Not All Men.
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How should men react to blanket generalizations about their gender? Most men respond in one of three ways. Some say nothing. Some men may apologize for their gender. Some may try to persuade the generalizer that "not all men" are bad. The phrase #notallmen has been subjected to much mockery since 2013. In 2014, a comic by Matt Lubchansky described Mr. Notallmen as a caricature MRA. The vast majority of MRAs would argue that Mr. Notallmen serves a good purpose, since he reminds everyone of the fact that there are good men. I belong to the minority who do not find him helpful -- explanation follows.

Most people understand that a racist who blames all members of a minority for the crimes of the few is evil and reprehensible. Most child abuse is committed by women including mothers like Casey Anthony, or Raina Mersane who stabbed 8 children to death. Yet, anyone who tars non-abusive mothers with the same brush would be held in contempt. Blaming all men for the faults of the few is evil and reprehensible. This point should be obvious to any decent human. Someone who slanders all men is not misguided, or irrational, or emotional, or a snowflake. Someone who slanders all men is a slanderer and the enemy.

Male bashing and man hating has been fashionable in Western Culture at least since 1990s. While many factors have contributed to this cultural shift, Mr. Notallmen's role should be analyzed. Negotiating with bigots and slanderers is as counterproductive as negotiating with terrorists. Many Liberals justifiably condemned some foreign wars conducted by USA, yet #notone of them asked what do they have to do in order to be considered good people by terrorists. There are Conservative members of minorities who support racists' freedom, yet #none of them would apologize to racists for belonging to a minority. We should be grateful to women who defend male victims of abuse and discrimination, yet #none of them would agree with a man who blames all women. When many real men like the comic character Mr. Notallmen ask bigots what they can do to be counted as good men by bigot's standards they are encouraging bigotry.

One criticism of Mr. Notallmen is that he is making women's lived experiences about men -- thus we should take a look at the personal experiences of those who blame all men. Most women, like most men are good people. According to "Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence" published in American Journal of Public Health, only 16% of women and 7% of men have been violent toward a nonviolent partner. It is unreasonable to assume that a random woman or man has experience of abusing their partner or children. Nevertheless, any person who uses abusive or bigoted language is more likely then not to be a perpetrator of child abuse and intimate partner abuse. Most abusers engage in more then one type of abuse. Thus, it should be assumed that any individual slandering all men has lived experience as an abuser.

Mr. Notallmen is trying to prove that men have goodness by the standards of the slanderers and abusers who have no goodness themselves. In conclusion, men must understand that most of them are good -- but not by the standards of evil.

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tenchineuro • 6 points • 27 June, 2018 04:17 AM

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That's all you get.

My response is to use the same wording when talking about women. It does not work, but it raises some emotion and possibly in a rare case some self reflection (no, that's probably never happened, I kid).

Rockbottom503 • 1 point • 28 June, 2018 02:55 PM

Your response is absolutely the way forward! I remember seeing a talk given by a guy to a roomful of women regarding relationships. One of the women in there asked him why her man didn’t think it was right he should have to pay for all their dates, all the time as he had expected she contribute something or other on one of them and she’d been butt hurt about it since. The guy giving the talk responded basically by sarcastically saying he agreed - the guy should pay for all the dates, which was met by rapturous applause...... but he went on to say that he should pay for all the dates and that she has to have sex with him whenever he wants! After the gasps of horror and protest had died down; the penny started to drop with the audience that what he was actually saying was that the standards they were holding men too were just as outdated as the ones that shocked and appalled them so! He went on to use the same example to how it might make a guy feel used if she always expects him to pay, in much the same way as it would make them feel used if he expected sex everytime they saw each other before rambling off about some pay gap nonsense lol. Either way, it stuck with me that this method really effectively got what he was saying across.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 June, 2018 03:01 PM

A wonderful story, thanx for posting it.

The only thing that seems to work somewhat is if women hears from another woman. Cassie Jaye has probably gotten a bigger response from women than all the MRA combined, and she is just repeating the things she heard while making The Red Pill movie.

Rockbottom503 • 1 point • 28 June, 2018 03:13 PM

The red pill is a fantastic documentary. I couldn’t agree more about females having a voice that carries more weight than men on these issues. I’m a particular fan of Karen straughans work! Wherever possible I always link to a female voice when voicing support of a men’s issue away from here - Christina hoff somers is another great one, especially with her self identifying as a feminist aswell; there’s not a lot better you can do in a debate about the pay gap than link to a female, feminist, professor debunking it lol.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 28 June, 2018 03:19 PM

The unfortunate thing about this is that it does nothing to address the underlying cause, that women in general have no empathy for men in general.

I don't have any idea what can be done about it though.

sheusesme2 • 1 point • 21 July, 2018 04:34 AM

I myself did the correct thing and i got into findom and i alliw this beautiful woman to take every single penny i
have week after week