

# **Serious question. I know sometimes MGTOW and MRA are at odds, but what keeps you MRA and not MGTOW, or conversely why did you become MGTOW?**

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I'm 46, twice divorced, no kids, been there and done that kinda guy. I consider myself a non-angry, just tired of the bullshit MGTOW. I still have normal interactions and am friends with (just two) women. I just no longer date.

What keeps you guys in the dating pool knowing what society is like now against men and seeing the shit we post here... or conversely, why was the tipping point for you, going MGTOW?

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RapeMatters2 • 21 points • 5 February, 2019 03:23 AM

I mean, personally, I love my wife.

And I am a silly idealist who really believes in the best of people.

[deleted] • 9 points • 5 February, 2019 06:23 AM

Same here. My wife is a treasure. She agrees with basically all of the tenets of the MRM. She values her family. She visits her grandmother regularly. She thinks about me all the time and what she can do to make me happy.

MGTOw will literally argue that she's cheating or hiding something horrible from me. They actually have an expression to describe that, called AWALT (all women are like that).

Not going to discuss anything with dudes who talk about my wife like that.

JestyAverageJoe • 3 points • 6 February, 2019 04:23 AM

I love my wife, and I've had a similar experience in trying to talk about marriage. It's sad the way that some people can preach against ideology while speaking dogmatically themselves.

czerdec • 0 points • 5 February, 2019 06:17 PM

I know, it's gross. Incels and MGTOw are, in my opinion, very often suffering from really severe mental illness. I assume that a significant percentage of the guys who post on reddit under either of those headings noose themselves within 12 months of posting.

Tordab • 13 points • 5 February, 2019 03:24 AM

For me since I'm 18, I just keep in mind that the MGTOw mindset has some good values. It has a lot of themes of independence, grit, determination, and self-sufficiency.

I keep myself MRA however because I still believe in love and it happening to me one day. And I think that the MRA's goal is trying to make the lives of men in the future easier, while MGTOw is making your present life easier

thxnwy • 12 points • 5 February, 2019 07:09 AM

My understanding is that MRAs and MGTOw address the same issue but with different approaches.

MRAs believe that there is a chance to reform the system while MGTOw think the effort is futile and an extremely gynocentric society with unchecked hypergamy (the west today) will inevitably collapse.

Pioustarcraft • 10 points • 5 February, 2019 06:23 AM

I lurked a lot in the r/MGTOw subreddit.

I really thought it would be filled with advices for single men about how to manage your finances as a single man.

Or advices on new hobbies that men would maybe enjoy more than women.

But then i realize that it is mostly reposts from r/mensrights

I do believe that society favors women. The simple Kavanaugh debacle was proof that a large majority of people are ok to bypass due process and are willing to destroy a man without any evidences presented. After that, i

cannot take seriously anyone who says that women are oppressed.

So I thought that MGTOW was just men tired of the dating game who just wanted solitude to recharge and do what they want without been judged.

Anonymous--Rex • 8 points • 5 February, 2019 01:00 PM

I'm MGTOW, but a large portion of that is because I'm also asexual and fairly solitary by nature. I'm not a fan of the mgtow sub, though. I don't find it productive, and a lot of posters just seem bitter. I feel general awareness needs to be raised about these issues, so I find this sub more productive.

rodvanmechelen • 6 points • 5 February, 2019 01:26 PM

In my experience, Aaron Clarey is right that only about 2% of women in the west, or at least in the US, are marriage material. He also says that most men are not marriage material, but I forget his approximate percentage, only that it's much higher than for women. I do know women I would consider NAWALT, most of them are married young and stay that way, and I respect them. There are single women I know who I consider NAWALT, but as others here have noted they have the opportunity in a fit of anger to destroy a man's life. It's not women, but the feminist/cultural Marxist corruption of the legal, economic and social systems that makes the risk not worth taking. As TFM has noted, there's no real point in aiming to pass on your genes as within only a few generations whatever might make you special or unique has been diluted to the same extent it was before you were born. TFM has also advocated that MGTOW (for those of us who are not angry or bitter, only pragmatic, cynical and self-preserving, Aaron calls it ghosting) on the basis of supply and demand: the more men who MGTOW, whether in sex or in marriage, the less demand there will be for women and the less supply of men there will be to fill women's demand. That will raise the perceived value of men. Now add to this that between now and November 2032 we are going to experience a sharp drop in food supply due to the grand solar minimum and the subsequent mini ice age, combined with social and political upheaval, and you have a recipe for a crash and burn of the entire system, a reset that for decades I have referred to as...The Backlash! When that happens, this cycle of sexism will reverse and turn against women. In my arrogant 30s and 40s I thought I could stop the cycle altogether, but human nature is a stubborn beast and not about to change. So I've given up trying to stop it and instead prepare to endure the turbulent times to come.

tenchineuro • 8 points • 5 February, 2019 02:30 PM

It's not women, but the feminist/cultural Marxist corruption of the legal, economic and social systems that makes the risk not worth taking.

It's the women too.

Maito\_Guy • 6 points • 5 February, 2019 07:53 AM

MRA and MGTOW are not mutually exclusive, there is a lot of overlap.

jonnytechno • 4 points • 5 February, 2019 11:00 AM

The difference is MGTOW would rather watch this current version of society crumble in the hopes that Men will be valued again whereas MRA's are hoping for legal change through legitimate channels

I consider myself both but am not really comfortable in the MGTOW community sometimes.... Too much bitterness, politics about tradcon / radlib.. Bla bla bal.... & racism

I guess that's the problem with open subs that Don moderate much... They may be trolls but its a nuisance nonetheless

The MR sub imo is much more civil but it doesn't matter to feminists, they're liars... They'll grab something

from another sub. Or troll post on ours just to get their message across because the ends justify the means as far as they're concerned

Maito\_Guy • 6 points • 5 February, 2019 11:49 AM

The way I see it there is a vocal minority of MGTOW that are essentially the mirror image of feminists. Most MGTOW don't talk about it all the time, it is just based on avoiding marriage/LTR/fatherhood and maybe spreading awareness of the dangers of those things.

jonnytechno • 4 points • 5 February, 2019 12:12 PM

I agree, like I said, I agree with the main MGTOW philosophy, I just prefer this community

Maito\_Guy • 3 points • 5 February, 2019 02:00 PM

I haven't even bothered with it. For me MGTOW is just making guys aware of the pitfalls of dating. Everyone on there already knows so I never bothered checking it out. I imagine it is mostly AWALT and bashing MRM for being naive.

jonnytechno • 2 points • 5 February, 2019 02:01 PM

Yeah pretty much

czerdec • 1 point • 5 February, 2019 06:22 PM

The majority of economic and population growth in the world right now is happening in Africa. They're not drinking the feminist kool-aid over there, and the large influence of Islam there should ensure that anti-male bullshit theories don't get an easy pass.

I have some criticisms of Islam, but being anti-male in rhetoric is not one of them.

Zombarts • 5 points • 5 February, 2019 04:08 AM

I want to spend my life with my gf and want to push for men's rights.

mgtowolf • 4 points • 5 February, 2019 04:01 PM

I was MGTOW, before I even knew it was a thing. I learned over a decade ago, that it's just not worth the risk. Having a monogamous relationship adds nothing of value to my life, and leaves me open to a lot of risk. I have a few girls I have sex with now and again, but that is all it is, and I got my ass covered with video security in case one of them turns out to be another well disguised nutjob. I thought the crazy bitch that tried to burn me was a good one too, until she took that mask off after the break-up and went full psycho.

Mitchell78 • 4 points • 5 February, 2019 05:08 PM

MGTOW is the only logical option to the current state of affairs in the West. MRA's are delusional if they think any sort of compromise can be reached with feminists or those in power who push feminist policy.

TibsKirk • 11 points • 5 February, 2019 03:26 AM

I am uncomfortable with the ways that mgtow generalizes about ALL women the way that feminism has generalized about ALL men. There are good women who make wonderful companions and best friends for life. Checking out of a system seems as bad to me as the radical lesbian feminists who went gay not because of personal identity but because of personal resentment and an openly political statement. I do sympathize with mgtow issues in terms of divorced men and unbalanced scales, but to turn your back on half of the population seems to deny the basic humanity and goodness of most of that side. Women are good.

whatevescom • 6 points • 5 February, 2019 05:39 AM

I agree with what you are saying, I just felt compelled to explain one aspect. The gamble. While I am sure statistically that it's not possible for All women to be that way, it's not worth the gamble. Men today are gambling on that person not being a liar, a thief, and a general user. The ones that play the game know this and hide it very well.

I have good women in my life too, but the scary part is they openly talk about awalt issues and then talk themselves out of behaving that way. These are the good ones...

tenchineuro • 2 points • 5 February, 2019 02:25 PM

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You realize that what's driven the marriage strike is that tens of millions of men and boys have seen their dads, uncles, family friends, and their friends destroyed in a divorce? I suggest that there is evidence that at least a large majority of women are ready and willing to destroy any man when they see it as to their advantage or they get angry and want revenge, and a great many already have.

nisutapasion • 3 points • 5 February, 2019 12:40 PM

The existence of corruption do not negate the value of democracy.

The existence of a perverse family court do not negate the value of family

tenchineuro • 4 points • 5 February, 2019 02:27 PM

The existence of a perverse family court do not negate the value of family

It does negate the value of marriage however.

nisutapasion • 1 point • 5 February, 2019 10:44 PM

No. It doesn't.

tenchineuro • 3 points • 5 February, 2019 11:04 PM

No. It doesn't.

Everything marriage gives, divorce takes away, and more, lots more.

nisutapasion • 1 point • 5 February, 2019 11:34 PM

Maybe. But divorce is not to objective of marriage.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 5 February, 2019 11:36 PM

Maybe. But divorce is not to objective of marriage.

Divorce happens. Divorce happens a lot. Usually divorce is initiated by the woman. Would you buy an apple if it had a 50% chance of killing you?

nisutapasion • 1 point • 6 February, 2019 12:28 AM

Statics are not random.

1/2 marriages ends in divorce doesn't means that every marriage has 50% chances of ends

in divorce.

Marriage is not flipping a coin.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 6 February, 2019 12:34 AM

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Do you mean statistics?

1/2 marriages ends in divorce doesn't means that every marriage has 50% chances of ends in divorce.

It means that there are a lot of men who have lost everything or are in jail for the crime of fatherhood.

Marriage is not flipping a coin.

Again, would you buy an apple if it had a 50% chance of killing you? What if it was only 10%?

And you can no more predict whether your marriage will end in divorce than you can predict that coin toss, so I'm not sure what kind of a difference you are trying to point out.

nisutapasion • 1 point • 6 February, 2019 12:46 PM

Well, I guess than some of us are more aware of our surroundings than others.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 6 February, 2019 01:48 PM

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I'm not clear what this has to do with marriage or divorce.

Ted8367 • 3 points • 5 February, 2019 01:47 PM

MGTOW is a local solution to a risk/benefit problem in your immediate environment. It minimizes your risk for the time being, it's possible to do as an individual, but it's a second-best solution.

To solve the real problem, you need to act outside of the immediate environment, that is, MGTOW + more. You need to get into the areas of mass social attitudes, politics, and legal systems. This is immensely difficult, especially for an individual; it's against basic instincts and every hand is against you. The way the online MGTOWers focus just on women is a mistake in my opinion. It's the whole society that needs to be moved.

DubsPackage • 3 points • 5 February, 2019 05:28 PM

These things are just labels.

In real life most people are a bit of everything.

Sometimes I'm in a mgtow mood, sometimes I'm in an mra mood, sometimes I think it's all a waste of time.

Mainstream culture hasn't changed much in the last 100 years and probably won't.

Anglos are neurotic about "rights" but few ppl ever consider to try to be decent to one another, it's not about "do I have a right to yell at this person" well maybe you do but maybe you shouldn't, maybe you should treat each other warmly and kindly, let some things go, and not so much keeping score.

That being said, western societies are powertripping fucked in the head.

They all try to force women into jobs or more powerful roles rather than just let people be who they are.

If men want to be dominant, let them be dominant, what's so bad about that.

The genders are not enemies after all but just different parts of the same team.

Social engineers have their own agendas, who can say what those are.

I have faith that eventually humanity with either come to its senses, or the west will destroy itself and get replaced by a more sensible group of people.

Liquid\_Leopard[S] • 2 points • 5 February, 2019 03:47 AM

Let me clarify, I'm not talking about why you're not in the group MGTOW, but rather why haven't you adopted the mentality of just tapping out? I don't hate all women, I just find staying to myself and focusing on me and not dating has been my best option with the current political climate

TibsKirk • 3 points • 5 February, 2019 04:00 AM

Well, if you're happy, then you're happy. I just find that mgtow develops that sense of personal freedom into a philosophy for all men to find happiness. I feel that I could not be happy without my loving and wonderful wife. But what makes you happy is up to you.

FuckingPrawns • 2 points • 5 February, 2019 10:21 AM

MGTOW works - but only if the women you are trying to date are stereotypical narcissistic "basic bitches" (for want of a better term). It's for the kinda of women who are controlling, manipulative, self-absorbed etc.

However it omits a huge proportion of the general female population - you know, the kind that are... normal human beings. My girlfriend is also my best friend. Whichever way I go, I would want it to be with her.

[deleted] • 2 points • 5 February, 2019 11:22 PM

Well, I could answer, but some might not like it... I'm bisexual, I have an out as it were. I pretty much act as a gay man 24/7, and choose to date males. As someone else said, I believe in the good of all people, I know there are good women out there. They're my friends and family. Still, times are tough for guys and it's really easy to screw over a guy who misjudged a seemingly good woman who turned out to be not so good if something bad happens. If the relationship sours, if she doesn't want him to leave, God forbid if she gets ideas after they're married or have kids. More and more I see men lamenting that it'd be easier to have an out. I don't want to freak anybody out. I have male friends and family who I absolutely hope find awesome women of their own some day. Still, it's hard to offer any advice as to how to keep themselves safe out there. In that sense, I sympathize with some of the concepts of the MGTOW movement. I do think they are reactionary, sometimes very obnoxious, quick to throw out ad homs and slurs, bitter, resentful, angry, quick to blame everything on women, and these things certainly don't endear most people to them. Still, the core of their premise doesn't come from nowhere, and if they polished those issues up, I dare say they could be a pretty good movement that people take seriously. The idea of men opting out or just being a little selfish isn't a bad one. A guy who wants to put his work or passions before a relationship is just as valid as guys who want one. It's the same concept as women who don't want kids, that's a respectable choice and their prerogative. If they weren't so abrasive I think more men could understand that message.

I don't consider myself MGTOW, but I do have my out. A system that could dick me over at the toss of a hat, to a guy who's already shy, passive, and truthfully probably just a little bit too naïve and thus easy to manipulate? The risk seems too high man, women are awesome and I know many awesome women, but if I'm on a sinking ship with a man and least I know if I sink or swim he has a higher chance of coming with me on equal footing.

czerdec • 1 point • 5 February, 2019 06:19 PM

Because women feel nice. The majority of them are just easily conned by feminists. It's like being an atheist who is willing to marry a religious woman just to have sex and company.

theAnalepticAlzabo • 1 point • 6 February, 2019 07:33 AM

Its not a either/or thing, man. MGTOW is a way of men living safely and (ostensibly) happily in a culture that resents them to the point of violence. Im a mens rights activist in the hopes that I can one day marry a woman without fear, and I am MGTOW so I can stay out of jail /bankruptcy until that time.

Ruben\_Samich • 1 point • 6 February, 2019 09:53 PM

I don't plan on getting married and I do plan on being a man who goes my own way, but MGTOW, specifically r/MGTOW , has become a woman's hate movement. If you go on that sub it's just reverse feminism, talking about how all women are trash etc. etc.

Liquid\_Leopard[S] • 2 points • 6 February, 2019 11:38 PM

I agree, I've actually spent more time in MGTOW2 recently, a splinter group to talk more about the positives of MGTOW, but I can still get sucked in. Sometimes I think the red pill can be such a bitter pill, men go there to trash and bash women (myself included sometimes) because we have so few areas we men can have a gathering place to discuss our frustration and anger at things. I think once some cool down MRM is a nice middle ground