWoker • 29 points • 14 December, 2020 04:03 PM

Not all feminists Are Like That, just the ones influencing law, education, and media like Mary Koss, Jess Philips MP, Katherine Spillar, Amanda Marcotte, Michael Kimmel, Jackson Katz and so on.

Not All MRAs Are Like That, just the odd anon online.

There's a difference in scale here.

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -7 points • 14 December, 2020 05:17 PM

Way to pick a handful of high profile cases, while ignoring the broad spectrum of people supporting womens rights, while not saying high profile shit that makes them popular.

You named like 6 people. There are thousands, millions, with reasonable voices and positions.

Its really just cherry picking data.

Also, of course, ignoring rights issues in tons of countries.

EmirikolWoker • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 06:03 PM

OK. Can you provide examples of feminists making headway against the feminist Duluth model? Or speaking out (with any success) against Mary Koss's paper (where the 1 in 4 figure comes from, and women are excused of raping men because it's "not appropriate" to call it rape)? Or speaking out against the National Organisation for Women's accusation that fathers' rights movements are an "abuser's lobby"?

If there are millions of reasonable voices, it shouldn't be hard to find examples of feminists advocating for reversing the feminist law-reforms that contribute to legal rights disparities between men and women.

NK18 comment score below threshold • -6 points • 14 December, 2020 06:29 PM

Kimberle Crenshaw

EmirikolWoker • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 06:44 PM

And how effective has she been in reversing the feminist policies that contribute to men's rights issues?

NK18 comment score below threshold • -6 points • 14 December, 2020 07:05 PM

Theory of intersectionality is broadening how the justice system looks at such issues and highlighting issues on social constructs such as male or female, race, and social class. It's becoming a popular and very eye opening tool to understand such issues and how such constructs create a social hierarchy that is intricate but false. This is a newer form of thought and you can bet that as gen x grows up this form of analyzation when it comes to policy will be heavily advocated. In that sense she has opened a new wave of thought to

help understand the interconnectedness.

EmirikolWoker • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 07:12 PM

When feminists take a stand against a legal standard that allegedly harm women, they march in their thousands. When asked for an example of feminists taking stands against legal standards that are documented as harming men, they change track with this long term, subtle-societal-change approach.

It's pretty transparent.

NK18 • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 07:29 PM

You are talking in circles As what you are mistaking as excuses are actually an explanation of how society works and how Kimberle Crenshaw for instance is helping men's right and the progress of addressing issues within the gender binary.

NK18 • -3 points • 14 December, 2020 07:25 PM

Not really because social change doesn't just happen- it takes a while. In order for societal change to happen you can't just think things with change over night or even in 5 years. So now we have the foreground with a new thought in place. May I ask what exact policies you refer to?

MadPilotMurdock • -3 points • 14 December, 2020 05:26 PM*

I support the cause of egalitarianism just like most feminists and I support giving direct targeted help to marginalized groups like most MRA's. The distinction between the two isn't that drastic, but posts like this just fuel the Us vs Them mentality you claim to be against. If you support cooperation than stop looking for reasons to argue and disagree and just cooperate. That doesn't mean giving up what you believe in, it means not coming in with a closed mind like having the perception that most feminists already disagree with you just because you are not a feminist.

EmirikolWoker • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 06:07 PM

It may surprise you to know that many of us here used to identify as feminists.

Feminists claim to believe in equality, but their understandign of equality is rooted in Patriarchy conjecture - which denies the existence of womens' power currently and historically, and requires men as a class to be monstrous in order to be a true description of reality.

When asked to back up their points, MRAs will cite statistics, scientific method. Feminists will do the same, and engage in special pleading for why *their* conclusions don't actually have to match the findings, like Mary Koss did in her study where she excused female rapists by saying it was "inappropriate" to call it rape.

MadPilotMurdock • -3 points • 14 December, 2020 07:09 PM

I think your reading of the facts is a poorly worded misrepresentation of feminist theory. For example, is it not a fact men have and continue to occupy most roles of authority in society? Your interpretation may be that it is a pure result of choice. Feminists have presented you with reasons why those choices have been unfairly manipulated by a system that favors men in power through greater economic and social freedoms (both historically and contemporaneously, and in places both foreign and domestic) and greater opportunities for education and social mobility (both historically and contemporaneously, and in places both foreign and domestic). You proceed to

call that special pleading. You also disregard the facts that support this view because there may be an error in a particular study or an overt bias from a specific researcher. But that isn't how social sciences are usually conducted. We should rely on consensus rather than headline grabbing articles and attention seeking academics.

Acknowledgement of the problems that one advocacy group is highlighting does not mean you don't believe there are other issues. You can be a self proclaimed feminist AND MRA, they are not mutually exclusive ideas. I can recognize and advocate for changes in the criminal justice system that predominantly hurt men while also calling for reproductive rights for women.

ObviousObservationz comment score below threshold • -38 points • 14 December, 2020 02:16 PM*

By that same logic, if MRAs cared about helping women, they would support feminism.

Much of the effort by MRAs goes into demonizing feminism. Exactly like this post.

Much like a large portion of effort on feminist subreddits goes to demonizing MRAs.

Simply put, most feminist and most MRAs support helping both genders. Its just subreddits are filled with posts complaining about the 'other side' to make their side.

Edit: I will never understand why working together to a common goal is downvoted. Cooperation makes everyone stronger.

EmirikolWoker • 38 points • 14 December, 2020 02:19 PM

Womens rights advocacy is not synonymous with feminism.

Rights advocacy is the noun of a verb (advocacy -> to advocate).

Feminism is an ideology, the foundational principals of which are inherently anti-male when you examine what needs to be true for them to accurately describe reality. Feminists can claim that it's "just about equality", but it's equality based on bigotted assumptions, presuming psychopathy on the part of men as a class.

Egalitarian values, and mens rights advocacy in particular, is innately antifeminist.

ObviousObservationz comment score below threshold • -16 points • 14 December, 2020 02:32 PM

If you asked a thousand feminists if they thought men struggling with issues like homelessness, suicide, and drug abuse should be helped. 1000 would say yes.

If you asked 1000 MRAs if women struggling with those things should be helped. 1000 would say yes.

I for the life of me can't figure out why mens rights groups and feminists can't work together.

xmjones100 • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 04:36 PM

Correction. If you asked 1000 MRAs if women struggling should be helped. MRAs would simply say "yes."

If you asked feminists if men struggling with issues like homelessness, suicide, and drug abuse should be helped. Feminists would start off with a yes, but immediately follow it up by claiming that it's "men's fault".

mhandanna • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 05:41 PM

Because feminism says:

Misandry is not a concept

Institutional sexism against men does not exist

Sexism against men is ironic sexism and killing all men is ironic misandry

Any problems men face are due to sexism against women

THAT IS NOT A JOKE, it is not an exaggeration, it is not hyperbole, that is core feminist positions.... do you actually understand? Instead of coming here spouting false shit. What's next true Nazism, is ok?

willbeonekenobi • 26 points • 14 December, 2020 02:52 PM

That's because the absolute majority of the vocal feminists think that MRA's only aim is to reduce women's rights to nothing.

I personally have been to a couple of MRA rallies (that had 30 or 40 people at most) and within moments had two to three hundred feminists screaming everything that MRA'S aren't.

Also if you get a MRA (male or female) into a debate about equality with a feminist, 99 times out of a hundred the feminist will bring their feelings into it, the MRA will have statistics, evidence, proof, etc about the points they make.

ObviousObservationz comment score below threshold • -20 points • 14 December, 2020 03:02 PM

Feminism is responsible for all the gains women have made in the last 30 years and MRA groups are vocally against feminism. Can you really not see how that is problematic?

I understand some people misinterpret men's rights groups. But I also understand that if the point of the men's rights group is just to bash feminism, it isn't about men's rights. Feminists aren't taking any rights from men. Men's issues are not caused by women, they are caused by societal failures and antiquated gender roles.

Blaming feminists like myself gets us nowhere. Advocating for men's mental health and support groups gets us everywhere.

NohoTwoPointOh • 15 points • 14 December, 2020 04:08 PM

Feminism is responsible for all the gains women have made in the last 30 years

As well as fighting AGAINST shared parenting. Fighting against the recognition of parental alienation as a problem. AGAINST women having the same responsibilities as men, yet all of the rights (Selective Service, for example). Modern feminism is about cherry-picking equality and applying asymmetric rules.

It is either disingenuous or myopic to only list the things that have benefitted women while ignoring the items that have been destructive. And before we go down the "No True Scotsman" fallacies, these were all done by the largest and oldest feminist group on the planet. Not a screeching minority. We're talking systematic campaigns of influence on judges, lawyers, the medical community, and politicians. Feminism is responsible for these things as well. Full stop.

willbeonekenobi • 16 points • 14 December, 2020 04:19 PM

Feminists aren't taking any rights from men

Then please explain why in many countries (particularly India and England for example) feminists want their laws to be changed to only men can be charged with rape?

Also if feminism is for equality then please tell us why:

1. Feminists are not campaigning for equal punishment/prison/jail time for the exact same crime. In like 90% of cases I've seen around the world there is a super clear advantage towards woman when they are punished.
2. Whenever a woman lies about sexual assault/rape/any crime/etc their name can be removed off the record sooner than a male? Why aren't they fighting to rather keep the names just as long as mens?
3. If about 90% of the worlds homeless population are male but 90% of the homeless/DV shelters cater to only woman then why whenever a shelter built for MEN is built, feminists complain. Shouldn't it be that those shelters cater for men, wherever possible, also?
4. If a man has to apply for a government grant, he eligible for a military draft, but for women it is optional. Why is it good for the one but not the other?

In fact I would encourage you to watch this video showing many of the priviledges that a woman has over men and you tell us whether it is fair or not:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ucR-1NodAs

xmjones100 • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 04:40 PM

Could you please give me a link to feminists changing the rape laws? I want to write about it on my website.

duhhhh • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 04:53 PM

Not changing. Blocking reform. Here is some mainstream media coverage of three instances.

<https://kathmandupost.com/national/2020/12/11/ordinance-amends-law-on-rape-but-fails-to-recognise-rape-of-boy-child-and-sexual-minorities>

<https://www.timesofindia.com/india/Activists-join-chorus-against-gender-neutral-rape-laws/articleshow/18840879.cms>

<https://m.jpost.com/Israel/Womens-groups-Cancel-law-charging-women-with-rape>

ObviousObservationz • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 04:32 PM

I don't understand. Are you asking me why feminists aren't campaigning to have less rights so that its even with men? Because that seems kind of obvious doesn't it?

The same reason MRAs aren't protesting to hold less CEO and management positions even though they current have more. Because that would be insane.

Is this a serious argument?

willbeonekenobi • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 05:11 PM

Feminists are always complaining that they want the same rights and privileges that men have. If women have the same rights and privileges as men, then there wont be a an issue?

Also the reason why most CEO's are men are because, in the absolute majority of cases, they have the leadership qualities and significantly more experience in the said field. Women tend to change their primary career fields every few years (out of the

around 30 women I know about 26 of them have worked in more than 5 fields by the time they turned 35). They also tend to take less 'demanding' jobs for lower significantly lower pay and take less risks.

Jakeybaby125 • 15 points • 14 December, 2020 03:43 PM

The NOW blocking equal custody and paternity rights would say differently. Feminists changing rape laws in Israel and India so men can't legally be raped by women would say differently. Feminists protesting outside and shutting down domestic violence shelters for male victims would say differently

mhandanna • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 05:46 PM

Your beyond deluded. I UK in 2020, not 2892902 years ago, In 2020, the bill was put forth to add sex as a hate crime... feminsits opposed this and said ONLY women and SPECIFICALLY NOT men should be add... SPECIFICALLY campaigning for men NOT to be added.

In Spain here is a PHD about the system they created. 100% created by feminist in 2004 that means male victims have DIFFERENT LAWS, not funding, not attention, LAWS:

<https://justiciadegenero.com/en/espana-la-igualdad-de-genero-las-leyes-de-violencia-y-su-cumplimiento-del-convenio-europeo-de-derechos-humanos-un-caso-de-discriminacion-positiva-de-los-hombres/>

Is this not an example?

That is one of 500 examples... stop coming here and spreading shit. Im happy to have a good faith discussion, but not with someone who is either flat out lying or so stupid they dont know basic things... dont talk about nuclear physics if you dont know anything.... why the hell are you talking shite about feminism or mra of you dont know anything.... read first, then come back

When have feminsit taken mens rights away? Are you insane. Read more.

MyFatThumb • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 11:24 PM

I live in Spain, that's a very good document to have in English. People outside of Spain can't comprehend the anti male legislation currently in Spain. They don't really beleive that it happens.

Onecefa2[S] • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 03:29 PM

Feminism is responsible for all the gains women have made in the last 30 years

And what would that be, specifically? Abortion rights? Even that is arguable if it was feminists who were really responsible for that.

Almost every other issue in history from employment to voting rights were advocated for by non feminists.

Including women's advocates who accused feminists of being misogynistic and racist!

Do you think it's problematic that most of the "gains" women have made were from women's advocates who were anti-feminist?

[deleted] • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 04:12 PM

Feminism is responsible for all the gains

No, I'd argue those gains were made *despite* feminism' antagonism towards men.

ridderrobby • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 02:35 PM

That's because you're not asking 1000 feminists according to those 1000 feminists.

NohoTwoPointOh • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 04:08 PM

No True Scotsman.

ObviousObservationz • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 02:47 PM*

This is a feminist article written solely to try and help men suffering with suicide rates. They exist all over the place with minimal effort to find them. I see no reason in making enemies with feminists when the goals line up so well.

<https://thefeministshop.com/blogs/the-feminist-shop-blog/why-the-suicide-rate-in-men-is-a-feminist->

Edit. My bad. Try

<https://thefeministshop.com/blogs/the-feminist-shop-blog/why-the-suicide-rate-in-men-is-a-feminist-topic>

EmirikolWoker • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 03:05 PM

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Try again?

[deleted] • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 04:14 PM*

Here's another feminist article in a ***national newspaper*** as opposed to a micro blog:

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/feminism/2016/09/suzanne-moore-why-i-was-wrong-about-men>

"All the man victims, trapped by masculinity. Who could hate them? Their oppression is structural. You can't hate them individually, can you?

You know what? I can. Please don't confuse that with bitterness. I am in touch with my emotions enough to know the difference between personal hurt and class hatred. **As a class, I hate men.** I've changed my mind. I am no longer reasonable.

I want to see this class broken. There can't be even basic equality for women without taking away the power of men – and by that I don't mean feeling sorry for them because they have no friends or suggesting that they have small genitals. I mean the removal of their power".

Emphasis mine. Where's the equality? This is, and I say this in full knowledge of Godwin's law, like something out of ***Mein Kampf***.

I should support a movement that will happily publish this for all to see?

Jakeybaby125 • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 03:46 PM

Ok that entire article is bs. It's not trying to address the problem, it's deflecting blame. It

blames the mythical Patriarchy and says that men should be feminists. Fuck off

Oncefa2[S] • 11 points • 14 December, 2020 02:52 PM

If you asked 1000 feminists if they thought those issues were caused by men / masculinity / the patriarchy, how many would say yes?

It's when you unilaterally try to blame men (*toxic masculinity*) or act like women have nothing and men have everything (*patriarchy theory*) that people start to disagree with feminists.

The men's rights movement, for it's part, doesn't have a corollary to this problem. Toxic femininity and the matriarchy are only ever used in an ironic fashion to point out the problems associated with that type of ideology.

EmirikolWoker • 19 points • 14 December, 2020 02:43 PM

If you asked a thousand feminists if they thought men struggling with issues like homelessness, suicide, and drug abuse should be helped. 1000 would say yes.

Nearly. They would say "Yes, but women have it worse", or "yes, but it's men's fault".

Because, as laid out above, feminism assumes men to be innately evil.

If you ask MRAs why men are more likely to be victims of homelessness, suicide, drug abuse and so on, you might hear about family court biases - when a woman initiates divorce (which they're more likely to do), family courts are biased in such a way as to favour women. So the man loses house, children, half their assets, and likely a good chunk of their income due to child support for kids he is unlikely to get to see. They will advocate family court reform.

If you asked feminists about family court bias, they'll blame men. It's men dominating society, who are just so obsessed with oppressing women that they don't care that men are being negatively impacted as much or worse.

Never mind the Tender Years Doctrine, never mind the Duluth model, never mind the legal "reforms" to make it easier and easier to attack men - and only men - with allegations of abuse to further entrench court biases.

It just so happens that this video appeared in my YouTube recommendations again, where Karen Straughan talks about the difference between the feminists who Aren't Like That, and the ones who are actually impacting law, media, and education.

FinallyReborn • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 02:58 PM

the difference between the feminists who Aren't Like That, and the ones who are actually impacting law, media, and education.

The feminists who aren't like that (feminists who genuinely care for men are exceedingly rare) simply do not identify as feminists. Opposed to identifying as an Egalitarian or an MRA.

yoitericc • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 04:00 PM

You can't cooperate with people who are dedicated to tearing you down. Feminism has been anti-male since the no fault divorce laws of the 70's. Until they stop weaponizing the legal system against men, we can't really come to the table and negotiate on fair terms.

This is akin to saying abolitionists should come to the table and meet slavery supporters in some sort of middle ground. That might work for a while, but after a certain time it becomes clear your views are

fundamentally opposed.

xmjones100 • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 04:44 PM

No. Feminists were anti-man since the very beginning.

yoitsericc • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 06:43 PM

Well that's a debatable point. I think many women's suffragette's wanted similar rights to men but I don't think it was anti-male per se.

The bra burners and man haters showed up in full force in the 60s and 70s.

xmjones100 • 2 points • 15 December, 2020 06:35 PM

No. Suffragettes became white feather campaigners. Advocating for women's right to vote. Then shaming men for not enlisting in the military. They were always awful people.

<http://itech.fgcu.edu/&/issues/vol1/issue1/feather.htm>

akihonj • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 03:09 PM

By that same logic, if MRAs cared about helping women, they would support feminism.

Paul Ryan a feminist himself started the mra movement because he saw that issues men face were being actively down played or outright ignored

Much of the effort by MRAs goes into demonizing feminism. Exactly like this post.

When you have a societal narrative that all men by virtue of birth are rapists then yeah, somebody has to speak back

Much like a large portion of effort on feminist subreddits goes to demonizing MRAs.

Subreddits are microcosms of the wider picture, so what.

Simply put, most feminist and most MRAs support helping both genders. Its just subreddits are filled with posts complaining about the 'other side' to make their side look better.

MRAs actually aren't that concerned with helping both genders, in so much as not denigrating one over the other they say women can do as they want but it's unfair for society to allow women to be free to choose and expect everyone else to either clean up their mess or be labelled as wrong and evil for rejecting them for their choice.

MRAs are bothered if a woman wants to be a sahm if she does or between a couple they decide that then fine. Why is it women then who day they get shamed for their choices by feminists.

LiquidDreamtime comment score below threshold • -9 points • 14 December, 2020 04:13 PM

"Rules for thee, not for me" is very prevalent everywhere, especially with zealots of MRA or Feminism.

I see a lot of positive, supportive, and encouraging stuff from feminist subs. I see, almost exclusively, complaining and demonizing of other from MRA subs.

Xandraelle1 points 14 December, 2020 04:45 PM* **[recovered]**

Sometimes this sub has good points but a lot of times its just incels lite.

mhandanna • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 04:51 PM

It has a LOT of low level posts (but thats the trade off if you want free speech) and a lack of activism.... however, I dont think it has a lot of incel stuff at all.... very little in fact

But I agree this sub is frustrating me a lot, and Im going to scratch my head about what can be done about it

Xandraelle1 points 14 December, 2020 05:19 PM* **[recovered]**

Maybe if instead of complaining about how women are oppressing men so much even though men have been in charge the world since forever, which is basically most tlof the posts I see, mra would focus on what they can do create a positive impact on the world and address actual issues that create a toxic environment.

mhandanna • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 05:32 PM

On the ground MRA is incredibly successfull given its small resources:

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/h80isc/but_mras_just_complain_about_feminsim_they_dont/

they have won thousands of legal cases, won at supreme court, won at UN, won't at European court of human rigjts

set up countless charities like reading groups for struggling boys (big gender literacy gap), groups for boys and girls from single parent households (e.g. lads need dads)

They have created excellent health orgsnaistions:

https://www.amhf.org.au/exactly_how_big_is_the_gender_health_gap

crreated mens DV charities, opened shelters.... they've done loads

You are talking about this sub... yes I agree its to much low effort shit, clickbait and not enough about helping men and boys issues... thats an issue with the sub though.... and its a big trade off of having free speech and letting anything pass (im guilty of this, I know I dont need to make detailed posts as anything will be published as long as it doesn't violate rules e.g. real hate speech, violence etc)

Sub is very critical of feminsim, however, your making a false claim it is overly saying women are oppressing men or even blaming men, that is a very tiny minority, and far smaller to what the entire movement of feminsim is doing... by definition men are the problem and oppressing ALL women, Angela Merkel is oppressed.

Im going to think about ways to imprpove sub, and hopefully everyone can think of stuff do

HappyMediumGD • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 08:06 PM

No the actual problem is that there was already a term for people who want to work on the problems we see with the genders in society period that word was feminist, and now you've taken that entire group and turned them into an enemy and established yourself as the real feminist period and no true Scotsman aside that's very f***** stupid behavior period what you need to do is embrace feminism get really educated about it learn what these people are supposed to be saying and correct them gently so that they can get their own rhetoric on track and your rhetoric needs to be on track too this feud is entirely fabricated by the men's rights in cells and it's very stupid.

Jakeybaby125 • 9 points • 14 December, 2020 09:14 PM

Now that's just laughable. Feminism hates men. Fullstop

HappyMediumGD • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 10:22 PM

No you've met people who claim to be feminists who hate men. feminism has nothing to do with your

perception and is in fact well-defined in textbooks. as an aside you've probably never met an "angry feminist" you just watched some YouTube video with some idiot screaming. prove me wrong and Link me to something enlightening of this crappy point of view of 'yours' please.

Jakeybaby125 • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 10:23 PM

I have believe it or not. I know a feminist who does hate men

HappyMediumGD • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 10:38 PM

Anyone who hates men is not a feminist.

Them claiming to be anything, a vampire, jesus, whatever they want to say they are, is irrelevant. Why even mention it? are you just amazed with ironically stupid people or something? What does it have to do with men's rights? Or feminism?. You see a zero some game here where your rights come at the cost of another person's. The truth is that we all deserve equality and justice and that doesn't somehow come at your personal cost the freedom of others to be themselves, that's some Boogeyman b***** and it's propaganda.

but sure focus on some tiny weird minority of ironically moronic non-feminist humans on the internet instead of the actual issues. For clarity I'm calling you a complete idiot.

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 10:39 PM

They are. No matter how much you try to deny it. If they identify as feminists, treat them as such and sort them out

HappyMediumGD • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 11:10 PM

It seems like you're not even reading what I write and it kind of smells like propaganda

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 11:14 PM

I am. I think everyone deserves equality regardless of race, gender, sexuality, religion etc which is why I'm an MRA egalitarian and not a feminist

HappyMediumGD • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 11:25 PM

this is some truly weird rhetoric I don't know who cooked this up for you but it reminds me of trumpism. Like literally doing something bad and then claiming anyone who catches you is the one doing it

f f***** weird s*** bro get help

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 11:33 PM

What? I'm not doing anything bad nor am I accusing you of doing anything bad. All I'm saying is that I think everyone should be treated equally which is why I'm not a feminist

GoelandAnonyme • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 11:59 PM

You mean this: [r/menslib](#) .

J_Acer_Striker • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 06:27 AM

The poble is that some dumb MRA people don't actually advocate what it actually stands for. When the media

shows a guy talking about how men are better and calls him an MRA, the general attitude to this movement becomes negative.

EspWaddleDee • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 07:20 AM

I feel like toxic masculinity is a thing and a problem, but it's something that doesn't affect women nearly as much as men. From what I understand, Toxic masculinity is the will of a society or group to push their men to be more traditionally masculine; IE stoic, violent, strong, and valiant.

That's all well and good, but obviously tons of guys just aren't naturally like that, and it often leads to guys bottling up their emotions in order to be respected more as a person. In order to fight it, we simply need to acknowledge that men are not the problem, because men are people too. Honestly when Feminists say "kill all men, men are the source of all my problems" they're missing the point, if you want to end sexism it starts with empowering BOTH men and women.

ZacEfronButUgly • 0 points • 15 December, 2020 09:17 AM

Toxic masculinity isn't a theory, it's not what this sub seems to think it is in that masculinity = toxic. Sure some outlying idiots probably think that, who cares, there'll always be idiots.

It's talking about stuff that can be toxic, like being told not to cry and toughen up and shit. If you made a post condemning everything that toxic masculinity believers do, you'd be praised here but if you suddenly bundled that same message under "toxic masculinity" you'd be downvoted. Purely because nobody seems to know what toxic masculinity means

light_bread comment score below threshold • -18 points • 14 December, 2020 03:36 PM

i love men's rights is just putting blame on women...

Jakeybaby125 • 20 points • 14 December, 2020 03:48 PM

Antifeminist ≠ antiwoman. Goodbye misandrist

light_bread comment score below threshold • -8 points • 14 December, 2020 05:34 PM

this sub is just shitting on feminism which fine but how is that men's rights? how do i get anything out that?

Jakeybaby125 • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 05:55 PM

This highlights a fundamental flaw in feminist narrative. This helps by recognising actual mens mental health issues instead of victim blaming it on Toxic Masculinity thereby dismissing it

light_bread comment score below threshold • -7 points • 14 December, 2020 06:06 PM

ok but this sub just seems like highlighting shitty feminist and never gets to the actual issues men face. r/MensLib does that without all the bashing feminism which again is fine but it's not men's right it's anti feminism.

Jakeybaby125 • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 08:06 PM

r/Menslib should just be renamed r/malefeminists at this point. It puts women and Feminism first and men a distant second if at all

light_bread • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 08:20 PM

hopefully when you grow up a bit you can see the cesspool of mgtow and mra, i hope at least

Jakeybaby125 • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 08:25 PM

Or maybe you should stop blindly believing what feminists say is true and instead look at things as they really are

light_bread • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 09:05 PM

stop projecting man and look in the mirror

Jakeybaby125 • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 09:07 PM

Seems like you're just on this sub to confirm your bias that 'r/MensRights hates women'

VeteranOfDepression • 16 points • 14 December, 2020 03:41 PM

feminism puts more blame on men than men's rights putting blame on women. feminists tend to blame all men for problems whilst men's rights put blame on the toxic feminists who think that women should be superior in every way.

Mandalina88 • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 04:02 PM

See that's the thing; we don't like FEMINISTS, Feminists don't like MEN

Oncefa2[S] • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 03:40 PM

You lost your sarcasm tag somewhere.

NohoTwoPointOh • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 04:09 PM

Accountability and agency must be absolutely terrifying...

Xandraelle1 points 14 December, 2020 04:46 PM* **[recovered]**

When the incel subs got shutdown they had to go somewhere.

Jakeybaby125 • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 09:12 PM

Goodbye misandrist. MRA≠incel despite what your feminist friends tell you

ithriveintoxicity • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 10:56 PM*

We're not the ones who take about LVM and 'how our partners aren't just enough' without having to change how we act, but oh isn't that conveniently the textbook definition of an incel. Your incel insult at us completely backfired as it only describes your movement not ours.

light_bread • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 05:50 PM

honestly

Asado666 comment score below threshold • -8 points • 14 December, 2020 10:41 PM

Everytime I see something from this sub i think to myself for just a moment "This has got to be satire." But no, it isn't. You guys can perfectly describe toxic masculinity and it's effects and then say it doesn't exist. There's no self awareness at all. Feminists don't like MRAs not because they don't believe what they say, they don't like them because they only spread hate, misogyny and incely ideas.

The wonderfulul people on r/menslib are giving men a safe space and are fighting for equality. You're doing the

opposite. All you do is weaponise false accusations. I don't understand the fixation, but I do know that it has led to false accusation cases being seen as antifeminist propaganda. For people that claim to want to help these men, you're doing an awful lot to harm them and their reputation.

Arby01 • 7 points • 15 December, 2020 03:47 AM

The wonderful people on
r/menslib
are giving men a safe space and are fighting for equality.

As long as they don't contradict anything that feminism dictates to them. They're feminism's "useful idiots".

ithriveintoxicity • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 11:24 PM*

You sound soooooooooooooooooooooo cultish rn. Like you check all the boxes for cult like behavior.

Have a tempting promise (that of a safe space)

Silence those you oppose you (anyone with a slight opinion/criticism about feminism even supported by the behavioral patterns they exhibit)

Entice recruits with safe content (top posts)

Being controlled by a bigger cult (feminism, which is not controlled by oppressed women but privileged women, they should go to a third world country to see what actual oppression looks like)

Edit: - Also devaluing those who break off as weak and faithless (in your case misogynistic and woman hating) also notice how there's no woman hating in this sub

morebeansplease • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 11:42 PM

Dude, did you just make up that list to try and win an argument... weak.

There's too many to post but how about a taste.

Questioning, doubt, and dissent are discouraged or even punished.

The group is elitist, claiming a special, exalted status for itself, its leader(s), and its members (e.g., the leader is considered the Messiah, a special being, an avatar—or the group and/or the leader is on a special mission to save humanity).

The group has a polarized, us-versus-them mentality, which may cause conflict with the wider society.

The most loyal members (the “true believers”) feel there can be no life outside the context of the group. They believe there is no other way to be, and often fear reprisals to themselves or others if they leave—or even consider leaving—the group.

ithriveintoxicity • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 12:16 AM

I've various numbers of cults alone in my city and I can see cults quite easily as a result, and honestly r/MensLib is super cultish to the point its kinda creepy.

morebeansplease • -3 points • 15 December, 2020 12:49 AM

Okay, so it's your personal experience and not an academic source.

What did you think of my... more academic looking source. Do you find that to be acceptable?

ithriveintoxicity • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 12:54 AM

Of course but that doesn't change the fact that r/MensLib follows the formula of a cult

morebeansplease • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 01:28 AM

Yes, you've shared your opinion already. Thank you.

Cogitation comment score below threshold • -6 points • 15 December, 2020 02:58 AM

Plenty of feminists do, helping men is a core principle of feminism as well.

Arby01 • 8 points • 15 December, 2020 03:44 AM

What's the smell? Oh, I recognize that. That's a giant mound of bullshit.

I rebutted this is another post, so I won't copy and paste, you can find it elsewhere in the comments.

Cogitation • -3 points • 15 December, 2020 03:45 AM

ok

morebeansplease • -1 points • 14 December, 2020 11:34 PM

You've left out Men's Liberation. The men's movement that feminist's support and do agree with. Any legitimate study of mens' rights must include this group. Was this glaring neglect done on accident or on purpose?

To me, I see the real discussion here as the difference between MRA and MensLib...

I would argue that men's rights are not dependent on women or Feminist's. Every time a discussion is started that way it's not a true discussion of men's rights. Instead it a discussion on the interaction of Feminism with men's rights. Which must be a two sided discussion to ensure accuracy. Otherwise you get a bunch of "as I understand" or "this one time somebody said" or "what if" nonsense. Which likely means it's just a bunch of made up bullshit instead of actual analysis.

Look... exactly my point.

Well if you've listened to their rhetoric before, that's what toxic masculinity is supposed to be about!

Why not engage in actual debate and discussion instead of having another circle jerk. I mean, I get it, circle jerks are fun and a fine place to make friends. But it's still just a circle jerk.

Yoshii835y • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 06:44 AM

Feminists do support men's rights. But they aren't to be blamed for a lot of the stuff happening to men. Usually the root cause is another guy that's causing issues. Most of the sexist stuff happens to women that's objectively true, and you can research that if you want. But they aren't denying what's going on with men.

TopSchierke comment score below threshold • -13 points • 14 December, 2020 04:10 PM

This is not true at all? I am not a regular on this sub, Feminist spaces care very much about giving men space to express themselves. The reason why feminists don't support the "men's rights movement" is because it's a "movement" only in name, it exists solely to create a bad faith argument.

Oncefa2[S] • 15 points • 14 December, 2020 04:24 PM

Do you have any evidence of this?

It's MRAs who in the real world are making meaningful progress when it comes to gender equality.

theromanshcheezit • -3 points • 14 December, 2020 04:36 PM

r/MensLib I guess. But they aren't a very good space for men because they refuse to tackle larger systemic and institutional issues men face.

Apprehensive_Ad1248 • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 06:13 PM

Menslib is feminist propaganda that spreads misandry.

Stop falling for this bullshit.

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -9 points • 14 December, 2020 05:21 PM

Yeah this sub is nuts wow.

Jakeybaby125 • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 09:13 PM

You can always leave if it doesn't conform to feminist narrative

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -6 points • 14 December, 2020 09:28 PM

Prob first time here. Nothing to do with a narrative, just seeing a bunch of ppl hate on women.

later dater.

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 09:30 PM

Antifeminist ≠ antiwoman

BoyackYorseman comment score below threshold • -9 points • 14 December, 2020 07:42 PM

So... Do you guys like jerk either off? Wtf? And you guys are the ppl who have the nerve to call ppl simps and cucks.

Losers.

Jakeybaby125 • 6 points • 14 December, 2020 09:09 PM

She ain't seeing this bro

LiquidDreamtime comment score below threshold • -16 points • 14 December, 2020 04:11 PM

I'm a feminist. I'm also a man. Feminism is inclusive and the equality we seek benefits both men and women.

MRA, in my experience, have a message of anti-feminism and whataboutism. Spending your time complaining about feminism does not help men.

Toxic masculinity is real. There is no "theory" about it. Many of the more prominent and encouraged "masculine" traits defined by our society are toxic, to all people involved. Violence, lack of emotion, being a "real man", or being with a "real woman", are not healthy notions.

What are MRA doing to help men?

redditthrowaway1478 • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 04:23 PM*

Spending your time complaining about feminism does not help men.

Does spending time complaining about men not benefit feminism? Because that's all I see them do. If not that, then subverting issues by saying that men actually *do* want the feminist dream, but insinuating that we're too brainwashed by masculinity to see the truth and if we would just liberate ourselves from gender roles - then we'd understand.

Especially when the words you chose to use specifically were, "the *equality we seek* ...benefits both men and women.

What women often *think* is true equality... is not always so.

| Toxic masculinity is real. There is no "theory" about it.

It is the degree to which it becomes "toxic" and the dangerous effects that lazy messaging can have on the psyches of children that we (I) take issue with.

| What are MRA doing to help men?

Like when the feminist movement started - awareness that there *is a problem in the first place*, is the first step. Yes that means criticizing feminism just as feminism - keeping true to its marxists roots - criticizes everything in society too.

I would love to see more activism out in public, but whenever MRAs try to do so (even without the negative criticisms), protestors are quick to interrupt the event and make individuals feel unsafe. Not saying all of them are feminists...

xmjones100 • 14 points • 14 December, 2020 04:50 PM

I'm positive that you don't care what MRAs ae doing to help men. Because you asked the question dismissively. But here are some things.

>The National Coalition For Men, a MRA legal organization, has a long history of challenging laws that discriminate against men

<https://ncfm.org/ncfm-home/national-coalition-for-men-ncfm-samples-of-success/>

>The MRM has an annual International Conference On Men's Issues. Where they have conversations about men's issues

<http://icmi2019.icmi.info/>

>We write books, we run websites, we have YouTube channels, and we do speeches at events.

Lui_Le_Diamond • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 04:24 PM

Why is it that whenever I talk about my issues a feminist always has to say "try being a girl" or "women have it worse"? In my experience toxic masculinity is reinforced by feminism. It isn't violence, it's how men are taught to behave. Feminists call men weak for showing emotion, so men learn to suppress them, which leads to violence. Violence is a product of toxic masculinity, but toxic masculinity is a product of how society beats men down, and feminism only enforces that beatdown. MRA can be radical sometimes, but at least they're giving men a voice. Feminism has become about suppressing men's voice and emotions then blaming men for it.

LiquidDreamtime comment score below threshold • -7 points • 14 December, 2020 04:32 PM

Toxic masculinity is definitely reinforced by many women. I never said it is not.

In my experience and many years involved with feminism, I've never witnessed or experienced any of the things you're talking about.

Lui_Le_Diamond • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 04:33 PM

As an outsider looking in, I see it all the fucking time. It's really frustrating to be told my opinion doesn't mayter because I have a penis.

LiquidDreamtime • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 04:51 PM

Your experience matters. Our opinions on a woman's experience is irrelevant and better left unsaid.

I hate no true scotsman fallacies, but any woman who calls a man weak for showing emotion is no

feminist at all. Its so absurdly over the top not-feminist, that it sounds like some sort of troll just trying to make feminists look bad.

Lui_Le_Diamond • 5 points • 14 December, 2020 07:01 PM

Then actual feminists are reeeeeaaaally rare.

Arby01 • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 04:33 AM

Yep. this is the lie. The No true scotsman fallacy is that all the feminist activism you see doesn't have any "ACTUAL" feminists in it.

SO, what defines a feminist, the label, or the actions of the movement?

Jakeybaby125 • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 09:11 PM

You ain't getting any pussy for shitting on your own gender. Name one thing feminism has done for men

Spending your time being a male feminist doesn't help anyone

What would you describe as 'positive' masculinity then

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/h80isc/but_mras_just_complain_about_feminism_they_dont/

LiquidDreamtime • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 09:34 PM

Haha. I love your "being nice to women is only worth it if they fuck you".

Masks off, right out the gate. At least we know what you think.

Jakeybaby125 • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 09:37 PM

We also know what you think being a male feminist. Why the fuck do you support a movement that hates you?

LiquidDreamtime • -3 points • 14 December, 2020 10:50 PM

It doesn't hate me. Hating men is called misandry and not a part of any feminist discussion I've ever been a part of.

There are misogynists and there are misandrists. Why fo you believe a few vocal misandrists represent all of feminism, but a few vocal misogynists do not represent MRA?

ithriveintoxicity • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 11:00 PM

Oh man here's a lesson a 13 year old like me can even understand. "A movement is not represented by its ideology but by its actions" and frankly feminism has been a shitstorm for men, pardon my french.

LiquidDreamtime • -2 points • 14 December, 2020 11:11 PM

Feminism has accomplished the following: Women's right to vote, women's ability to open bank accounts, equal pay for women doing the same work as men, sexual harassment laws that protect us all, and countless other things that allow women to exist as equals in our world today.

How has this hurt men?

ithriveintoxicity • 2 points • 14 December, 2020 11:27 PM*

Notice how you completely derail the conversation to something else because it's an undeniable fact. Also you guys didn't do those things 1st and 2nd wave feminists did. Stop taking credit from other waves. It doesn't hurt men, but you failed to mention the various times feminists tried to undo things like men's mental health conferences, international men's day, and men's rights (yes the movement by trying to claim that feminism is both for men and women, despite doing jackshit for men's problems)

LiquidDreamtime • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 11:32 PM

Huh? You brought it up. You literally said "feminism has been a shitstorm for men". So i pointed out a few things feminism has accomplished.

Whats an "undeniable fact" exactly? I've taken no credit, i appropriately gave credit to the feminists who fought and died for the rights they deserved.

So I'll ask you again, how exactly has feminism hurt men?

ithriveintoxicity • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 12:09 AM

An article about how they tried to cancel a Men's Rights Conference

An article talking about how University of York cancelling International Men's day thanks to feminists

And how feminism hurts men even more

Jakeybaby125 • 1 point • 14 December, 2020 10:58 PM

Because the many misandrists are at the top of the food chain and make all the laws and so-called 'normal' feminists refuse to condemn them on their misogyny whereas misogynists within the MRM are quickly called out and shut down

LiquidDreamtime • 0 points • 14 December, 2020 11:05 PM

What laws? Who are you talking about?

You know the US currently has a blatant misogynist as president?

Jakeybaby125 • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 11:08 PM

The NOW constantly shooting down equal custody and paternity rights. Feminists in India and Israel changing the laws so men can't legally be raped

He's bad but I wouldn't say he's a misogynist. If you think he is, I respect it

Fennicks47 comment score below threshold • -6 points • 14 December, 2020 05:10 PM

They do.

I haven't met a feminist who doesn't support men's rights.

Who...are you guys talking to? Maybe...shitty people, then generalizing?

Oncefa2[S] • 17 points • 14 December, 2020 05:17 PM

You've never seen feminists criticizing the men's rights movement or saying things like "*it's actually the patriarchy*" or "*it's actually toxic masculinity*"?

Xx_MW2360noscope_xX comment score below threshold • -7 points • 14 December, 2020 04:33 PM

Can we go back to calling them feminazis? Idk I feel bad for the good feminists put there. But you're completely right.

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 09:13 PM

Feminazis are feminists

Xx_MW2360noscope_xX • -4 points • 14 December, 2020 10:32 PM

But not all feminists are feminazis

Jakeybaby125 • 3 points • 14 December, 2020 10:34 PM

Not all misandrists are feminists

May_nerdd • -3 points • 15 December, 2020 01:52 AM

Feminists *do* actually care about the issues MRA's claim to care about, they just don't associate with the 'movement' because 90% of the time someone claims to be an MRA, they only bring up men's rights in the context of shutting down a conversation about feminism.

Arby01 • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 03:43 AM

No. That's not true at all. Women (mostly, I think) do care about these issues. Feminism doesn't - if you look at the real life activism of feminism, it is frequently in direct opposition to helping men or their issues.

For example:

Open a male shelter - feminism will campaign that all the public funding is already needed by the existing women's shelter's, causing a men's shelter to be inoperable.

Campaign for equal parental rights - large, multi million dollar public funded feminist organizations will oppose this at every step.

Men suffering from Domestic violence - all the feminist orgs only provide support for "how not to be an abuser" for men.

Suicide prevention for men - feminists "Women attempt more", give the funding to women.

excessive job loss in labour - government makes plan that addresses the sector that the jobs were lost in - mostly male employment - Feminist outcry causes government to redirect job creation to women dominated areas.

Males in education - tons of issues there. No funding, or activism. Any activism aimed at boys is immediately decried with "girls need the help", even though they are succeeding far more by almost every measure.

There are a ton more examples than this, these are the big ones.

Here's the thing - I don't think feminism is wrong, I think they are advocacy for women, and that's good.

They aren't about equality at all though, and they have opposed helping men at almost every turn. And then indoctrinated people with no critical thinking skills show up and go "feminism cares about men too" and "feminism helps men's issues too".

No, they fucking don't, never have, and never will but will likely take credit for it when it happens.

May_nerdd • -2 points • 15 December, 2020 06:10 AM

Open a male shelter: Earl Silverman is probably the most well-known case of someone who tried to run a men's shelter, and he had to close it up because he was denied funding from the government. As to why the government denied him funding, I have a few theories (they didn't take him seriously because they

didn't think abuse against men was a real problem – great example of the 'gender stereotypes' that feminists are against), but I have not seen any case of feminists "campaigning against it". Maybe I missed that, if you have any examples I'd be interested in seeing them. Alternatively to be uncharitable I could point out that if every MRA who brings this up as a way to attack feminism, had donated to his cause while he was alive, things would probably have turned out differently. Also... here's Sweden's Feminist Party (yes, they have a feminist political party, wild) literally advocating for starting a men's shelter "Men are overrepresented in suicide, so we feel that we can do something by starting a men's shelter, says Marielle Alvdal"

Campaign for equal parental rights: I don't know exactly what you mean by 'parental rights,' but Sweden's "feminist government" (that's actually how the government describes their approach to policy, not joking) is what instituted paternity leave in Sweden and the Feminist Party (mentioned earlier) advocates for maternity leave and paternity leave to be equal length. Also here's a HuffPost (openly feminist organization) article advocating for paternity leave . Also the Supreme Court case of Flores-Villar v. US, which was blatant discrimination against fathers, was criticized by feminist organizations like the National Women's Law Center and the ACLU Women's Rights Project, who wrote that " In effect, the law declares that some parents have fewer rights, simply because they are men."

Men suffering from domestic violence: I guess this one ties back to the first one, but I should also point out that the Violence Against Women Act also applies to men and has provisions that were meant to help men, for instance here's the Women's Media Center commenting on VAWA's redefinition of 'rape' to include men (believe it or not the FBI definition of rape was restricted to women for like 90 years – and I guarantee you feminists weren't the ones that wrote that original definition); I believe it also had harsher punishments for prison rape? Which is an overwhelmingly male problem. Although that's getting a bit off topic

Suicide prevention for men: I don't know that I've ever seen feminists use that justification. But anyways, CALM, a suicide prevention organization targeted specifically at young men, was launched by Jane Powell, a feminist, here's a scathing article she wrote criticizing women (yes women, not feminists) for not taking the issue of men's suicide more seriously: "I am disturbed by women in the media demanding that men get back in their box. This should be challenged, and not just by men, but by those of us who remember just how oppressive it is to be constantly told just what we can be and aspire to... As a feminist I abhor the idea that we require real men to be strong, silent and always in control." Also, see earlier part about Sweden's feminist party male overrepresentation in suicide rates as a justification for opening a men's shelter.

Excessive job loss in labor: Maybe you're referring to another time, but the most recent job loss disproportionately affected women, not men. But again, if you're referring to something else let me know (and also what exactly the 'feminist outcry' was, because generally I've not seen examples of feminists having dominant control on government spending)

Males in education – Here's a HuffPost article bringing attention to the issue . Idk that's all I got on this one, not super familiar with education stuff

You've got it backwards, there are plenty of individual women who are shitty and anti-men, sure, but feminism as a whole is absolutely about gender equality. Getting rid of toxic masculinity helps men arguably more so than women since it pressures men into fulfilling burdensome gender roles, and getting rid of gender stereotypes is what would massively help the problem of anti-male discrimination in the family courts systems and criminal justice systems.

Arby01 • 3 points • 15 December, 2020 07:20 AM

> As to why the government denied him funding, I have a few theories

So do I - I would posit that the women's activism held the majority of the sway and didn't want to let go of any of the money. That is, simply greed. We also saw several denigrating articles about Silverman after he passed. We still don't have a men's shelter though. As for the cheap shot about donating, well, I am good with that as long as we take all the public money away from all the other shelters/assistance for women facilities too so that everything's on an equal footing. Then it's up to the public to fund what they want. Due to bias in favour of women we would largely get a very similar result, but at least it would be equal opportunity.

But moving on - when people try to hold a conference about abused men - feminists protest - there are many examples of this. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=qodygTkTUYM>

It's disingenous to propose that feminists support this idea, because they don't.

2) Campaign for equal parental rights

<https://archive.is/94F3R> - The national organization for women has opposed equal parenting proposals in every state in the US it has been raised, this is Michigan. There's a bunch of others. They take down their activism page after they win, so this is an internet archive link.

3) Domestic violence.

I was referring to the almost innumerable examples of domestic violence hotlines that redirect guys in need to "how not to be an abuser" information. This isn't new. Although, I believe that it been ridiculed enough to be less blatant then it used to be.

The VAWA act might have been responsible for rewriting rape (although I don't believe this is true but don't want to spend the time to source it), it doesn't rewrite it in such a way to hold a woman responsible for date rape when she does it. Rape is still only something a man can do. It's "unwanted contact". VAWA is also the source of the Duluth model of policing that has seen men who have been stabbed by an abusive spouse go to jail instead of her.

Also, you are right, 1 and 3 go together, there are a number of videos of Canadian feminists and women's studies protesting talks about helping men and boys. I gave one example, there's more. That pretty much definitively proves that even if your justification for lack of funding is "government doesn't believe men can be abused", it's feminists that are refusing to allow that belief to be revised, not fighting against it.

4) Suicide - the response you claim to have not seen pops up in every discussion on suicide being a male problem. You only have to go look. But let's look at it this way. Where are the programs for suicide prevention aimed at men and only men? There aren't any. If there was ANYTHING on the planet that killed with a ratio of 75% women to 25% men, there would be programs specifically to support women. Why doesn't such a thing already exist for men?

But here's an article from Psych today - the basis of the argument that men's increased ratio of suicides is essentially their own fault for thinking the way they do.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/why-bad-looks-good/202008/are-men-or-women-greater-risk-suicide>

Here's an excerpt which is very typical of the conversation around suicide. I am going to go out on a limb here, but I am going to bet the original article author is very much a feminist, the language is very common, I have seen it repeatedly:

FROM ARTICLE:

Katerina Standish, in “A Coming Wave: Suicide and Gender After Covid-19” (2020) suggests that suicides will increase after the pandemic, and the rate may depend on gender.[iii] She notes that studies indicate that due to intense lockdowns, suicide is suppressed by the pandemic, but will increase afterward. Regarding gender, she writes that males, who account for approximately 75 percent of suicides,” may respond to rising rates of substance use, unemployment, anxiety, isolation and trauma with deliberate killing.”

Standish states that consequently, it is important to understand and anticipate not only the future wave of suicide but also how gender might play a role. She describes suicide as an “extremely gendered human activity,” **and states that women continue to be impacted. She notes that women and girls have a much higher rate of attempted suicide than men and boys, although they are also vulnerable to becoming potential suicide-homicide victims**, with current or past male partners as the perpetrators.

END EXCERPT

I mean she explicitly states that men are 75% and then states men deal with the problem by "DELIBERATE KILLING" and then goes into how women are more impacted, attempt more and may be "Suicide-homicide" victims. This is the normal starting point for any discussion and it's feminist talking points. Men are responsible, women are victims. And it's bullshit.

5) excessive job loss - I was referring to Obama's stimulus bill -

<https://winteryknight.com/2010/12/06/how-feminist-groups-skewed-the-obama-stimulus-towards-womens-jobs/>

That's an MRA site I suspect, but the article is quoting Christina Hoff Summers, who is a feminist, even if she disagrees with current feminism.

As for the current situation impacting women more? Maybe, I mean a lot of women are in jobs that can be done from home, so there's some resilience there, but the trades are essential and are mostly men, so maybe? I don't know, haven't looked at it. Am not aware of any controversy.

6) males in education

<https://www.mindingthecampus.org/2019/01/03/why-men-are-falling-behind-in-schools/>

There's also this fact documented in multiple studies in multiple countries:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/education-31751672>

Then we also have to consider that women over represent in higher education from 10-25% (ie, a university is 60-75% women and there is still a plethora of women only scholarships and no male only scholarships and in fact, no one cares - why isn't this worldwide news?

And it's late and I am out for the night. Thanks for the discussion.

May_nerdd • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 09:03 AM

Before I go point by point, I want to point out that the goalposts have been moved. I was responding to your claim that “No, they [feminists] fucking don't [care about men’s issues], never have, and never will but will likely take credit for it when it happens.” I gave you several examples of this exact thing happening, which you have clearly ignored given your responses, and now we are arguing about minutiae. But anyways:

1. I don't know how you can say “It's disingenuous to propose that feminists support this idea, because they don't” when I already linked a quote from the Feminist Party in Sweden

advocating for a men's shelter. About the feminists campaigning against it thing, well, I guess I did ask for *an* example, and you gave me *an* example, so there we go.

2. Feminists having legitimate criticisms of mandated joint custody (which are in the document you cited) doesn't mean they're doing it because they hate men. They just think the drawbacks are more severe and have different ideas about how to fix it. Ultimately a long-term goal of feminism is the dismantling of the gender stereotypes which lead to courts favoring women over men in custody cases, so, that. But as for fixes in the short-term, I think some feminists just don't see mandated joint custody as the way to do it. This details the feminist approach to child custody a little bit better "In contrast to such rules as the "innocent parent rule," the "maternal preference rule" or the "primary caretaker presumption," no parent becomes a sole custodian; no one is relegated to visitation.")
3. I already linked an article which sourced it, but here is a more direct press release From the thing I linked: "The revised definition includes any gender of victim or perpetrator, and includes instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity, including due to the influence of drugs or alcohol or because of age." So... idk where you're getting this idea about date rape not being a thing, or only men can do it? While you're sourcing that, can you also source the idea that the Duluth model (which is sexist, I'll agree) came from VAWA, because the Duluth model was started in the 80's and VAWA wasn't a thing until the 90's, and as far as I have looked, Duluth is never mentioned in the VAWA, so citation needed on that one as well.
4. Okay, fair about some feminists being shitty, but also how can you say "Where are the programs for suicide prevention aimed at men and only men? There aren't any." When I linked one specifically aimed at men. In case you forgot, here is CALM's webpage on male suicide, also reminder that CALM was launched by an ardent feminist.
5. Okay I'm getting the feeling that you're not bothering to look at anything I'm linking, because I linked something showing that women have been vastly more impacted, so if you "haven't looked at it," that's on you. But this is besides the point, since our discussion overall is about feminists doing things for men, not who is worse off, I just brought it up because I wasn't sure what you were talking about and not as argument against you. As for Christina Hoff Summers, well she is a pretty sorry excuse for a feminist, but isn't the article you linked then an example of a feminist bringing attention to men's issues? Kind of defeating your entire point to begin with? Also if you think she's a feminist, well then here's a video of her bringing attention to and calling for systemic reform regarding the problem of male underachievement in schools, so there's an example of a feminist doing something for men's rights again.
6. I'm not disputing that men are doing worse in schools overall, what we were originally arguing about is whether feminists do anything for men (again, goalpost moving). This was my weakest point to begin with, so I really have nothing to argue I guess. Although while we're on the topic, just throwing this in the ring

Okay one last question, since I completely forgot about this, but I wonder how you feel about NOMAS? It's a feminist organization that is concerned with men's problems, doesn't that alone invalidate your original argument?

“No, they [feminists] fucking don't [care about men's issues], never have, and never will but will likely take credit for it when it happens.”

ah, ok - my apologies. Let's address the moved goalposts. I assign my belief in what feminism cares about based on the actions of the groups generally believed to be feminist.

While you have pointed out some recent activity in Nordic countries the bulk of activism by feminism shows a staggering disregard and opposition to equality in areas where men are disadvantaged.

1 - we've mostly agreed. I mean you picked on my only giving you one example but there were multiple university talks in Canada, at least one in the US and, I think one in the UK. But you can google Warren Farrel, UofT protest and Janice Fiamengo - both of those are youtube links to protests. I mentioned that there were more, but you still criticized "an example".

2) That document is vile. It uses the already prejudiced standpoints to try to codify it into law under the guise of "this is reasonable". That document is quite sick. It's primary focus seems to be on maintaining child support rates for women. I have a lot of other criticisms but that's not the point here. If that position paper is the "goal" of feminist organizations, it supports my point, it doesn't counter it. Fairness and supporting the best interests of the child has no place in that document, they use the words, but it's completely focused on benefits for women.

3) We disagree with what this means, but I am going to shortcut it and say that I don't have the time to engage here. So, I will concede the point. Maybe someone else will pick it up.

4) nice. You can limit that to "some feminists are shitty". While I see shitty behaviour all over the place and in very different ways. I see it as systematically shitty extending from the premises of the movement.

5) yeah, I didn't look at the current crisis link, because, as you asked, I was referring to something else. Which I supplied. As for CHS, yeah, she would be a good example that defeats my argument, if she hadn't been soundly disavowed and attacked by the current feminist establishment. Same with Farrell and Fiamengo. And the woman who started the first DV shelter, Pizzey. All attacked, in some cases violently, by feminists. If all the examples of feminists that do actively seek to help men are vilified by the feminist establishment, that speaks volumes about feminism.

6) Yeah, your link, that's where most feminists go when confronted with the biased situations in primary/secondary and college education.... BUT STEM - well, what about Medical, Legal, etc? How about instituting some male only scholarships there to level the gap? No? Of course not.

NOMAS - is mostly activism on how men need to not be sexist to women. Like the r/menslib sub here on reddit, it's useful idiots to counter arguments that feminism is hostile, while actually doing nothing for men.

You mention younger feminists seem to have different views. Here I agree as they have seen the reality, and some will choose to either change feminism or leave the movement entirely. A choice we are seeing younger women make.

You also mention Sweden, which anecdotally, many guys say is horrible for guys to live in, but there are counter stories too. Maybe that is an ideal situation with the feminist lead in

Sweden, I don't live there and I don't have the time to comprehensively research.

My point of view is feminism is women's advocacy and has no responsibility to advocate for men. I think feminism needs to give up the label that they are about gender equality though, because they aren't. However, right now, keeping that label keeps a stranglehold on the discussion.

nahvocado comment score below threshold • -13 points • 14 December, 2020 08:51 PM

Maybe because every MRA I've met hates women? Food for thought.

Jakeybaby125 • 12 points • 14 December, 2020 09:18 PM

Most MRA's I've met don't hate women. Perhaps it's a you problem rather than an MRA problem

nahvocado comment score below threshold • -8 points • 14 December, 2020 09:50 PM

You're a man, so I'd have to say your experiences with other men are different. No point trying to blame me for the actions of others because you don't like my answer.

Jakeybaby125 • 8 points • 14 December, 2020 09:52 PM

So what if I'm a man? I've heard plenty of women, on this sub too, who've said MRAs quite welcoming and supportive of both mens and womens issues. Both genders have issues

nahvocado comment score below threshold • -8 points • 14 December, 2020 10:07 PM*

I'm talking about real life though. I'm not sure why you'd be dismissive about it as if my experiences aren't valid. Are you honestly suggesting women's experiences with men aren't different than a man's experience with other men? I'd like to know what planet your living on. I'm in my thirties and have more life experience than you i would assume, since you're a teenager? Why else would you be asking teenage girls questions?

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 10:07 PM

Irl I've seen the same thing. Marc Angelucci was one of them

Arby01 • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 03:56 AM

LOL. Your experiences all have one thing in common.

You.

Which is what he pointed out the first time.

nahvocado • -1 points • 15 December, 2020 05:34 AM

And what do you know about me to blame me again?

Arby01 • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 05:44 AM

Only what you have told us. Since your postulate (MRA's hate women) is provably untrue, all that's left is that your experience is unique to you.

nahvocado • 1 point • 15 December, 2020 06:35 AM

I've literally not mentioned anything about myself, only the actions of others. Why be hostile about my lived experiences? What do you gain from it? Are my experiences not valid?

Arby01 • 5 points • 15 December, 2020 07:27 AM

I have said nothing hostile. You claim that you have only encountered MRAs that hate women. If that's your experience and there is proof that MRAs don't hate women, and there is such proof, then you have to start looking at why you had that experience. I didn't say your experience was false. I was saying you are probably the cause of your experiences. (or perhaps very unlucky, but based on this exchange, cause is the more likely choice).

I also laughed at you. The position that most MRA's hate women is absurd, since it was suggested immediately that maybe the problem was how you were interacting, to double down on it was laughable. So I laughed. If you consider that hostile, then perhaps that's another misperception about other people you might want to correct.

Arby01 • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 03:53 AM

There are a lot of female MRA's. There are a lot of MRA's that don't hate women. There are MRA's that used to consider themselves feminists (was a member of feminist leadership in a major organization, iirc) until they were attacked for raising men's issues.

Your viewpoint disagrees with fact and evidence. /u/Jakeybaby125 called it correctly, it's a "You" issue, not an MRA problem.

nacho-chonky • 4 points • 15 December, 2020 03:59 PM

LOL MRAs hate feminists not women, why do feminists think they represent all women?

therealwaysexists comment score below threshold • -5 points • 14 December, 2020 08:07 PM

My issue with MRA really comes from the only things I've heard them advocate for and it often comes across as blaming feminists and women for destroying their superiority in society.

I'm not saying that all MRAs are like this, but understand when your safe space is used to blame women for your problems or express misogynistic ideas, its going to get some flack. Also, I take issue with the fact that women are far more oppressed then men and yet many MRAs only seem concerned with their own oppression. If we joined forces for gender equality it would be amazing, but your group needs to show more support for ours. I lurk on your sub sometimes to see what issues are out there and some are very legitimate but there are too many members who cast women as the blame for their unequal treatment.

Oncefa2[S] • 7 points • 14 December, 2020 09:15 PM

My issue with MRA really comes from the only things I've heard them advocate for and it often comes across as blaming feminists and women for destroying their superiority in society.

Can you link to an example of this?

MRAs are the ones who coined the phrase "*equality for the privileged often feels like oppression*". I think it's a huge strawman to think that MRAs are upset about men "not being dominant" anymore.

We might be upset about NOW and other feminist groups for passing anti-male legislation.

Or for any of these reasons... <https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/kcy3w8/comment/gfub63y>

But anything else is really just a strawman.

Jakeybaby125 • 4 points • 14 December, 2020 09:19 PM

Women are not more oppressed than men. In the Middle East and India, yes they are but in the West men are more oppressed

Somanyaswords4 comment score below threshold • -11 points • 14 December, 2020 08:31 PM

Shut up bitch. Someone should teach you a thing or two about being a victim.

Jakeybaby125 • 10 points • 14 December, 2020 09:18 PM

Says the person playing the victim card

Somanyaswords4 comment score below threshold • -6 points • 15 December, 2020 12:14 AM

Y'all are the victims of your own thinking, don't know shit about anything. Stay in your incel world if you want, bitching how the world done you wrong, or leave the circle jerk and see what it's like in the real world. Stop by forgetting everything you know about rights. Bitches here got a right to get smacked, everything else is physics. Whine some more.

Jakeybaby125 • 6 points • 15 December, 2020 07:11 AM

Go back to r/AndreasGarden and complain about how oppressed you are there