

When all hope seems lost and then you find a feminist that isn't a man hater.

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splodgenessabounds • 547 points • 28 March, 2018 10:34 AM

Unless my eyesight is much worse than I thought, I can see no reference to Feminism at all in this photo. She seems to be a young woman holding up a placard declaring what sensible, well-adjusted *women* stand for, an outlook she seems happy to endorse.

ulpisen • 132 points • 28 March, 2018 12:20 PM

OP might have more context into who the person in the picture is

mcavvacm • 49 points • 28 March, 2018 04:29 PM

Too late now buddy, got me pitchfork handy dandy!

DiscountedPitchforks • 44 points • 28 March, 2018 04:34 PM

If you need a new one:

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VernoWhitney • 20 points • 28 March, 2018 05:10 PM

/r/pitchforkemporium

NapalmForBreakfast • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 11:39 PM

How much for the middle one?

[deleted] • 5 points • 29 March, 2018 02:26 AM

Do you have any extended length ones? I like to poke OP's from a safer distance than what conventional pitchforks offer.

DaSaw • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 02:45 AM

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[deleted] • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 03:34 AM

I think the pitch to fork ratio might actually be too high on that model.

AKnightAlone • 10 points • 28 March, 2018 04:40 PM

<https://i.imgur.com/P2SakUh.png>

WarOfNoise • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 06:31 PM

or wishful thinking

memeirlguy121 points 28 March, 2018 12:08 PM* **[recovered]**

If anything, I see an egalitarian.

Theothor • 22 points • 28 March, 2018 02:42 PM

Then it would have said "real people don't abuse people".

StonerTigerMom • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 06:50 PM

Or a message with a specific, gynocentric audience.

orcscorper • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 11:18 PM

Those are definitely not feminist glasses. If she tried to join a feminist rally or march while wearing those spectacles, they would chase her off.

Not much else to go on, in this pic. She doesn't have a radfem dye job, and she's smiling, while feminists never smile except in reaction to male pain. All evidence points to her not being a feminist.

Mencite • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 08:40 PM

It just shows how far we've to go. The idiot poster thinks because a woman says she likes men she's ok and if she says she hates men she's the enemy. Its the women who play men off against each other are the main enemy and they won't hold a "I hate men sign".

Its important for us to start using our brain if we've to get anywhere.

Revoran • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 10:56 PM

I mean if someone hates men (or women for that matter), then they are definitely part of the problem.

Mencite • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:02 PM

If someone hates you, you can avoid them, believe me their are lots of people in the world that hate you and I. What's the greatest danger to you is someone who is able to play your brother against you in which case they won't come with a warning sign that they hate men.

In fact we should welcome women who openly declare their hatred of men, they wake men up.

TheePieMan • 1 point • 3 April, 2018 10:30 AM

Avoiding hatred isn't the point of being treated like an equal though. Which is kind of the entire point isn't it? Men and women should just have equal rights from the get go.

We need to bridge that gap and maybe try to figure out WHY things are like that rather than avoiding it by blowing up any potential path ways towards said people. We don't need them to throw up neon signs to know they exist, but it would be nice if we could have a civil conversation with those that despise one gender or another and come to a better resolution.

Mencite • 1 point • 3 April, 2018 05:16 PM

Obviously men and women should have equal rights from the get go.

We know why things are like that, why women are seen as more important. Anyway that isn't key.

Controversy is good notice anytime a popular figure is accused there's a lot of discussion and a lot of men wake up. When guys see woman saying they hate men it helps wake them up.

TheePieMan • 1 point • 3 April, 2018 06:11 PM

If we had equal rights from the get go we wouldn't have to have these threads... or groups called Men and Woman's rights.

Women are not seen as "more important." At the very least I've never heard any gender/sex say as much personally- not that it doesn't exist but I don't think it's a huge issue. And if it exists definitely shouldn't be ignored like you suggested earlier. I think you have something confused. Or maybe I'm not getting what you're actually trying to say? Not really sure.

Are you trying to say that incidents of people that are assholes getting caught being assholes make it so men shape up?... I don't think it should have to come to women hating men so men stop being dicks, I think most men should just not be dicks, and same with women too?

Again, I'll reiterate that ignoring the issues is bad. It shouldn't have to come to something "waking" people up to issues, if this crap is happening we need to stop it regardless of the sex or gender involved and that should help repair the bridge.

Mencite • 1 point • 5 April, 2018 07:28 AM

I'll answer your questions again please read a number of times before you comment.

If we had equal rights from the get go we wouldn't have to have these threads... or groups called Men and Woman's rights.

Obviously but we don't hence the need for this subreddit. What exactly is your point?

Women are not seen as "more important." At the very least I've never heard any gender/sex say as much personally- not that it doesn't exist but I don't think it's a huge issue. We don't say so explicitly. I'm not saying it should be ignored.

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I'm saying controversy is good unfortunately. So if your brother/friend/hero has his life destroyed because of some false allegations doesn't that raise questions in your mind.

Again, I'll reiterate that ignoring the issues is bad. It shouldn't have to come to something "waking" people up to issues, if this crap is happening we need to stop it regardless of the sex or gender involved and that should help repair the bridge.

I'm not saying we should ignore it where do you get that from?

Oh we need to stop this crap is happening? How do we do that? We're fighting men themselves the people we're trying to help.

The reality is that some thing bad needs to happen for people to address it. Men work most of the hours of the day and don't realize precarious their lives are they on cue attack other men if they're accused by a woman.

I'm starting to think you have comprehension difficulties or are extremely naive about the world.

RWDMARS • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 10:23 PM

Meninist then?

snoxxn • 18 points • 28 March, 2018 02:11 PM

What's the word for the female equivalent of a nice guy?

nikdahl • 25 points • 28 March, 2018 02:42 PM

/r/nicegirls

Pillowed321 • 16 points • 28 March, 2018 06:52 PM

It really doesn't exist. Women don't face the same pressures to be dominant and aggressive, and men have lower standards than women. A nice girl could still get on tinder and find a boyfriend without much effort.

TwelfthCycle • 6 points • 29 March, 2018 06:16 AM

I seriously disagree here.

'Nice guys', at least as stereotyped, tend to avoid traditional dating roles by getting close to the girl and then not being seen as a sexual prospect and getting pissed off about it and raging to the world. Women can absolutely mirror this.

Imagine the girl, not necessarily bad looking but plain, not putting herself out there, likes a boy. Boy has other interests but doesn't dislike her. She takes up similar hobbies with him, does the 'I'm not like those other girls' line, hangs out, goes to football games with him and his buddies, never makes overt or covert advances. Then gets pissed 5 years down the line when he has never thought of her that way and really isn't interested.

Your nicegirl. Same thing as niceguy. Deliberately doesn't fill traditional sexual roles, makes that difference a large portion of their appeal, uses that to get close, and then rages like a motherfucker.

Pillowed321 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 12:56 PM

A woman not fulfilling traditional gender roles would approach men and ask them out on dates instead of waiting for them to make the first move. She would have an even easier time dating than most women.

TwelfthCycle • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:56 PM

Disagree. There are lots of ways not to fulfill gender roles. A woman approaching men is overtly more sexually available and aggressive. The nicegirl hypothesized would be even less sexually available.

HappyCakeDayBot1 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:56 PM

Happy Cake Day!

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 08:30 PM

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Swinship • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 02:30 PM

there isnt one, because a desperate chick probably finds a desperate guy. whereas women dont need to be desperate by and large

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 06:31 PM

AS /u/nikdahl pointed out, check out /r/Nicegirls

Qualanqui • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 07:10 PM

It's basically the same post repeated over and over and over and over and over again.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 07:17 PM

Everyone can have their opinion.

Swinship • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 09:28 PM

oh my, well i um. I thought i knew my species well. Oh boy

AndrewLevin • 93 points • 28 March, 2018 10:46 AM

Talk about men's issues in a crowd of non-crazy feminists and then determine the percentage that turns crazy within 60 seconds. You can do it right here on reddit. The crazy feminist sub is: www.reddit.com/r/feminisms (with an s) The non-crazy non-man hating feminist sub is: www.reddit.com/r/feminism (no s)

However, 90% or more of the non-crazy feminists will suddenly turn crazy the moment you say the sentence "Men, boys, and fathers are more likely to be victims of _____ than women, girls, and mothers." You can put any one of these words in the blank:

suicide

homelessness

substance abuse

accidental death

mental health issues

homicide

incarceration

alienation from family

workplace fatalities

dropping out of school

not going to college

violence of all kinds

war

And so on

Quintrell • 36 points • 28 March, 2018 01:18 PM

Eh r/ feminism isn't totally batshit but it's a total echo chamber where the mods openly ban dissenting opinions. On more than one occasion I got a "you're not factually incorrect (I even linked a study in one case) but what you said isn't coming from a feminist perspective." I can't remember verbatim honestly but when science clashes with feminist theory feminist theory wins there. And they aren't too keen to discuss men's issues except to the extent that men ARE the issue.

[deleted] • 5 points • 29 March, 2018 05:45 AM

Heh, amateurs. You wanna see some vicious manhating check out r/gendercritical. The rest of reddit hates them, but not because of the misandry, of course. They're hated because they hate transwomen. The rest of feminism stops hating men if they're gay or they become women, but GC doesn't even allow that lol.

Feminism in any form is cancer.

kragshot • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 08:55 PM

Yeah...moderator Demmian (sp) will ban you if you even if you politely present any argument that counters any established feminist ideal. When the original creators of the sub were running it, it was a place where reasonable discussions could be had...but now...not so much.

Currently, that is not a hospitable sub in any way, shape, or form.

00saucy00 • 44 points • 28 March, 2018 10:57 AM

Presumably you've read or done the research yourself to come up with that 90%?

I do understand the point you're making though. I do wish people wouldn't assume that *insert demographic here* can't be victims.

The truth is that both men and women are discriminated. In some areas, men are more likely to be discriminated, in other areas women are more likely to be.

If people could stop trying to win the "who suffers the most" competition we might be able to fix these issues.

tenchineuro • 41 points • 28 March, 2018 11:57 AM*

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Feminism denies that men can be victims, of anything, ever.

And the feminist written VAWA spells out in law that only women are victims of DV.

When men are victims of violence, even when by a women, don't they deserve the same help and support a women would get? Is it really acceptable to throw male DV victims in jail and try them as abusers?

You apparently see this as some sort of meaningless competition but the lives of real men are at stake.

[deleted] • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 04:20 AM

Feminism denies that men can be victims, of anything, ever.

They say men are victims of "patriarchy" and "toxic masculinity". But that's nonsense.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 12:34 PM

Yes, you are correct. Feminists also they claim that men can be victims of other men, I corrected this in a later reply.

00saucy00 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 01:01 PM

I think you misunderstood me. It sounds like you think I'm telling men to stop complaining. (Correct me if I'm wrong). My comment wasn't passive-aggressive, and it wasn't aimed at only one group of people.

I'm completely sympathetic to the discrimination faces by men, especially by the law. Many laws are incredibly sexist towards men and it's not acceptable.

What I meant by this 'competition' is you get radicals from both sides (and I mean both) posting online about the issues their gender face and why the other gender shouldn't complain or are wrong etc etc. In these posts, they rarely admit that the other gender also suffers its own issues.

Now I'm only talking about the radical posts, the ones that essentially say "all men/women are evil, look at what they're doing and saying now".

If everyone could realise and admit that both genders face discrimination, often in different aspects of life, then we could begin to work towards a solution.

For example, if we want to change the laws that currently discriminate against men, we would be more successful if men AND women opposed it, not just men. This also applies to issues women face.

My competition comment was a very shortened version of all of this. I can see why you might misunderstand and think I'm making light of this very serious issue.

[deleted] • 22 points • 28 March, 2018 01:18 PM

Most DV is reciprocal, not just one sex beating on the other. Unfortunately, men are the ones punished for any violence. Changing that is quite the obstacle. Getting society to realize it is quite the obstacle.

[deleted] • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 06:27 PM

Not only that, men make up 70% of NON-reciprocal DV victims.

00saucy00 • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 01:26 PM

I agree. It will be difficult and it isn't fair that men are blamed for all violence. We mustn't give up though.

DarthCerebroX • 9 points • 28 March, 2018 04:58 PM*

I hope you read those 2 long comments I sent you about domestic violence.... Because I go into great detail about how feminists have caused all this discrimination and bias male victims of DV face.

They are the ones that created the Duluth Model which is used by almost every single feminist run DV shelter and is still used by many law enforcement agencies today.

They are the ones that tried to censor research about male victims/female perpetrators and tried to harass and deny a platform to anyone who dared bring attention to it.. (because it went against their wife beater narrative).

They are the ones that continuously ran DV campaigns which pushed misleading/false statistics about male victims.

They are the ones that even today, ... they can no longer deny the existence of male victims because the research has finally come out... but they continue to try and minimize the prevalence of male victims/female perpetrators.

They are the ones that lobbied the government to replace the family violence prevention act and replace it with the Violence against Women act, which cut male victims out of support services.

And you know what?.... MRA's *are* trying to fix this problem! Men's rights groups like CAFA in Canada have been running campaigns that give the *real* statistics about DV... CAFE has also opened up Canada's second men's shelter with their own funding (because they don't get government funding like all the feminist DV groups)..... and guess what? Feminists activists and feminist organizations up there continue to fight back and oppose them. They go to their meetings and blow horns and shit trying to disrupt them. They run

articles that try to smear CAFE and paint them out to be sexists/misogynists.

You have all these sweet words and sentiments about wanting to help men and their issues.... but if that were really the case, then why don't you take all your criticisms over to feminists spaces and actually hold them accountable for the damage they have caused (and continue to cause) men.... Instead of trying to tone police us and stop us from criticizing the feminist movement, why don't you go hold them accountable for their actions so we wouldn't have any need to criticize them anymore!

**** If you really give a shit about men like you claim, then you wouldn't support the feminist movement, which continues to be the biggest obstacle to men having equality under the law and getting their issues taken seriously by society.****

armaadi • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 05:52 PM

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Not who you replied to, but if he/she did go to feminists spaces to bring this up, he/she would be banned and the comment removed. It's happened many times. I'm not saying there's no point in doing this, but when the subs that are ran by feminists are so very anti-free speech and anti free-discourse, those subs are just cesspools of the same, stupid ideas reigning unchallenged.

I'd reckon most folks posting or commenting in this sub are banned from most of the feminist subs.

DarthCerebroX • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 06:10 PM

Yeah, and that's the problem.... They don't allow dissent. Anybody who questions their ideology is treated like a "blasphemer" and kicked out.

That alone should show these people the true nature of their movement... but yet they continue to make excuses or go with the whole "not all feminists" argument.

armaadi • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 06:24 PM

I watched a video the other day, and this guy was talking about ideas and how worthwhile they are. Basically, if I got it right, he was saying that any idea, no matter how true or factual it is, is worthless if it is not challenged. If your idea has never been defended, it cannot be considered as worthwhile.

If a sub with a set of ideas actively prevents those ideas from being challenged, that sub's ideas, and to an extent that sub, are worthless. If legislation is created based on those ideas, that legislation is morally evil...even if those ideas are based on factually correct information. I think that is a reason why I have such an issue with the feminists subs, I mean beyond the barely concealed or outright blatant misandry, is the complete lack of diversity in thought and the

totalitarian manner in which they enforce that groupthink.

tenchineuro • 18 points • 28 March, 2018 01:21 PM

If everyone could realise and admit that both genders face discrimination, often in different aspects of life, then we could begin to work towards a solution.

What discrimination do you claim women face? That they earn only 77 cents to a man's dollar? That there are not enough women in STEM? What pressing issues do women face today?

For example, if we want to change the laws that currently discriminate against men, we would be more successful if men AND women opposed it, not just men. This also applies to issues women face.

What laws do you claim discriminate against women?

As for women objecting to discrimination against men, in my experience, women can't see even the most blatant discrimination against men, generally they support it.

00saucy00 • -11 points • 28 March, 2018 01:38 PM

I think we've found the radical on the male side.

I'm sorry you've never seen any women who recognise and oppose discrimination against men. I know how it feels and it sucks. I promise they really do exist, and in greater numbers than you may think.

I don't know where you live (America presumably since you use cents), but I don't doubt that there are many areas of the world where discrimination against men isn't recognised. I'm fortunate to live somewhere where people recognise and oppose discrimination against both sexes.

I can assure you that women also face issues. I'm not going to list them all and throw lots of statistics at you because if you dig deep enough there are always other stats to disprove them somewhere on the Internet, and I cba to have an argument when we should be helping one another.

But I really recommend taking the time to speak to people from both genders about their issues (not just taking what you find on the internet as gospel).

[deleted] • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 06:29 PM

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So... You can assure without citation? Ick.

fasctic • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 07:25 PM

I read a whole bunch of posts on the feminist subreddit just now, the problems women face seem to be older generations view on gender roles and some men being naughty. The only constitutional problem is abortions not being allowed in some countries. There's obviously a great need for feminism in countries such as saudi arabia and russia but let's not talk about them.

There's also some whining about everyday ridiculous stuff on there. A great example of this being a man talking to a female student trying to study during her 1 hour train

commute but he never stops talking. Her politeness preventing her getting him to stop is apparently the problem here. Well you know what? That happens to both genders.. I personally talked to an old man for 3 hours when I actually had to do other things. Could you highlight the legislation sexist against females?

tenchineuro • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 08:01 PM

I'm sorry you've never seen any women who recognise and oppose discrimination against men.

It's not for lack of trying, I spent over 5 years asking women about this kind of stuff. All said that they though workplace discrimination was wrong, but if you asked about AA, race and gender norming, racist and sexist college admission standards, etc..., each and every one of them said this was OK, it was not discrimination. So believe what you want, I'll believe my ears.

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You can start with the UK (where they call it positive discrimination) and the US (Affirmative Action, supposedly based upon the 1964 Civil Rights Act the text of which expressly outlaws anything like AA). In the EU the courts ruled against a man in Germany who was denied a job because the employer wanted more women, sexist hiring is OK in the EU (don't try this if you discriminate against women though).

Here, let me fix your statement.

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You're not going to list even one you mean.

You do not face the vast coercive power of the entire state and federal government. And maybe if you did you would be singing a different tune.

and throw lots of statistics

Good, because they don't prove anything.

But I really recommend taking the time to speak to people from both genders

Hermaphrodites?

BTW, you need to keep up on the gender issue, now there are more than 2, that would be CIS. I've seen a list of 26 genders and also claims that there is a continuum of genders (or an infinite number). You don't want to be assigning gender today, that could be cause for disciplinary action at many colleges and universities.

about their issues (not just taking what you find on the internet as gospel).

Since that's not what I've been doing, don't worry.

MahouShoujoLumiPnzzr • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:54 AM

Looks like it didn't take long for you to out yourself, did it?

Feminism doesn't deny that at all. It's either dishonest or insane to suggest that it does.

Some whackjob feminists do deny that, but they're whackjobs.

DarthCerebroX • 16 points • 28 March, 2018 04:45 PM

Feminism doesn't deny that... it's only the whackjobs

Well then, I guess the whackjobs are the ones that run the mainstream feminist movement...

Here... I'll bold the relevant paragraphs for you.

Here's a dozen examples of mainstream feminist organizations (such as NOW, the most powerful feminist organization in the world) fighting against true gender equality..

**** Karen Straughan on the "those aren't real feminists" argument****

The following is a very informed comment by Karen Straughan in response to a feminist who thinks the many blatant sexists among feminists aren't real feminists:

So what you're saying is that you, a commenter using a username on an internet forum are the true feminist, and the feminists actually responsible for changing the laws, writing the academic theory, teaching the courses, influencing the public policies, and the massive, well-funded feminist organizations with thousands and thousands of members all of whom call themselves feminists... they are not "real feminists".

That's not just "no true Scotsman". That's delusional self deception.

Listen, if you want to call yourself a feminist, I don't care. I've been investigating feminism for more than 9 years now, and people like you used to piss me off, because to my mind all you were doing was providing cover and ballast for the powerful political and academic feminists you claim are just jerks. And believe me, they ARE jerks. If you knew half of what I know about the things they've done under the banner of feminism, maybe you'd stop calling yourself one.

But I want you to know. You don't matter.

You're not the director of the Feminist Majority Foundation and editor of Ms. Magazine, Katherine Spillar, who said of domestic violence: "Well, that's just a clean-up word for wife-beating," and went on to add that regarding male victims of dating violence, "we know it's not girls beating up boys, it's boys beating up girls."

You're not Jan Reimer, former mayor of Edmonton and long-time head of Alberta's Network of Women's Shelters, who just a few years ago refused to appear on a TV program discussing male victims of domestic violence, because for her to even show up and discuss it would lend legitimacy to the idea that they exist.

**You're not Mary P Koss (one of the most highly regarded feminists alive today- who is credited with changing the federal rape laws and the FBI definition of rape), who describes male victims of female rapists in her academic papers as being not rape victims because they were "ambivalent about their sexual desires" (if you don't know what that means, it's that they actually wanted it), and then went on to define them out of the definition of rape in the CDC's research because it's inappropriate to consider what happened to them rape... meaning whenever a woman takes advantage of an inebriated/sleeping/unconscious man or forces him to sleep with her, these crimes are classified as a much lesser charge. **

You're not the National Organization for Women, and its associated legal foundations, who

lobbied to replace the gender neutral federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act of 1984 with the obscenely gendered Violence Against Women Act of 1994. The passing of that law cut male victims out of support services and legal assistance in more than 60 passages, just because they were male.

You're not the Florida chapter of the NOW, who successfully lobbied to have Governor Rick Scott veto not one, but two alimony reform bills in the last ten years, bills that had passed both houses with overwhelming bipartisan support, and were supported by more than 70% of the electorate.

You're not the feminist group in Maryland who convinced every female member of the House on both sides of the aisle to walk off the floor when a shared parenting bill came up for a vote, meaning the quorum could not be met and the bill died then and there.

You're not the feminists in Canada agitating to remove sexual assault from the normal criminal courts, into quasi-criminal courts of equity where the burden of proof would be lowered, the defendant could be compelled to testify, discovery would go both ways, and defendants would not be entitled to a public defender.

You're not Professor Elizabeth Sheehy, who wrote a book advocating that women not only have the right to murder their husbands without fear of prosecution if they make a claim of abuse, but that they have the moral responsibility to murder their husbands.

You're not the feminist legal scholars and advocates who successfully changed rape laws such that a woman's history of making multiple false allegations of rape can be excluded from evidence at trial because it's "part of her sexual history."

You're not the feminists who splattered the media with the false claim that putting your penis in a passed-out woman's mouth is "not a crime" in Oklahoma, because the prosecutor was incompetent and charged the defendant under an inappropriate statute (forcible sodomy) and the higher court refused to expand the definition of that statute beyond its intended scope when there was already a perfectly good one (sexual battery) already there. You're not the idiot feminists lying to the public and potentially putting women in Oklahoma at risk by telling potential offenders there's a "legal" way to rape them.

And you're none of the hundreds or thousands of feminist scholars, writers, thinkers, researchers, teachers and philosophers who constructed and propagate the body of bunkum theories upon which all of these atrocities are based.

You're the true feminist. Some random person on the internet.

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tenchineuro • 20 points • 28 March, 2018 02:08 PM

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They only happen to be the leaders of the movement and all the major feminist organizations.

But what I said is not quite right, they now admit that men can be victims, but only of other men and the Patriarchy.

AKnightAlone • -4 points • 28 March, 2018 04:49 PM

They only happen to be the leaders of the movement and all the major feminist organizations.

And capitalist leaders coincidentally hate communism. Let's not pretend bias for power doesn't exist. The head of the DEA is legally required to say weed is useless and incredibly harmful as part of their job description. No one who spent their life gaining power would preach the ideology that would damage their power and get them ousted.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 08:04 PM

And capitalist leaders coincidentally hate communism.

So you're saying that feminism and men are opposites?

I'll go with that.

AKnightAlone • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:12 PM

I'm saying any ideology results in a power struggle *despite* the validity of the initial frustrations that led to the formation of the ideology. Often, the Yin-Yang/polarity of these situations is based around a *flawed* formation of ideology based on valid frustrations, except the manifestation of that ideology is *directly* counter-intuitive to the supposed true aim of the group.

This is perfectly applicable to all the examples I mentioned. The DEA has a "valid" reason to protect people, yet the truly freeing and beneficial approach would be through a libertarian acceptance of individual decisions that would allow for respectful responses. Instead, the initial authoritarianism creates an equation where people are internally rewarded for breaking laws and hiding their addictions.

Drug laws should be about acceptance, weakness, and support. This is libertarian freedom that would help individuals to flourish, regardless of their drug use.

Issues with male dominance/violence/etc., should be countered with direct acceptance, weakness, and support. This would remove the authoritarianism that leads men into feeling like automatic abusers and criminals, and it would help give men a platform to speak about their own abuse. Putting the "positive" side of the sexual equation on the defensive is a recipe for perpetual resentment and harm.

The same can be said of economic matters, as I brought up, but that's such an overarching concept that it's difficult to discuss without also having to pile it in with every other psychological concept.

tenchineuro • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 11:40 PM

The DEA has a "valid" reason to protect people

The DEA is not there to protect anyone.

Instead, the initial authoritarianism creates an equation where people are internally rewarded for breaking laws and hiding their addictions.

There's this thing about addictions, they, and the dopamine they release, are their own reward.

Issues with male dominance/violence/etc., should be countered with direct acceptance, weakness, and support.

I see, we're back to sexist memes. We arrest male victims of DV, we put more

male victims of DV on trial than female offenders, but all you can see is some sort of patriarchal conspiracy against women.

This would remove the authoritarianism that leads men into feeling like automatic abusers and criminals,

No, arresting them and putting them in jail (even when the victim) makes men feel like automatic abusers and criminals, it's not rocket science.

Say, were you by any chance one of the authors of The Duluth Model?

AKnightAlone • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 12:02 AM

We arrest male victims of DV, we put more male victims of DV on trial than female offenders, but all you can see is some sort of patriarchal conspiracy against women.

I'm not in the right state of mind for this shit right now, but what the fuck are you talking about? I just said male dominance and violence should be met with weakness and acceptance, and you're telling me I'm talking about a patriarchal conspiracy. The only patriarchal conspiracy is that men have sexual advantages when they move higher in social dominance hierarchies. We evolved to be stronger. That's often good and often bad. It's reality, though.

If we consider the initial sentiment from women to be valid (the frustration that leads to feminism,) we should consider the thought of *weakening* ourselves to men and boys so they stop feeling the pressure to dominate society. Consider the fucking forces at play. These things are real, but we're not responding to them with psychological understanding. We create endless social wars instead of unity and respect.

No, arresting them and putting them in jail (even when the victim) makes men feel like automatic abusers and criminals, it's not rocket science.

No shit. How does this counter my point? It agrees with exactly what I said. The authoritarianism that puts men in prison results in perpetuation of the resentment and social disturbance that leads into those things.

Authoritarianism is fucking cancer.

Authoritarian military kills "terrorist." Look where that gets us. The last few decades of war is a perfect example of the perpetuation of harm through authoritarianism. At this point, it wouldn't matter if they kill the same statistical number of people as random violence in America. We'd run in and murder them and perpetuate the ideologies of hate and rebellion just because our illogical punishment tactics are treated as the only response.

Imagine if we captured a terrorist and gave them a mansion in America. Capture another and give them one. Eventually we could agree to give anyone a mansion if they feel a desire to be a terrorist. They'd end up with a society of passive peasants and we'd let all the zealot fuckwits slick their hair back and get their dicks wet in American clubs.

There's no reason we'd need to spend that many resources on terrorists, right? Sounds crazy? How much do those bombs cost, though? I know Mr. Peace Prize Obama dropped 26,000 in 2016. That's gotta be worth a teensy little mansion and a half, right? I'm sure those bombs weren't more than a couple dollars, eh?

Speaking of cancer, I've probably got brain cancer or something. This whole comment of mine is entirely sensible to me.

frisch85 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 12:52 PM

If people could stop trying to win the “who suffers the most” competition we might be able to fix these issues.

That's always what I'm trying to tell people, why would we focus on the problems? Sure, problems need to be dealt with but instead of saying "more men/women die of young age than men/women" why not say "men/women on average live about X years while men/women on average live about Y years" and then focus on getting that group that has a lower amount of expected lifetime up so they can expect to live as long as the other group. We should always try to improve and not make things worse for the other party.

00saucy00 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 01:14 PM

Thanks for understanding what I meant.

Men aren't going to solve their problems without women, just as women aren't going to solve their problems without men.

frisch85 • -5 points • 28 March, 2018 01:42 PM

Exactly and the fact that you were at 0 points when I checked your last comment tells me that some sexist is browsing the sub.

Don't let this sub get overtaken by sexist users guys, /r/MGTOW is already flooded with these kind of fucks. They're comparing a mid-life-crisis of some woman with puberty which just shows you that being filled with hatred just blinds your thoughts and makes you a easy controllable tool.

MahouShoujoLumiPnzzr • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 04:00 AM

Let me explain to windowlickers like you and /u/00saucy00 why, exactly, it matters who suffers most.

The narrative around sexism for the last century has been "women have it worse" which has been the entire justification for the supposed liberation of women. That idea, *to this day*, is believed by almost everyone in western civilization, despite it being false by nearly every metric.

When one of you tone policing dipshits shows up, all you're really doing is telling people who are talking about men's issues to making be a little bit quieter and less disruptive, whether or not what they're saying is true or valid. Meanwhile, *the rest of western civilization* keeps on ignoring men's issues because the very idea of sexism against men doesn't even cross their minds. As you're demonstrating, the suggestion that men *might actually have it worse* is considered sexism against women.

The only thing you're doing is silencing men. Frankly, you're a piece of shit who is blind to *how* you're a piece of shit (because you have no conception of men as human) and you should

take your pathetic shaming tactic bullshit and fuck right off.

frisch85 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 06:07 AM

That's a load of bullshit you're talking right here. This thread is about feminism, discrimination towards men is a different topic. Sexism exists on both sides but again, this thread was about feminism. You twist shit to your will so you can put other people down, good job and subs populated mostly by men seem to think likewise.

Are you proud of fueling the machinery of hate? Because clearly you have no fucking idea what I am talking about and instead point your finger towards users like me and /u/00saucy00. Nowhere did I say men have it better, again sexism exists on both sides and I thought I made it pretty clear that feminism shouldn't be about degrading men but more about upgrading womens lifestyle.

There are huge problems towards us, for example when a couple with a kid divorces, the chances for us area already worse than for the woman.

Please, point out where I said men should shut up, please do and I'll apologize to you openly.

Seems like this sub already went to shit too and just became another pitchfork grabbing mob instead of an actual discussion board. You've already made up your mind, you see a post about feminism that doesn't mention how *better* men have it anywhere, yet you respond "WOAHWOAH HURRDURR WOMEN HAVE IT BETTER STOP SILENCING MEN".

Fucking simpleminded sheep.

harisk345 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 11:41 AM

Spot on

Regs2 • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 04:30 PM

Ummm, if they were non-crazy feminists they would have no problem agreeing with any of that.

j-dawg-94 • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 05:13 PM

I've personally been banned from /r/feminism, my comments that I was banned for were upvoted and the person who was disparaging men was downvoted. The community is fine imo just a couple mods that might have more radical views I think. I am a woman, they claimed I was a troll and I coment on MRA too much for that to be true. Almost all my comments on MRA are about not attributing random mens rights issues to feminists and defending feminism in general.

tenchineuro • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 08:07 PM

I've personally been banned from /r/feminism,

I am a woman, they claimed I was a troll

Welcome to our world.

While researching something else I came across a post by a woman who claimed she tried to get help from the VAWA hotline. It seems she has a very masculine voice and they laughed her off. She was really pissed and said it took her years to get over it. I guess I can also welcome her to the men's world.

morero • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 12:05 AM

The non-crazy non-man hating feminist sub is: www.reddit.com/r/feminism (no s)

Nah, that's definitely still an echo chamber. They were perfectly content leaving up literal fake news from VICE, because it made us look bad.

Context: VICE investigated Redpillers, and pretended that they visited this subreddit instead. The /r/Feminism mods instantly banned anyone who dared to call this out. That subreddit is fucking cancer.

Storm_Kun1 points 28 March, 2018 11:39 AM* **[recovered]**

I don't know about r/feminism. They nuked a whole thread and banned me for saying you can't stop the red pill. From what I've heard they have the same banning bot as 2x.

sneakpeekbot • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:40 AM

Here's a sneak peek of /r/Feminism using the top posts of the year!

#1: Some words from Maisie Williams | 986 comments

#2: This sadly happens all to often. | 393 comments

#3: Terry Crews: "men need to hold other men accountable" | 93 comments

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TheyAreCalling • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 06:02 AM

You're wrong. Myself and a bunch of others just got banned from /r/feminism for literally just saying that bdsm isn't violence against women. I'm not exaggerating. There is a discussion post about it on TwoX too. I was also blocked from messaging them after I asked why.

Mr-Zero-Fucks • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 04:17 PM

This is not a victim competition, please stop.

Heartless07 • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 03:29 AM

Lets use the most polarized social media site on eath to test my theory that a certain political ideology is as crazy as the strawman I made for them. Cause thatll work.

ShadowMario01 • 284 points • 28 March, 2018 09:29 AM

This is what this sub needs more of. There are good feminists out there, and we need to connect with them to help get our message out. These feminists aren't our enemy.

However, I feel like most of this sub's posts are outrage circlejerk, whether it's against radical feminists or just some crazy shit a few women have done.

jimmywiddle • 14 points • 28 March, 2018 04:53 PM

I think you will find the vast majority of those who call themselves feminists are against men. Its the minority who are not bat shit nuts.

I agree we should be nice to the non-crazy type though.

ThatsMySoupBird • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:05 AM

This is so untrue though! The majority of feminists aren't crazy, and very few feminists are actually against men. It's very unfair of you to generalize all feminists because of a vocal minority

DignifiedAlpaca • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 11:52 PM

I was having this same conversation with another user below. My experience with talking to feminists has almost always been bad. Not to put you on the spot, but for you and the other people who are mostly meeting good feminists, where are you meeting them at? What groups are they involved in?

If you don't happen to have an answer, that is okay. I am not trying to say that you are wrong if you can't come up with anything specific. It's just that I talk to so many people who say they are coming across good feminists left and right, but my experience has nearly always been the exact opposite of that. I would be more than willing to change my mind about feminism if someone could show me where all the good feminists are at, but so far, I have been having extreme difficulty finding hardly any who are fair to men.

00saucy00 • 92 points • 28 March, 2018 10:04 AM

Agreed. You only ever hear about the crazy feminists. Because of them the rest of us get shamed or laughed at for wanting genuine equality.

morerokk • 9 points • 29 March, 2018 12:01 AM

That's probably because those "real" feminists aren't the ones in power.

When only the crazies do anything, the movement will be represented by the crazies.

Singulaire • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 04:48 AM

The Iron Law of Bureaucracy ensures crazies rise to the top.

omegaphallic • 15 points • 28 March, 2018 07:04 PM

You rarely hear about more reasonable feminists because you hold so fucking little institutional power within feminist institutions that you have even less influence on feminism than the MRM. More feminist institutions are lead by manipulated and ignorant fools or by manipulative and dishonest corrupt feminists. Show me how many feminists are lead by feminists like yourself who are intelligent and open to cooperation with the MRM?

iaimf • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 10:39 PM

When you do hear about reasonable feminists it's often because other feminists protesting them or they are criticising radical feminists themselves. Christine Hoff Summers for example.

orcorper • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 11:25 PM

OMG!!!! How can you say Christina Hoff-Summers is a feminist? She doesn't understand how evil the patriarchy is. She's one of those MRA whores.

omegaphallic • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 02:05 PM

Exactly, the rare feminists, ones you can reason with are top priority targets for those tgat hold the levers of power and their brainless minions.

jimmywiddle • 24 points • 28 March, 2018 04:54 PM

No its the fact that the so called "majority of nice feminists" never speak up against the crazy ones that

the only conclusion to come to is that either they support their view point as well or they do not have a backbone.

RapidFireSlowMotion • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 08:17 PM

The peaceful majority is irrelevant

azazelcrowley • 12 points • 28 March, 2018 07:35 PM*

Do you want genuine equality, or do you think mens issues can be solved by framing everything as misogyny and derailing discussions about misandry into them?

Because that's my typical experience with feminists who aren't almost explicitly bigoted and hateful.

I don't much care if you genuinely want to make a nice meal but keep using dogshit as ingrediants and expecting us to come to your lunch meetings. We cannot work with "Good feminists" when they're still koolaid drinkers who think feminist theory is valid and not a crock of shit that makes dealing with mens issues impossible.

The disconnect here is you think "Crazy feminist" and think of an axe wielding maniac. I hear "Crazy feminist" and think of those maniacs, and also the lunatics who are friendly and keep trying to serve people dogshit with a smile on their faces.

Only one is malicious, both are dangerous, and neither is productive to our cause.

Just look at the issue of how men aren't seen as childcarers and the routine dogmatic and theory based (Rather than evidence based) insistence that it's because of misogyny that that is the case, which derails a discussion on campaigning to get people to stop demonizing men into about how women need to be seen as better workers.

That's rooted in feminist theory and the gynocentric impulses it causes. Those people think they're "Not crazy" because they're not going around actively demonizing men, and think they're helping because of the delusions the theory has riddled them with. I've got news for you. Helping improve womens image in the workplace does not actually make people view men as better parents like feminist theory tells you. Not everything in the universe revolves around peoples opinions of you personally, sorry.

This is why we're sick and tired of "Not all of us tho." In my experience and the experience of many here, most feminists who say that shit are just as crazy as the vicious ones, they're just less self-aware.

DarthCerebroX • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 08:42 PM

Spot on!

KingRobotPrince1 points 28 March, 2018 10:19 AM* **[recovered]**

Why not start your own sub for feminists that don't hate men and just want to destroy them?

tenchineuro • 19 points • 28 March, 2018 11:53 AM*

for feminists that don't hate men and just want to destroy them?

If they don't hate men why do they want to destroy them?

00saucy00 • 28 points • 28 March, 2018 12:47 PM

I think the 'don't' was meant to apply to both parts, it's not very clear

stickstickley87 • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 01:52 PM

So they don't just want to destroy them, they want to obliterate them?

armaadi • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 05:46 PM

To shred you say?

chaun2 • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 06:16 PM

No, no, no. Shreds. Multiple, not singular

armaadi • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 06:26 PM

Torn to 1 shred. So basically not torn at all, really.

tenchineuro • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 01:13 PM

It's seems clear enough.

00saucy00 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 01:17 PM

(I was being nice lol)

guiltarguy109 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 04:59 AM

I'm pretty sure he knows and just wanted to pull a switcheroo.

00saucy00 • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 10:40 AM

There should be one, I don't think I'm the one to start it though.

girlwriteswhat • 7 points • 29 March, 2018 01:39 PM

I wouldn't either, without knowing what you're getting into.

The woman who created the subreddit "feminism" ages ago was fairly friendly online with my boyfriend. She had a hell of a time managing the place. Even gentle debate or polite questioning would send her subscribers into tantrums and threats to unsub. She finally, with some advice from me and my guy, created the subreddit AskFeminists to steer debate off the main sub into a place designed specifically for disagreement and questioning.

She then caused an uproar among her subs by linking to an anti-SRS subreddit in the related subreddits section. Her response was to note that SRS act like psychotic children, and that "feminism" was and would continue to be the feminist subreddit for adults.

A few months later, she received an email ultimatum, full of her personal information (including her name, job title, city of residence and the names of her parents and brother), demanding that she hand over control of "feminism" to a "real feminist". She called us in a panic, and eventually decided to just do what she was told.

I have my suspicions as to which reddit user it was who sent the email, but it's just a gut feeling with no evidence to back it up.

Halafax • 13 points • 28 March, 2018 04:14 PM

Feminists are way more afraid of each other than they are of MRAs. They know how they operate, they don't want to be on the receiving end of it.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 10:51 AM

This should be the top comment.

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AutoModerator[M] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 01:46 PM

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I am a bot, and this action was performed automatically. Please contact the moderators of this subreddit if you have any questions or concerns.

morerokk • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 12:03 AM

Let me guess, a MensLib link?

He said "feminists that **don't** hate men". MensLib is pretty fucking hateful if you ask me.

DignifiedAlpaca • 7 points • 29 March, 2018 12:20 AM

I agree. They seem to be selective about which men's issues they want to discuss, and even then, they tend to talk about them in a subtly condescending tone with the implication that men are all flawed and evil. That's how it comes across to me anyway.

[deleted] • 5 points • 29 March, 2018 10:53 AM

Men's lib is a deserted little roadside stall that feminists set up so they could point to it and say "see, we are talking about men's issues!"

Except they care so little they don't even visit themselves. Take a look at the traffic and voting sometime. It's a ghost town.

Add to that they will ban you in an instant if you say anything critical of feminism, and that they embrace all the same underlying ideas of mainstream feminists...

I would call the sub a failed public relations exercise.

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:32 AM

Because that type of feminism doesn't exist.

like2000p1 points 28 March, 2018 02:08 PM [recovered]

There is MensLib

AloysiusC • 15 points • 28 March, 2018 04:54 PM

where the consensus is that women are good and men are stupid and/or malicious. And that men should man up and fix women's problems and that will magically fix men's problems as a side effect.

Fevercrumb1848 • -15 points • 28 March, 2018 02:41 PM

R/MensLib

Pillowed321 • 9 points • 28 March, 2018 06:46 PM

I had high hopes for MensLib until I actually looked at what the mods were saying. I know that a lot of the users there are good people so don't take it personally but the mods of menslib do not support men's equality and they created that sub to undermine MRAs more than anything else.

They continue to defend a lot of problematic views of feminism and will only ever condemn the "extremists." They also claim MRAs are misogynists just because we rejected feminism, even though we tried working with feminism first and even though it became impossible to support equality without rejecting feminism. You'll notice that menslib didn't exist until a couple of years ago, what was the menslib-approved option for supporting equality before then? Menslib says there was none and anybody who did is a misogynist.

AloysiusC • 12 points • 28 March, 2018 04:54 PM

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DarthCerebroX • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 03:40 PM*

Thank you for being open minded, I really appreciate it...

Here are two comments of mine from this thread that might help you understand our perspective a little better and why it is we have such a problem with the feminist movement Thanks again for your interest in our movement. We need all the help and support we can get!

Here is part 1 and here is the second part.

Cheers and take care!

ShadowMario01 • 2 points • 30 March, 2018 10:38 AM

Thank you for the well researched reading material. It does really help affirm our position and what we stand for.

I guess I'm just getting fatigued from a lot of the circlejerking and outrage porn that makes its way into this sub. I think what a lot of us need is perspective, not just on our goals, but on who would stand in the way of those goals.

foot_kisser • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 06:09 PM

Well, I've never once heard of groups of sane feminists talking about, for example, that men have real problems that are not their own fault. Individual sane feminists do, and we love them for it, and feminism treats them badly for it.

The crazy ones run the feminist organizations, and run the women's studies departments, and write the theories. It's no wonder you don't hear much about the exceptions to the rule.

phoenix335 • 20 points • 28 March, 2018 11:51 AM

There will never be genuine equality between different people.

That may be classified as hate speech in the UK by now, but it is an indisputable fact. People are not equal in traits, strengths and weaknesses. Some even exhibit all the strengths, some have all the weaknesses. That is life, chance and biology.

What we strive for is equal rights. Equal rights do not guarantee equal outcomes. In fact, equal rights prohibit equal outcomes, or otherwise unequal people couldn't achieve their maximum potential.

Crazy feminists are talked about most because they make the most noise and are responsible for a lot of unequal rights being created, being enforced. All non crazy feminists are very welcome for a critical debate.

DirtAndGrass • 15 points • 28 March, 2018 12:33 PM

I don't think that the word "equality" can be used in this context without qualifiers such as "outcome" or "opportunity"

I think that any rational person who believes people have free choice believes in striving for equality of opportunity.

I believe that is the problem with extreme socialist/communist groups, like marxist feminism: it is extremely unlikely (read: impossible) to have free choice **and** equal outcomes.

Neurophil • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 10:33 PM

There's a word for that. It's called equity, at least that's what we call it in the public health field. Equity over equality

someguy1847382 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 05:47 PM

To play devils advocate, how can you have equality of opportunity if a subset of the population has built in advantages that give them greater access to opportunity? I think that's the great philosophical argument people are trying to figure out.

One side sees the issue and says that those advantages need to be eliminated to ensure everyone has the same opportunity.

The other denies the existence of an opportunity gap feeling that as long as groups aren't actively discriminated against everyone has the same opportunity to succeed or fail.

A simple example; person A is born into a family whose parents worked hard and became successful, their parents are friends with branch managers, doctors and other professionals. Person A by default has a positive example, networking opportunities as they grow older and they've never wanted for basics. They've always had mid tier designer clothes, access to technology and proper medical care. They do well in school because they have a strong support system, graduate go to law school and use their network of friends and parents friends to get a partnership in a small firm.

They are an unqualified success because they worked hard and made good choices.

Person B is born into a single parent family, Dad is locked up and in and out of prison. His parents friends are blue collar workers, single moms and the occasional criminal. His mom works hard at multiple jobs to ensure he doesn't go hungry but he learns early the importance of money. Mom isn't around all the time but grandma is and she provides a good example of hard work and fidelity. He does not have access to technology outside of the library or school, he wears second hand clothing and doesn't get regular medical care. He graduates from high school and works a part time job to help his mom with bills as her health fails. He decides to try selling narcotics to make money faster (electricity is shut off and they need money now) because the factory closed his best paying job is 11\$/hr. He gets caught and follows in his fathers foot steps.

Did both have the same opportunity to succeed? B made bad choices and his situation is his fault but from the start could he have been a lawyer without exceeding and working twice as hard? Is opportunity equal if someone has to work harder and overcome huge obstacles to seize it? Do we even define success rationally? How do we define equal opportunity?

Idk

orcscorper • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 11:37 PM

To play devil's advocate, how do you deal with inequality of opportunity? Do you assume all

men are Person A in your example, all women are Person B, and adjust accordingly?

Nobody is born to the exact same situation as anyone else, not even identical twins raised together. There will always be some difference that may give one an advantage over the other in some situations. That's not what "equality of opportunity" means. Trying to adjust for different circumstances to provide *perfect* equality of opportunity is impossible for any non-omniscient being. You can try, but you will fail.

nforme • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 08:36 PM

The big problem is how do you decide who has advantages in society and who doesn't?

In Britain it used to be straightforward, and was based on whether you were working class, middle class or upper class. Everyone fit into one of these categories, the vast majority being either working or middle class. The upper classes held most power.

Evaluating privilege, or lack of it, in this way was fair. There are privileged upper class women, and many struggling working class white men working dangerous jobs. There are wealthy middle class black and asian doctors. Their skin colour or sex has a much lesser impact on their lives than the class they were born into.

This sub is predominantly working class men, who are sick of being told we're privileged by middle class feminists.

DirtAndGrass • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 07:07 PM

As someone who is left leaning, I believe in equal opportunity. Which is a moving and probably unattainable goal. I believe in supporting those who need help. But as you say, it's a pretty impossible administrative task. I think defining things that all humans should have a right to, is a step towards, things like healthcare, accessible public services, limited post secondary education, food, water, shelter, etc. Most things like this are not gendered.

Maybe technology will help in the future to help us determine who is in need and who is gaming the system.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:30 PM

Nobody has exactly the same opportunities in life as another, there's no way to quantify or rank it as a whole. "Equity" policies are racist or sexist, or some other form of negative discrimination.

The only fair way to go about it is to treat all humans as equal and not punish people for things like their gender, skin color, or sexual orientation.

Aivias • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 09:37 AM

Its honestly easier to condense all of this into one simple question; How can you have equality when IQ is not equal?

[deleted] • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 02:03 PM

What do the "good feminists" want to accomplish in 2018? Which rights do men have that women don't have?

tenchineuro • 10 points • 28 March, 2018 11:52 AM*

Because of them the rest of us get shamed or laughed at for wanting genuine equality.

What is it you think women lack?

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 10:32 AM

So what are you doing about it? People who want to identify as feminists are still complicit in the people they claim to oppose taking and holding power.

Newsflash for you, if you don't fight the feminists you oppose, you might as well be one of them.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:24 AM

Silence tends to equal agreement, yes?

Aivias • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 09:13 AM

Because of them the rest of us get shamed or laughed at for wanting genuine equality.

Control your extremists then

DignifiedAlpaca • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 09:01 PM

In all seriousness, where do most of the non-crazy feminists like you hang out at? I promise I don't mean that in an antagonistic way, it's just that I have met a rare few feminists who were reasonable people, but the majority I have ever spoken to have been the crazy, evil kind. Am I just talking to the wrong people?

00saucy00 • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 09:21 PM

I wonder if all the crazy ones flock together lol. And it seems like it's only the crazy ones that get air-time on TV/social media.

In all seriousness it must vary with location. Most people (from all genders) seem pretty reasonable where I am, I've been lucky.

DignifiedAlpaca • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 09:26 PM

Are these non-crazy feminists you are referring to people who are active in the movement? Or are they people who believe in the principle of gender equality but are generally not very active in politics?

00saucy00 • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 09:38 PM

I'm not an expert, but what I define as a non-crazy feminist is one who doesn't hate all men and isn't trying to destroy them. Someone who is sympathetic to the problems men face, as well as the problems women face. Egalitarian might be a better word as feminism means something different nowadays, or perhaps is a less appropriate term. This is how I would describe myself.

Whether or not they're politically active will probably depend on the individual.

I rarely, if ever, hear about these non-crazy feminists in the news and on social media, but I think that's because people who say radical/extreme things get the most publicity. There might be something else to that, I don't know.

It's nice to have a calm discussion about this topic.

DignifiedAlpaca • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:02 PM

That is a common problem that I and others on this subreddit have... most of us, at least

from what I have seen anyway, have nothing against there being a movement for women's issues, but we don't like the fact that so many people in that movement seem to want to tear men down. The reasonable feminists seem to be so hard to find, and most of them seem way less likely to gain any authority in the feminist movement than the ones who do view men negatively, so it makes it hard for me to take the whole movement seriously.

Sorry if I sound antagonistic. I don't mean to be, and I don't in any way intend to put down people like you, but all my bad experiences with feminism have made me feel like just giving up on feminism and focusing only on this movement. Whenever I come across someone like you I feel a glimmer of hope, but unfortunately no one is ever able to direct me to a place where I could find a group of feminists who consistently advocate for women's issues without having to put men down in the process. It seems to me like most feminists are so used to using anti-male language that they don't even realize that they are doing it. I just don't get it. :(

But yes, it is nice to be able to have a discussion on a topic like this without people yelling and screaming haha. Too many conversations like this end up going that route, which is of no help to anyone.

00saucy00 • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 10:13 PM

Yes, screaming doesn't help anyone.

Do you know of any movement that supports and actively strives to improve the situations of all genders, not just one?

I've never heard of one, but I no longer call myself a feminist because of what feminism has become,

DignifiedAlpaca • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:46 PM

Unfortunately, I don't know of a movement for both genders either. The closest thing I've ever been able to find is this random website trying to sell a book and some seminars:

<https://www.challengethenorms.com/>

At the end of the day though, I can see how it might be difficult to have a movement focused on both, since there might end up being a lot of bickering over which gender's issues are getting the most focus. So I am not bothered as much by the thought of there being two separate movements anymore if that is how it needs to be, but I am bothered by the fact that the two movements haven't been able to work together.

As many people on here mention, there is a sub-movement within feminism called the men's liberation movement that tries to turn feminism into a movement for both genders, but I and most others in this subreddit perceive it as still trying to give women's issues priority. I feel like gender equality involves a compromise between the needs of both genders, but people in the men's liberation movement seem to me like they always want to side with whatever works best for women whenever there is a conflict of interest between the two. And the men in the men's lib movement come across to me as really weird, like they are ashamed of themselves for being male. They seem to me like they view men as flawed oppressors who need to be re-educated or something.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 03:55 PM

You don't need feminism for that.

AloysiusC • 14 points • 28 March, 2018 04:57 PM

There are good feminists out there, and we need to connect with them to help get our message out.

If those "good feminists" connect with us, they will be ostracized by the mainstream feminists. The real question here is: why do they attach *so* much more value to the title "feminism" than they do to the stated goals of feminism?

Their inability or unwillingness to answer that question honestly, is what will show you the truth.

morerokk • 5 points • 29 March, 2018 12:01 AM

These feminists aren't our enemy.

No, but "these" feminists aren't the ones in power either.

DarthCerebroX • 23 points • 28 March, 2018 03:37 PM

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The dictionary definition of Feminism is a movement that fights for women's rights, the idea that men and women are created equal and should be treated that way. That's all great and every single one of us agrees with that... the problem is that the mainstream feminist movement doesn't actually represent those ideals and it hasn't for a long time. Let me explain...

We are anti feminist for a reason... It's not about hating feminism just for the fuck of it.... We rightfully criticize the mainstream feminist movement and point out all the shitty things they do (and have done over the last 6 decades) that have had a negative impact on men, male victims and men's issues in general.

Whether you realize it or not, the mainstream feminist movement is directly responsible for creating/compounding many of the various issues men face today things like the extreme bias in our divorce/family courts, the lack of funding and support structures for male victims of rape/domestic violence, the education crisis happening with young boys, the lack of empathy and support for men's issues, etc etc..

And our problem isn't even with *all* feminists either.... We don't "hate" all the normal, everyday people out there who identify as feminists. We know there's millions of good hearted, egalitarian feminists out there that believe in true gender equality. They want men and women to be equal under the law, which includes equal responsibilities and accountability. They want men's issues to be addressed along with women's issues... We know this because many of us used to be those type of feminists before we started researching the movement and realized all the shitty things done to men.

The feminists we criticize and the problem is all the career professional feminists out there who make a living out of selling the "feminist brand". Their jobs are to make sure women continue to be seen as "victims" and men as their "oppressors"... and they do this to benefit their own self interests and make sure that money keeps rolling in. These feminists are actually responsible for changing the laws, writing the academic theory, teaching the courses, influencing the public policies, and the massive, well-funded feminist organizations with thousands and thousands of members.

The only problem we have with all the normal, everyday feminists out there is just that they naively believe the mainstream feminist movement actually represents that dictionary definition and those ideals feminism is supposed to stand for. They grew up being taught the feminism is this pure hearted movement that's always

had the best intentions.... and they've never bothered to take some time and research the movement themselves or take a closer, more objective look at the actions of the feminist movement. And because they blindly throw their support behind the feminist movement, it gives all those misandrist assholes the power and influence they need to continue harming men.

For instance... the issue I am most passionate about is domestic violence. I was a victim of DV myself and when I tried to get help, I saw how poor our support structures were for men. I saw how little the police took me seriously when I tried to file charges and get a RO. And whenever I would try to talk about how this issue affects men to feminists, they would laugh in my face and tell me how "domestic violence is a women's issue... Sure, there are male victims but it's mainly women that are victims.. How countless women are killed by their men every year and I need to stop trying to take away the 'attention' from women... how things wouldn't be so bad for male victims if it weren't for the patriarchy or toxic masculinity, bla bla bla".

Those experiences are what led me to start researching male victims/female perpetrators of domestic violence.... and what I found horrified me and completely opened my eyes to the true nature of the mainstream feminist movement.

I'm going to share some of that info with you, hopefully that's okay and maybe it can help you to understand our perspective and why it is we have such a problem with the feminist movement.

Domestic Violence

You should research Erin Pizzey . She's a woman that created the very first women's shelter. After she had spent so much time with DV victims (men and women because she didn't discriminate) she learned that men were victims just as often as women, and that the abuse often went both ways. When she tried to release her findings feminists fought to censor her. They threatened her, harassed her, killed her dog and ran her out of the country. She went on to co-found A Voice for Men and became a strong supporter of Men's Rights issues. All this happened back in the 70's... 5 decades ago.

Also the Duluth Model that was created by feminists in the early 80's, which states that DV is caused by the patriarchy giving all men power over all women. They claim that because women are the oppressed gender, it's impossible for them to be the aggressor. These ideas were made into laws/policies that have been used by law enforcement and DV organizations which have discriminated against male victims for decades and these practices are still in use in many states today.

Jan Reimer, former mayor of Edmonton and long-time head of Alberta's Network of Women's Shelters, who just a few years ago refused to appear on a TV program discussing male victims of domestic violence, because for her to even show up and discuss it would lend legitimacy to the idea that they exist...

Men want equal treatment when victims of domestic violence, and to not be arrested for the crime of "being male" under primary aggressor policies.

Feminists fought against this by trying to suppress evidence showing that half of domestic violence is done by women, by threatening the researchers with bomb threats, death threats, etc. Modern, younger feminists are doing it as well.

Even today, with all the statistics showing that men make up half of all domestic abuse victims... and that women are actually the aggressor 70% when it comes to unreciprocated violence....

.. Mainstream modern feminists continue to push these false narratives that domestic violence is a women's issue and that it's Men that are the abusers.

Katherine Spillar, director of Majority Feminist Foundation and executive editor for Ms Magazine, said in her interview for the red pill movie that...

"The whole issue of domestic violence-- that's just another word really. It's a clean up word for wife beating.. because that's what it really is.

Its not girls that are beating up on boys, it's boys that are beating up on girls."

Yeah... this is coming from someone with a lot of power and influence in the feminist movement and you could argue that she is a big spokesperson for the movement...

.. And yet she has no problem denying the existence of male DV victims and painting men, *and only men*, as the abusers.

This kind of behavior and pushback is the reason that there are thousands of DV shelters for women today (which receive millions of dollars from our governments to run these DV organizations) but yet there are only a few men's shelters (which receive no support or funding from the government).

Oh, by the way.... Feminists up in Canada have actually fought against groups like CAFE when they opened these men's shelters up there.

VICE attacks CAFE's billboard campaign

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/2z1jql/vice_attacks_cafes_billboard_campaign_its/?st=J95ZC0S4&sh=670523a7

Video of feminists disrupting CAFE

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/3941y9/um_where_is_the_video_of_the_feminists_disrupting/?st=J95ZDCMX&sh=1952b0da

Feminists disrupt CAFE Ottawa's meeting

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/38qb7e/radical_feminists_are_at_it_again_disrupt_cafe/?st=J95Z9GD5&sh=24356d74

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/38yqhh/remember_the_feminists_disrupting_the_cafe/?st=J95ZB6BZ&sh=7916993e

DarthCerebroX • 23 points • 28 March, 2018 03:38 PM

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All the pushback against research on male victims of DV, all the feminist campaigns pushing the "wife beater" narrative, all the women's advocacy and women's shelters groups fighting to keep a monopoly on the domestic violence issue (and make sure all the government funding goes to them only)..... It's the reason we have statistics like these regarding male victims.

Men who are abused and seek help from shelters and hotlines-

--were told that the service was only for women (49.9% shelter / 63.9% hotline / 42.9% online) --were accused of being the abuser (40.2% shelter / 32.2% hotline / 18.9% online) --given a phone number for a men's service which turned out to be a program for abusers (25.2% hotline / 27.1% online) --were actively mocked (16.4% shelter / 15.2% hotline)

Men who contacted police

--were arrested 33.4% of the time --their abuser was arrested 26.5% of the time --were placed in jail 29% of the time --their abuser was placed in jail 20% of the time --faced criminal charges 22% of the time --their abuser faced criminal charges 13% of the time

Men who sought help from a mental health professional

--were taken seriously 68% of the time --were given information on resources 30.1% of the time

Men who sought help from a medical professional

--were given information on resources 14% of the time

Our support structures are so bad that men who sought help from any of the above experienced a higher rate of PTSD than men who didn't.

The positive experience rate for men seeking support is only 25%, with a negative experience rate of 67%.

Women committing the same study had a positive rate of 95% and negative rate unmeasurable.

Compared to men who didn't seek help, men who did and had a positive experience displayed a 40% reduction in self harm, drug and alcohol abuse, and incidence of PTSD... But a 37% increase *per negative experience*... but remember, the negative experiences outweighed the positive 67% to 25%.

Meaning that, on average, the support men are offered is so bad, men are better off with their abusers.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3175099/#!po=56.7961>

If you take the time to actually research the real history of the feminist movement, you might learn that feminism has harmed men and fought against men's issues a lot more than you ever imagined. There's a reason we are anti-feminist and it isn't just because we have some kind of petty grudge or pointless squabble...

Feminists can blame "patriarchy" or "toxic masculinity" for these issues all they want.... but the actions of feminists over the last 6 decades are directly responsible for creating/compounding many of the issues men face today. All their pushback and denial of male victims/female perpetrators is a big reason there wasn't any research done about male victims for the longest time (until this last decade really).... All their DV campaigns pushed this "wife beater" narrative which is a big reason why society today automatically pictures that image when someone mentions "domestic violence".

Blaming patriarchy or toxic masculinity is for the intellectual lazy... for people to use as a scape goat instead of using critical thinking and trying to figure out the root problem for these issues. Feminists especially love to use that scapegoat as a way to pass the buck and not take responsibility for all the shitty things their movement did over the last 6 decades that have contributed to these problems. Blaming men's problems on "patriarchy" is also an easy way for feminists to avoid having to actually do anything to help these men (even though they always claim there's no need for a men's rights movement because "feminism helps men too!") . Instead of coming up with specific, real world solutions that would actually address these issues men face.... instead of using their considerable power, influence, funding and lobbying organizations to influence laws, public policy and public opinion (like they do for women's issues).... they can just hold up signs about "smashing the patriarchy" and pretend like they are making a difference in men's lives by doing so.

I could go on and on about this shit but I'll end it here... I encourage you to actually research the feminist movement outside of feminist circles (because you never hear about this stuff in your gender studies classes) and I encourage you to take a closer, more objective look at the actions of the mainstream feminist movement.

They don't live up to feminism's dictionary definition or those ideals it's supposed to stand for...

Do you have any idea how the Men's Rights Activists that are trying to bring awareness and fix men's issues are treated by feminists?

Every time MRA's try to hold an event or conference they are protested, and threatened, censored and many times shut down. They are met with chants of "racist, sexist, anti gay- go away MRA". Even academics such as English professor at University of Ottawa, Janice Fiamengo, was trying to give a lecture about men's

issues and feminists pull the fire alarm and shut the whole thing down.

They can't even bring awareness to Men's issues, much less start to address them. How can MRA's fight to fix these problems when they're not even allowed to make people aware of them!?

EDIT: After that, if you want to dig deeper and find out other ways in which feminism has harmed men by fighting against men's issues...

Check out this highly informative post below..

https://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/comments/g2eme/feminists_tell_you_that_the_solution_to_mens/

Or you can also feel free to PM me anytime and I can provide you with more sources/information and guide you in the right direction of where to look.

Check out Warren Farrell and all his amazing books like the Myth of Male Power. Check out Christina Hoff Summers, the factual feminist and read her books like 'The War On Boys' or check out her videos. Check out Karen Straughan's YouTube channel. She is u/girlwriteswhat . She articulates men's issues and critiques of feminism better than anyone.

I also encourage you to watch The Red Pill Documentary by *former* feminist filmmaker Cassie Jaye. This is a great overview and starting point for information about the men's rights movement. No, it has nothing to do with TRP subreddit or any of that PUA stuff...I promise. It's currently at 8.5 on IMDB and has won tons of awards for its fair and balanced view of men's perspective regarding gender equality.

Hirudin • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 04:32 PM

fuckin saved.

tenchineuro • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 07:02 PM

hallelujah!

HelperBot_ • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 03:38 PM

Non-Mobile link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_Farrell

HelperBot v1.1 /r/HelperBot_ I am a bot. Please message /u/swim1929 with any feedback and/or hate. Counter: 165042

subthrowaway321 • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 07:36 PM

Uh, the only problem is. How do we know this person is a feminist? Nothing in the picture points to that. She is just holding a sign that says not to beat men. It doesn't say, I'm a feminist, don't beat men or anything close to that. Are we just assuming she is?

desderon • 30 points • 28 March, 2018 12:04 PM*

Feminism has been fighting against men's rights actively. Why would you assume they want to help suddenly?

You know the kangaroo courts in USA colleges that are fucking men left and right (those news you call outrage porn)? They were promoted by feminists and are executed by feminists.

You know why made to penetrate is not rape in the eyes of the law? Because feminists lobbied for it to be this way.

Do you know why people still talk about the wage gap as if its real despite being studies since the 90's

showing there is no gap? Because feminists ignored any reasoning and kept promoting the lie.

I could go on an on (Duluth model, divorce courts,...). Tell me again how feminism is our friend, please tell me.

ShadowMario01 • -10 points • 28 March, 2018 12:09 PM

Because not all feminists are the same. You know, sort of like how not all MRAs are misogynistic?

Seriously, if you're going to brand everyone the same, all you're doing is making us look bad.

AloysiusC • 18 points • 28 March, 2018 04:59 PM

Because not all feminists are the same.

You should read this comment by Karen Straughan in response to a feminist making this argument:

So what you're saying is that you, a commenter using a username on an internet forum are the true feminist, and the feminists actually responsible for changing the laws, writing the academic theory, teaching the courses, influencing the public policies, and the massive, well-funded feminist organizations with thousands and thousands of members all of whom call themselves feminists... they are not "real feminists".

That's not just "no true Scotsman". That's delusional self deception.

Listen, if you want to call yourself a feminist, I don't care. I've been investigating feminism for more than 9 years now, and people like you used to piss me off, because to my mind all you were doing was providing cover and ballast for the powerful political and academic feminists you claim are just jerks. And believe me, they ARE jerks. If you knew half of what I know about the things they've done under the banner of feminism, maybe you'd stop calling yourself one.

But I want you to know. You don't matter. You're not the director of the Feminist Majority Foundation and editor of Ms. Magazine, Katherine Spillar, who said of domestic violence: "Well, that's just a clean-up word for wife-beating," and went on to add that regarding male victims of dating violence, "we know it's not girls beating up boys, it's boys beating up girls."

You're not Jan Reimer, former mayor of Edmonton and long-time head of Alberta's Network of Women's Shelters, who just a few years ago refused to appear on a TV program discussing male victims of domestic violence, because for her to even show up and discuss it would lend legitimacy to the idea that they exist.

You're not Mary P Koss, who describes male victims of female rapists in her academic papers as being not rape victims because they were "ambivalent about their sexual desires" (if you don't know what that means, it's that they actually wanted it), and then went on to define them out of the definition of rape in the CDC's research because it's inappropriate to consider what happened to them rape.

You're not the National Organization for Women, and its associated legal foundations, who lobbied to replace the gender neutral federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act of 1984 with the obscenely gendered Violence Against Women Act of 1994. The passing of that law cut male victims out of support services and legal assistance in more than 60 passages, just because they were male.

You're not the Florida chapter of the NOW, who successfully lobbied to have Governor Rick Scott veto not one, but two alimony reform bills in the last ten years, bills that had passed both houses with overwhelming bipartisan support, and were supported by more than 70% of the electorate.

You're not the feminist group in Maryland who convinced every female member of the House on both sides of the aisle to walk off the floor when a shared parenting bill came up for a vote, meaning

the quorum could not be met and the bill died then and there.

You're not the feminists in Canada agitating to remove sexual assault from the normal criminal courts, into quasi-criminal courts of equity where the burden of proof would be lowered, the defendant could be compelled to testify, discovery would go both ways, and defendants would not be entitled to a public defender.

You're not Professor Elizabeth Sheehy, who wrote a book advocating that women not only have the right to murder their husbands without fear of prosecution if they make a claim of abuse, but that they have the moral responsibility to murder their husbands.

You're not the feminist legal scholars and advocates who successfully changed rape laws such that a woman's history of making multiple false allegations of rape can be excluded from evidence at trial because it's "part of her sexual history."

You're not the feminists who splattered the media with the false claim that putting your penis in a passed-out woman's mouth is "not a crime" in Oklahoma, because the prosecutor was incompetent and charged the defendant under an inappropriate statute (forcible sodomy) and the higher court refused to expand the definition of that statute beyond its intended scope when there was already a perfectly good one (sexual battery) already there. You're not the idiot feminists lying to the public and potentially putting women in Oklahoma at risk by telling potential offenders there's a "legal" way to rape them.

And you're none of the hundreds or thousands of feminist scholars, writers, thinkers, researchers, teachers and philosophers who constructed and propagate the body of bunkum theories upon which all of these atrocities are based.

You're the true feminist. Some random person on the internet.

DarthCerebroX • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 03:41 PM*

Thank you for being open minded, I really appreciate it...

Here are two comments of mine from this thread that might help you understand our perspective a little better and why it is we have such a problem with the feminist movement Thanks again for your interest in our movement. We need all the help and support we can get!

Here is part 1 and here is the second part.

Cheers and take care!

tenchineuro • 22 points • 28 March, 2018 01:30 PM*

Because not all feminists are the same.

You all fly the same union flag, wear the same union label.

Look, I realize that there is no act of man-hating so bad as to turn women from the name 'feminism', they love the name more than what they claim are the ideals of the movement.

You don't have to call yourself a feminist, but if you do, don't complain when people react to that.

desderon • 14 points • 28 March, 2018 12:14 PM

Feminism is a horrendous movement with a horrible history, starting by the initial suffragettes. If anything, the people trying to support it make the MRM look bad.

WiseMonkeyGoodMonkey • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 03:16 PM

The issue is not that all feminists are crazy man haters. Not all of any demographic is anything. The issue instead is feminists are lead primarily by crazy man haters, and the rest of them are easily manipulated by said due to the batshit crazy ideology they've adopted. This, very reasonably, give the illusion that they are all the same.

AFrogNamedGlenn • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 12:29 PM

Isn't 99% of Reddit just a big ole circlejerk?

ShadowMario01 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 12:31 PM

You've got me there, sir.

marian5567 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 01:21 PM

A few?

guyau • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 11:48 AM

I definitely agree. From my experience, there are plenty of women sympathetic to issues affecting men. The last thing this movement needs to become is some red pill varient, floundering in adolescent misogyny and false profundity. It discredits the issues we're trying to get noticed and makes us no better than the ideological form of feminism which is halting progress.

nikdahl • 17 points • 28 March, 2018 02:19 PM

Are they sympathetic enough to self reflect on how their actions contribute to the problem, or are they insistent that its patriarchy and toxic masculinity that is the problem?

guyau • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 02:30 PM

I'm talking about women who aren't committed to an ideological stance on gender equality issues but approach them with common sense and fairness; I'm talking about the sort who don't use buzz words like 'patriarchy' and 'toxic masculinity'. And there are many of them, they just aren't as visible as misandranist femenists, even though they're present in our lives. Your comment gives of a rather reductive vibe concerning women, which isn't healthy for the goals of men's rights. Were trying to NOT make this about picking sides in an ideological war, but about fairly applying accepted principles of justice.

nikdahl • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 02:40 PM

First off, I'm not talking about women, I'm talking about feminism. Those terms are key tenants of feminism. And yet I have never heard a single feminist use the term "toxic masculinity" or even "matriarchy". There is no fairness in feminism, because there is no self reflection or sense of responsibility in feminism and that's my point.

There are common sense and fair women all over, my wife is one of them. She is not a feminist.

guyau • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 02:49 PM

Well I was talking about women. I can't read your mind when you misuse pronouns. I specifically said women, so when you say 'they' I imagine you mean women.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 07:07 PM

I'm talking about women who aren't committed to an ideological stance on gender equality

issues but approach them with common sense and fairness;

Oh, you mean a woman burned indirectly when her husband gets burned by an anonymous #metoo.

guyau • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 07:24 PM

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tenchineuro • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 08:20 PM*

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Or perhaps they see the real world.

Do you know what ended lifelong alimony? It was not that this was very harmful to the men, no one cares or cared. The problem was when these men re-married. The new wives of the divorced men testified to congress that *they* had to get jobs so that they could live because the alimony was so high. And so congress axed lifelong alimony, because and only because it had a negative impact on women.

tenchineuro • 10 points • 28 March, 2018 02:04 PM

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Sympathetic in what way?

guyau • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 02:23 PM

I'm a teacher in Europe, and I've had plenty of female students speak up about the excesses of today's feminism, the need to fight for equality on both sides.

tenchineuro • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 07:07 PM

Vague reference to unknown third parties.

This is not really helpful.

kragshot • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 08:46 PM

For one, there's a group that calls themselves The Honey Badgers. They are avid supporters of men's rights. A Voice For Men has several women that are regular contributors on their website. In fact, DV shelter icon Erin Pizzey is one of the co-founders of AVFM.

Dr. Helen Smith wrote a best-selling book about male issues.

I can do this all day....

JesusHMontgomery • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 02:44 PM

Speaking as a dude who somewhat frequently sees posts from this sub reach /all who identifies as feminist, and virtually all my female friends are feminist, I find myself rolling my eyes a lot at what comes out of this sub. I'll often scroll through the comments hoping to find one voice of dissent. I've

almost never seen the kind of man hating people talk about here, often portrayed as if it's rampant in the streets, like as if men can't leave their homes without buckets of blood being thrown on them. Even within the feminist subreddits: sometimes you see that opinion pop up, but unless you're in a circle jerk sub, those opinions are pretty universally shot down.

But to give you examples of ways that women I've known are sympathetic to men's issues:

Personally, I don't like most stereotypical men's stuff (sports, competition, being aggressive, being career minded), and it was the feminist women in my life who made it OK to be that while all the men in my life were like, "Dude, you don't watch football? What's wrong with you?" and stuff like that.

I was seeing in feminist circles people talking about the suicide rates of men, burgeoning eating problems, and occurrences of depression in high stress jobs before I saw them anywhere else. I remember a girl (a feminist girl) in my communications class when I was 20 giving a speech about how toxic high school wrestling was told through the lens of her experience with her boyfriend and how she watched him suffer through being malnourished and dehydrated to make weigh-in, and how he would still binge and purge. Even now men in prominent positions will defend this sort of behavior as being integral to the integrity of the sport.

I frequently see posts on this sub about how women mock the idea of men's contraception, and like...? Maybe some places on the internet that know they can generate cheap traffic, but literally no woman I have met IRL mocks it. Every single one of them are on board. What they mock/are skeptical of is any sense of urgency that it will happen, because women already have the pill/IUDs/the shot (even though the pill and the shot are so bad for women, it's virtually like taking cancer pills). But IRL women (again, the ones I know, pretty much all feminist) would feel relieved for the burden of contraception (without the loss of sensation, re: condoms, female condoms) to not rest solely on their shoulders.

I guess this is sort of addendum to my first point, but it felt so life changing that I'm making it its own. But the act of being compassionate and loving. It was the feminists in my life (not just the women, but specifically the feminist women) that made me feel OK expressing my compassion and sense of love for others. Even growing up Christian, you couldn't express love for others as a man without people telling you to stop acting like a woman, or without expressing some kind of homophobia. Even the regular acculturated women were put off by men expressing their sensitivity.

Those are the ones that immediately popped into my mind because they're the ones I experienced first hand.

AloysiusC • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 05:02 PM

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more than 9 years now, and people like you used to piss me off, because to my mind all you were doing was providing cover and ballast for the powerful political and academic feminists you claim are just jerks. And believe me, they ARE jerks. If you knew half of what I know about the things they've done under the banner of feminism, maybe you'd stop calling yourself one.

But I want you to know. You don't matter. You're not the director of the Feminist Majority Foundation and editor of Ms. Magazine, Katherine Spillar, who said of domestic violence: "Well, that's just a clean-up word for wife-beating," and went on to add that regarding male victims of dating violence, "we know it's not girls beating up boys, it's boys beating up girls."

You're not Jan Reimer, former mayor of Edmonton and long-time head of Alberta's Network of Women's Shelters, who just a few years ago refused to appear on a TV program discussing male victims of domestic violence, because for her to even show up and discuss it would lend legitimacy to the idea that they exist.

You're not Mary P Koss, who describes male victims of female rapists in her academic papers as being not rape victims because they were "ambivalent about their sexual desires" (if you don't know what that means, it's that they actually wanted it), and then went on to define them out of the definition of rape in the CDC's research because it's inappropriate to consider what happened to them rape.

You're not the National Organization for Women, and its associated legal foundations, who lobbied to replace the gender neutral federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act of 1984 with the obscenely gendered Violence Against Women Act of 1994. The passing of that law cut male victims out of support services and legal assistance in more than 60 passages, just because they were male.

You're not the Florida chapter of the NOW, who successfully lobbied to have Governor Rick Scott veto not one, but two alimony reform bills in the last ten years, bills that had passed both houses with overwhelming bipartisan support, and were supported by more than 70% of the electorate.

You're not the feminist group in Maryland who convinced every female member of the House on both sides of the aisle to walk off the floor when a shared parenting bill came up for a vote, meaning the quorum could not be met and the bill died then and there.

You're not the feminists in Canada agitating to remove sexual assault from the normal criminal courts, into quasi-criminal courts of equity where the burden of proof would be lowered, the defendant could be compelled to testify, discovery would go both ways, and defendants would not be entitled to a public defender.

You're not Professor Elizabeth Sheehy, who wrote a book advocating that women not only have the right to murder their husbands without fear of prosecution if they make a claim of abuse, but that they have the moral responsibility to murder their husbands.

You're not the feminist legal scholars and advocates who successfully changed rape laws such that a woman's history of making multiple false allegations of rape can be excluded from evidence at trial because it's "part of her sexual history."

You're not the feminists who splattered the media with the false claim that putting your penis in a passed-out woman's mouth is "not a crime" in Oklahoma, because the prosecutor was incompetent and charged the defendant under an inappropriate statute (forcible sodomy) and the higher court refused to expand the definition of that statute beyond its intended scope when there was already a perfectly good one (sexual battery) already there. You're not the idiot feminists

lying to the public and potentially putting women in Oklahoma at risk by telling potential offenders there's a "legal" way to rape them.

And you're none of the hundreds or thousands of feminist scholars, writers, thinkers, researchers, teachers and philosophers who constructed and propagate the body of bunkum theories upon which all of these atrocities are based.

You're the true feminist. Some random person on the internet.

Pillowed321 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 06:49 PM

You should really add this to the sidebar somewhere.

JesusHMontgomery • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 09:45 PM

The problem with this is it's like saying, "you, random voter, are the true American. Not [powerful politician] saying [something awful most Americans pose]." I mean, I can't really go through and fact check every statement she makes, nor do I believe she makes all of them in good faith. I haven't watched her in a long time, but the few videos of hers I watched weren't always exactly good faith. For example,

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is just like... come on buddy. Clearly the feminists are the evil ones in this situation.

Also, I tried to find out about that professor, and it's kind of none existent. The only sources I can find are part of the men's lib outrage machine, but no primary sources. So, sure, that professor might be the devil incarnate, but how dangerous is that if a solid 5 minute Google search doesn't show her?

I don't say this to dismiss all these concerns, because there are definitely branches of feminism that I think are a cancer (radfem, terfs) just like I'd hope there are expressions of men's lib you'd call a cancer. I say this to say that I'm not convinced of Straughan's intentions.

EDIT: typo

AloysiusC • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 05:19 AM

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Ok, "come on buddy" isn't an argument. And do you not think that spreading false information in order to spread the belief in "rape culture", is very harmful?

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So start with them and work your way down.

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If you have to blatantly dramatize the opinions you disagree with just so it's easier for you to challenge them, then this too says more about you and your own perceived weakness of your position.

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You're seem confused about who is who. Men's lib is a part of feminism that is decidedly *against* men's rights (that's us btw.).

Now assuming you were just not concentrating and made the same typo twice (rather than embarrassingly uninformed), I think you probably meant to say expressions of *men's rights* are cancer. My response is, are they representative, typical, particularly influential or otherwise occupy any status that justifies calling men's rights on the whole cancerous? Because this case can and has (above) been made about feminism and your only actual response is:

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And if her intention was to exercise her fingers by typing a lot, who cares if the argument is solid. But you're not going there. All you offer is "she's dishonest".

Try again. Concentrate more this time.

JesusHMontgomery • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 01:45 PM

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Maybe, but also that comment is pretty bloated and gives me a longer list of chores I can expect to reasonably accomplish with the time I'm given. A lot of her references are very vague which means if I try to investigate them, I'll be making more assumptions about what she means than she provides solid facts.

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It's an appeal to compassion. I don't know what case she's talking about because her references are pretty vague. The law frequently makes an oopsy in its pants, then falls face first in its own oopsy. Shaming the law has always been a part of persuading government. When the law fails to stop a blatant evil (re: upskirt peeping, no legal basis to stop the unwanted distribution of nude photos), it seems pretty shitty to shame the people having a reaction to that.

And in terms of the "danger of the spread of misinformation," most of the stuff I see from this sub that makes it to the front page would qualify as misinformation. Are your opinions equally as strong about that misinfomation?

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So start with them and work your way down.

Not a bad idea. The outrage machine is kind of like when someone tells you about the lizard people who run the world. You google it, and all you see is Info Wars, a random YouTube channel, and some forum that hasn't been updated since W was president,

you're probably not inclined to keep digging.

Yet you can't bring yourself to see any serious problems with mainstream feminism. Despite the above. Why?

Or you can look elsewhere in this thread where I talk about feminist movements I am critical of.

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Look man, I'm going to be honest. I was going to respond to everything you said, but the last half of your post was pretty condescending and loaded with some personal barbs. Ultimately, it's not like Straughan exists in a vacuum, or my awareness of her occurs in a vacuum. This giant text wall dropped in my lap as if it were going to be the final mic drop of ever isn't the first time I've heard of her, so it's not like my opinion is only just now being formed. The fact that you responded to everything I said in minute detail except the very first line of my comment...

The problem with this is it's like saying, "you, random voter, are the true American. Not [powerful politician] saying [something awful most Americans pose]."

... is pretty frustrating. That along with the lines that follow it account for much of your microscopic examination of the rest of the comment.

genkernels • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 10:36 PM*

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But neither have you seen a feminist organization that has not harmed men. You don't see feminist organizations that try to make family court less unjust or hellish. What you see is the opposite. What you do see is the NOW. What you do see is a concerted effort to ensure that as many women as possible have the power to ruin the lives of a chosen man -- be it through #MeToo, or university disciplinary processes, or court processes (for instance men are no longer able to use evidence such as texts relating to sexual history, including sexual history with themselves, in court in Canada). Feminists can easily be nice people outside of their activism. The problem is the activism.

I remember a girl (a feminist girl) in my communications class when I was 20 giving a speech about how toxic high school wrestling was told through the lens of her experience with her boyfriend and how she watched him suffer through being malnourished and dehydrated to make weigh-in, and how he would still binge and purge.

Yeah, people who aren't part of the machine will do things like this. The Red Pill documentary was created by a feminist too. It be nice to hear that sort of thing from the feminist machine, or the feminists that actually do stuff.

DarthCerebroX • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 03:41 PM*

Thank you for being open minded, I really appreciate it...

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little better and why it is we have such a problem with the feminist movement Thanks again for your interest in our movement. We need all the help and support we can get!

Here is part 1 and here is the second part.

Cheers and take care!

tenchineuro • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 07:42 PM*

I've almost never seen the kind of man hating people talk about here, often portrayed as if it's rampant in the streets,

Unless they have blue hair and a microphone, you cannot identify them visually.

like as if men can't leave their homes without buckets of blood being thrown on them.

That's not the way women attack men. If you've looked at this subs headlines you'll see multiple daily posts of men falsely accused of rape, of men being attacked by women (with wine glasses, being bottled, with silverware, even a samurai sword), then you'll see said violent women getting suspended sentences at worst (thanx Bench Book). You'll see men who have lost their jobs and livelihoods due to a #metoo. You'll see male victims of domestic violence being arrested, and often tried in court. I'm sure none of this counts, so I won't go on.

Personally, I don't like most stereotypical men's stuff (sports, competition, being aggressive, being career minded), and it was the feminist women in my life who made it OK to be that while all the men in my life were like, "Dude, you don't watch football? What's wrong with you?" and stuff like that.

That's OK, feminist's don't care for men's stuff either. That's why Title IX says there can be more more men in sports than women and thousand of men's teams have been cut across America. Thanx feminism.

Anything men enjoy or might enjoy will be attacked by feminism, which otherwise has no interest in them. I mean, were the Grid Girls really harming women?

I was seeing in feminist circles people talking about the suicide rates of men, burgeoning eating problems, and occurrences of depression in high stress jobs before I saw them anywhere else.

I really doubt it, I was reading about these things on BBSs and usenet before Windows 95 came out. Free clue, in all cases feminism blames the men themselves or the Evil Male HeteroPatriarchy. It looks like you only hang out at feminist forums.

I frequently see posts on this sub about how women mock the idea of men's contraception, and like...? Maybe some places on the internet that know they can generate cheap traffic

Since you only hang out at feminist forums you probably have no idea the kind of feedback men get if a men's pill was available. There have been many claims of a male pill on the horizon, I think they will come out the year after fusion energy personally.

In the early 2000's a pharmaceutical company did some surveys about a male pill, they interviewed twice as many women as men.

Here a few of the things I have heard.

1. Women say they won't trust men to take them.
2. Men will lie about taking the pill (women have that turf staked out I think).
3. Pharmaceutical companies won't produce one because the market is limited to half the

population (so when's the female pill going off-market?).

Heck, here's a more recent article from the daily mail.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-1251868/Of-course-women-dont-want-male-pill--end-happy-little-accidents.html>

Or, to put it bluntly, if highly effective, side-effect and rubber-free male contraception becomes universal, it could mark the end of the very common phenomenon of the not-entirely-accidental-surprise-baby and the one-bottle- of-wine-too-many-baby which happens to the most sensible of couples.

Because, let's face it, if all women had to wait for men to feel broody (and for this to coincide with his jab wearing off), the birth rate would drop like a stone.

So I guess a male pill would be the end of the species. In general, most women I've seen in the forums don't like the idea of a male pill for various and sundry reasons, but mostly it boils down to the notion that women would lose reproductive power.

I guess this is sort of addendum to my first point, but it felt so life changing that I'm making it its own. But the act of being compassionate and loving. It was the feminists in my life (not just the women, but specifically the feminist women) that made me feel OK expressing my compassion and sense of love for others.

Feminists hate masculinity, but they also have no use for men who act like women. Women who get that caring house-husband they claimed they wanted tend to divorce them ten years later or so. An old friend is (was? have not sen him for years) married to a feminist. I traveled for the wedding and when I got there she demanded that I do all manner of house repairs. It seems even staunch feminists know that men are good for some things. Come to think of it, that's why I've not gone back.

Those are the ones that immediately popped into my mind because they're the ones I experienced first hand.

You're welcome to your experiences, but I think I'll go by mine.

kragshot • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 08:51 PM

Don't forget what happened when Dr. Elisar Coutinho introduced his research on gossypol to the World Reproductive Congress back in the 70s. The feminists attending including Betty Friedan protested en-masse openly saying that a male pill would take away women's reproductive power.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:02 PM

Fascinating video, well worth the watch.

But my understanding is that there are side effects with gossypol, in some cases permanent infertility, suicidal thoughts (and probably 1 suicide), fatigue, etc...

But this nails down that neither women nor feminists want a male pill.

kragshot • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 11:06 PM

They discovered the bad side effects later on after the video was recorded. I think that it was Chinese research that found that out.

But, again...the point of the video remains relevant to the subject. Glad you watched

and saw.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 11:19 PM

I could not have except that it has subtitles, I have no audio right now.

But this adds more detail about how women are opposed to a male pill.

JesusHMontgomery • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 09:48 PM

You sound like you have a lot of pain.

tenchineuro • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 10:29 PM

I'll take some ibuprofen.

WiseMonkeyGoodMonkey • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 03:23 PM

Valid points. I don't judge the behavior of feminists based on all feminists. I would first have to know and spend appreciable time with all feminists do do this. All I have is the behavior, words, actions and attitudes of the squeakiest feminist wheels. If those voices do not represent you or what you feel the ideology and movement are about it's pretty much up to you and those who think like you to change the very public and very loud voices that say they represent not just you - but all women. We hear the lies often enough and we start to believe them.

JesusHMontgomery • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 09:55 PM

I think you run into this problem with pretty much every movement. Not that your claim is completely invalid, but I remember during Gamergate, a friend or two of mine saying, "Yeah, but *they* don't represent all our interests." Meanwhile, casually browsing Reddit, and here's an avalanche of "rape this bitch" style comments. I mean, you'd have to look hard now to find someone who thinks MLK was a villain, but in his day, a shit ton of (probably racists, or people who don't realize they're engaging in racism) people would believe they had good reason to think his movement was a force of evil. I don't know what the answer is, but I doubt you'd want to be judged by the worst of what the MRA world has to offer.

WiseMonkeyGoodMonkey • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 01:31 AM

Realistically the issue is scope. If only 1% of all people everywhere are d-bags (and I think most people would see that as a *very* conservative estimate) that's still ~70 million d-bags globally. More than enough to go around.

As to the less than savory commentary, there are a lot of men out there with really legitimate grounds to be angry. While personally I think that sort of bombast is counterproductive, maybe the reason I can be so calm about the matter is none of this has happened to me directly (hopefully this remains the case). I only see the issues listed in channels like this happen to others. So I have the option to be less angry and less hurt.

I have to categorically reject comparing any of the feminist leaders/loudest voices to MLK. I think if I was black myself I would be offended beyond words. We're talking about a man who risked everything in his life - including his life - on a daily basis to fight real injustice and oppression. Feminism takes no risk that I can see and they're fighting for additional rights and privileges for a group that already has clear advantage while fighting tooth and manicured nail against the flip side to actual equality (responsibility, culpability and consequence). While I do acknowledge that there are woman out there who get a raw

deal they do seem to be the minority these days. I mean you really have to look for em - and I watch the appropriate subs for that (/r/TwoXChromosomes/ as an example) as well as watching here. In any event, I am sure people did think he was doing evil. But the proof is in the proverbial pudding. What he did made the lives of all black people better and it did it in a way that didn't make anyone else's life worse. Feminism cannot make that claim. To be specific here I'm not referring to the ideology. Words can say anything. And mean anything. I'm talking about the legislation (all of the legal realities really) and the results. Something that gets said a lot in mens subs. Don't listen to what's being said, watch what's being done. That's the true measure of a person or an idea.

As for being judged by the worst/angriest of the MRAs, it doesn't bother me. It's not who I am. And anyone that judges me on things I have not done or said is worth exactly none of my mental run-time. Their opinions have no value to me.

I will say, however, that it's brave of you to post here. I think your wrong. And that perhaps your ideology is one dimensional. But you are at least looking at the conversations that will be uncomfortable and engaging in them. So an upvote for you. :-)

DarthCerebroX • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 03:40 PM*

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Cheers and take care!

Avannar • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 01:19 PM

In my experience, the large majority of feminists *are* good. Most people sign on just because they like equal rights and dislike sexism. Anyone who likes equal rights and dislikes sexism is usually pretty decent.

The issue is the leadership is typically radical. The feminists who care enough to devote their careers to the field buy into all of the crazy theory the field has cooked up in the past 100 years and veers away from egalitarianism and into cultish thinking and baseless rhetoric.

Rather than being built on facts, academic feminism is based on emotional arguments dating back to the first wave. They try to use facts in modern times, but because the foundation is radical rhetoric, not logic, you get feminist academics like Mary Koss overtly twisting their data to push their agenda while feminists using honest methodologies and reporting get ejected from the movement for being "sexist".

Academic feminism is the problem and 90+% of feminists are *not* academic feminists. Most feminists never take a course in the field. They're just misinformed.

tenchineuro • 13 points • 28 March, 2018 02:05 PM

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What experience leads you to conclude this?

Avannar • 1 point • 30 March, 2018 02:32 PM

Read the line that immediately followed the one you quoted.

Everyone thinks they're the hero of their own story. Everyone likes justice, fairness, etc. Most feminists are just about equality. They don't know anything about the literature or academia or even much of the activism. They know of a few high-profile campaigns with outwardly noble goals and that's it. RadFems feeding them lies doesn't make them bad people. Just misinformed.

The problem is mostly with the radicals who deliberately structure their surveys to twist facts and buy into all of the crazy radical literature floating around and then, in turn, organize the rallies and teach the classes that end up spawning the feminist ideology in new minds.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 30 March, 2018 02:58 PM

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As someone who has spent decades informing women of what feminism actually seeks, says, and does, I disagree, women still don't see any problem with the worst of it. They literally believe that Affirmative Discrimination and sexist and racist admissions are equality under the law, because that's what feminism tells them.

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No, I don't think this is true at all, the problem is that women love the word 'feminism' far more than what they claim are the ideals of feminism (usually the dictionary definition). Whatever feminism says or does, they call that equality and that's the end of it.

morerokk • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 12:05 AM

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Too bad all the feminists in power are bad.

Fulk0 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 05:51 PM

Totally agree with you. We need more women in this sub and we need to connect more with them. Both parties need to be part of the real equality movement.

FH-7497 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:12 PM

^{This} I've posted several times on this sub about the basic failings of pulling at an opposite extreme in hopes of changing a position you are against. Consistent work towards middle ground is what stabilizes and brings progress.

Mencite • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:42 PM

It just shows how far we've to go. The idiot poster thinks because a woman says she likes men she's ok and if she says she hates men she's the enemy. Its the women who play men off against each other are the main enemy and they won't hold a "I hate men sign".

Its important for us to start using our brain if we've to get anywhere.

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 05:44 AM

Is she even a feminist?

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:30 AM

Feminism is like religion. There are religious people who, on balance, are good people. Certainly there are degrees of offensiveness. But just like there is a muddle of myth and misinformation at the core of the religious worldview, so there is at the core of feminism.

I'm not saying that you have to think of every feminist as a bad person or your enemy, but if you are willing to praise the ones you like you have forgotten the inescapable nature of their movement.

Drezzzire • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 04:42 PM

Fuck off

azazelcrowley • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 07:32 PM

The only decent feminists seem to be ones without any power or influence, so if you could help us keep them all that way that would be great.

eDgEIN708 • 18 points • 28 March, 2018 11:49 AM

Let's hope her threshold for what constitutes "abuse" is the same for both genders.

[deleted] • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 09:16 PM

No indication of feminism in that post.

This may be a female Men's rights activist

Mr-Zero-Fucks • 9 points • 28 March, 2018 04:15 PM

How you know she's a feminist?

She looks too intelligent, I dare to say, egalitarian.

princesspalms69 • 14 points • 28 March, 2018 01:13 PM

Can someone help me understand the need to hate men? Bias is everywhere and everyone at some point can and probably will be discriminated against. So why pick on men specifically? Why feel the need to harbor hate for anyone?

nikdahl • 19 points • 28 March, 2018 02:41 PM

It's ignorance, narcissism and greed mostly.

salbris • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:34 PM

Really? Maybe I'm still new to this but it actually feels more rooted in stereotype.

Ex. guy walking around at night with a hoodie = rapist

guy who likes children = pedophile

Then they try there hardest to use emotional arguments and bad statistics to prove their bias.

LoganBlade13[S] • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 01:13 PM

Honestly mate when I figure it out I'll let you know.

[deleted] • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 03:01 PM

It's easier for people to rationalize their own shortcomings if they can just blame someone else, like men, in this case.

ChiefBobKelso • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 04:59 PM

It's the threat narrative that forms based on some very basic biases. Combine female hypoagency and male hyperagency with women's overactive threat detection bias and a very safe world, and you essentially get the narrative that there is danger and discrimination everywhere and all of it is men's fault.

princesspalms69 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 07:19 PM

Jeez, that seems so exhausting. :(

HiredMind • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 03:56 PM

Every totalitarian movement needs an enemy to hate.

macandcheese1771 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 08:04 PM

Being a woman who doesn't put up with inequality for anyone in any circumstance, I honestly get so fucking mad when people accuse me of "man-hating" because I believe in equal rights for everyone. I don't hate men, I don't hate women, I hate abusive people. Attacking someone for being a "feminist" is just another way to create a divide between men and women and it's not fucking helpful. Individual shitty people are the problem, not feminists, or any other group standing up for equal rights.

whatabout_taz • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 09:24 PM

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I appreciate you, personally, having a well-reasoned stance about these issues, I really do.

But I'd take it much more seriously and charitably from you if I saw any replies from you to the people here throwing crap at the advocates for men and boys while NEVER addressing the legitimate issues we bring to the discussion. I mean, look how many people just in this thread have pointed out that the 'crazy man-haters' are NOT fringe, and DO belong to the institutions I mentioned above and we're sick of being silenced by them. IF those people are not real feminists, how the hell did they get a stranglehold on so much of our lives?

Look, this is not complicated, ok? We simply point out particular unfair and unjust results from these institutions having been overrun by feminism and social justice vengeance activism. THAT'S ALL. When anyone, from any perspective or worldview takes that to mean we hate women, want a return to some mythical male hegemonic supremacy and are trying to hurt or diminish anyone's rights then I have to, HAVE TO question their motives.... I'm sorry, but I do.

macandcheese1771 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 05:06 AM

Literally the first comment I've ever made on this subject and this is why. I've fought for men and women in my personal life and on the internet and you're sitting here attacking me for not doing

enough for your cause. The level of hostility in your message is so over the top for someone who you've never even met because you're looking to make someone feel bad for not doing enough.

whatabout_taz • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 12:51 PM

Not meant as an attack, if that's how it came off I apologize.

I work to support men at serious risk in my community every day. I spend at least as much time with them as my full-time job. Men that have mental health problems that result in family problems, employment problems, legal problems and suicide. Because I have had those same problems myself.

I suffer complex post-traumatic stress due to long-term childhood abuse... I began an alcoholic drinking career at 16, I'm now 58. The last drink I took was only 3 years ago. I spent so many years being suicidal and failing at various attempts at it that the last time I went to the hospital the door locked from the outside... I've lost several jobs, a marriage of 25 years, been arrested twice, taken from my home twice strapped to an ambulance gurney and raped by both men and women as an adult.

In my own life, I've also been the VICTIM of the feminist Duluth Model, since my former wife asked her 'friends' what she could do when she couldn't deal with me killing myself anymore. They told her to let me drink, set me up and call the cops. The system does the rest. It worked. I will never, ever allow myself an intimate relationship of any kind again. Ever. I'll live out the rest of my life alone, because the risk of going through that again, and putting someone else through that again is not worth what comes with having a partner. And I grew up wanting only to be a good husband to someone. I failed. Now all I have is me and the friends I've made while trying to get better.

One of them is a trauma therapist that I owe my life to. She has done things to help me that most people don't understand and can't easily imagine. Things like helping me find my humanity and agency, and helping me retake the power as a person that was taken from me as a little boy.

She and I talk about the problems discussed in this subreddit frequently. When we do, she expresses the same frustration with these institutions as I do. She tells me to speak up when I can, and that she does the same. If it weren't for her, this conversation would not be taking place...

I'm not looking to make you or anyone feel bad. I said I appreciate your position being well-reasoned. I do. I'm grateful for people like you in ways you might not even understand. I spoke frankly to you both as a sign of respect (I never respond to trolls or idiots) and also to speak to other people who lurk here and perhaps never even post.

Finally, if you truly try to support men and boys along with women and girls, don't take what I've said personally. If you do that, I'm grateful. Honestly. There aren't nearly enough of you out there.

But when you come to places like this to talk, remember there are men like me here. Some of us are very badly damaged and see little from the world we live in other than hostility and ignorance. If that isn't you, again, I apologize for misreading your post. But if you are here simply trying to defend the institutions I mentioned by deflecting our anger at them back onto ourselves, remember that we don't tolerate that here. Anything I say here is never just a response to whoever is posting or replying. I'm talking to EVERYONE who is reading my words. That isn't creating a divide between men and women. It's a request for more statements of support like the young woman in the picture. And a warning to avoid pushing ordinary, good men to the margins. If we give up and stop trying, YOUR world, and your children's world will become a nightmare like nothing you've ever heard of. 'Individual shitty people' aren't just a problem, they are currently

running the show. I know, I've been at their mercy. And they all proudly, loudly 'support women'. While they watch us men suffer and die... They are powerful, and they don't care about us. You best hope we never stop trying, stop being angry and give up... Because when they're done with us, you're next.

macandcheese1771 • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 05:57 PM

Maybe you should consider that no one has time for a gigantic ranty pity party. Everyone has damage. Everyone.

whatabout_taz • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 06:09 PM

Hey, thanks. I'll bear that in mind. Have a great day! :)

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 08:09 PM

Can someone help me understand the need to hate men?

Since feminism produces nothing, the only way to get more for women is to take it from men, hence the demonization and flat out denial that men can be victims of anything.

0x123d • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 05:08 PM

Gee, I'm so grateful

Santaball • 14 points • 28 March, 2018 01:41 PM

Doesn't say she's a feminist. No need trying to make feminism look less like cancer by putting labels where they don't belong.

[deleted] • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 09:47 PM

Yes. There is no indication she is a feminist. She could be a men's rights activist...

DaftOdyssey • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 03:07 PM

Actions speak louder than words

jrod2112 • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 03:27 PM

It's sad how so programmed I am regarding posts like this to where I read it as "Real Men Don't Abuse Women" until I was thrown off by the hashtag having the word "we" in it. I then proceeded to become more annoyed thinking that this was just another condescending attempt at making men seem like foolish children (imagine this overly smiley woman saying the hashtag to a man in baby talk) until reality adjusted itself and I read it correctly. I'm still disappointed that being anti-male abuse is a fringe almost taboo topic to advocate for, but at least this post is more positive than I initially perceived.

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 04:12 PM

BASED WOMAN

throwawaylifespan • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 11:33 PM

Only they do and don't think of it as abuse.

I don't doubt that the girl in the picture is sincere but that means nothing in the long term. Tell us honestly, how many of you have never met a women who claimed to not to be like those bad feminists only to turn later. Every man who got married probably thought he had a good on until the divorce came and then her female privilege was laid bare.

That's the problem, so long as she can turn and use her female privilege against you then you can't be 100% sure that she is one of the good ones.

j-dawg-94 • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 05:22 PM

I understand your weariness (even as a woman), I hope you eventually meet someone you feel you can trust.

Too many times I've feared for my own friends getting involved in partners that could go on and exploit them in a life ruining capacity. It's a difficult thing to navigate, and you're right, sometimes breakups and divorce change normal people into bitter ones who want to cause harm at all costs and the societal privilege women have of being infantilised (which often is a privilege but sometimes is not) causes people to react emotionally first and fact check second which makes the world a scary place for a hetero dude.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 08:10 PM

I hope you eventually meet someone you feel you can trust.

And hopefully that trust is not misplaced, cause it can cost him everything and his future.

Too many times I've feared for my own friends getting involved in partners that could go on and exploit them in a life ruining capacity.

So your friends are lesbians. Men do not have the power to do what you claim to women.

j-dawg-94 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 09:11 PM

My friends are men lol. Sorry I probably should have specified.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 09:23 PM

My friends are men lol. Sorry I probably should have specified.

So how do you claim that men could **"exploit them in a life ruining capacity"**?

j-dawg-94 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 09:37 PM

...I didn't claim that.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 09:55 PM

...I didn't claim that.

You said above...

Too many times I've feared for my own friends getting involved in partners that could go on and exploit them in a life ruining capacity.

j-dawg-94 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:49 PM

Yeah and I thought the context of that paragraph made it clear that "my own friends" in your quote were males and also explicitly stated that to you in my original reply.

Too many times I've feared for my own MALE friends getting involved in partners (FEMALE) that could go on and exploit them in a life ruining capacity.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 11:51 PM

Nope, I read it the other way round, apologies, my bad.

j-dawg-94 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 12:01 AM

Not a problem, sorry if I was a little condescending on that last reply lol

lizardcreature • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 02:50 PM

This is an unarguable point. You've made a jaded claim that can't be disproven. Not because you're right but because you're moving the goalposts indefinitely. Look at the world this way and you'll never find a feminist whose ideas line up with yours.

Unused_UserID • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 03:07 PM

Look at the world this way and you'll never find a feminist whose ideas line up with yours.

I accept the terms.

lizardcreature • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 03:32 PM

But that's my point: why just accept that? How can you know it's true? When you say you accept the terms it sounds to me like you don't want to find out that there are feminists with overlapping politics. Believe me, there are.

Unused_UserID • 10 points • 28 March, 2018 03:42 PM

Why do you care so much if I seek out 'friendly (for now) feminists'? Feminists actively fight against mens rights.

lizardcreature • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 03:46 PM

I care about effective advocacy. I think the overlap between some MRAs and some feminists is important because together the two groups could reach a wider audience and be more effective. But that's the big picture. I care about you knowing that feminists can want to improve women's lives without wanting to ruin men's lives. I want that because of the big picture.

Unused_UserID • 12 points • 28 March, 2018 03:50 PM*

When I see feminist groups (not powerless individual feminists) calling for a male legal opt out for parenthood then I will reconsider. I won't be holding my breath on that happening though.

Edit: I was really hoping lizardcreature would respond with an example of a feminist group advocating for males to be able to legally opt out of parenthood.

tenchineuro • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 08:13 PM

I think the overlap between some MRAs and some feminists

Which feminists?

lizardcreature • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 09:23 PM

The kind of feminists mentioned by u/JesusHMontgomery in his conversation with you come to mind. They are real. Not a single feminist I know hates men or thinks they don't deserve fair treatment in custody cases, as sexual assault victims etc. Of course, the absence of hate is not help. And that is my whole point.

I don't think feminists and MRAs always have to work together like one big happy family. Each can focus on helping their people, because each side knows their problems best. I just think both sides waste time arguing for no gain. All the same, pooling resources to build homeless shelters and talk about mental health stigma would be nice every once in a while

tenchineuro • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 09:49 PM*

The kind of feminists mentioned by u/JesusHMontgomery in his conversation with you come to mind.

That was several layers of abstractions and no names.

On which issues do you claim overlap and what evidence do you have?

Not a single feminist I know hates men or thinks they don't deserve fair treatment in custody cases

Yeah, now tell me the one that feminism is about people, and not just women.

I've not been counting but at least several hundred example of feminism in action have been posted in this thread, don't tell me it was TL;DR. You may ignore and discount them if you wish, but do so at your own peril (unless you are female).

Of course, the absence of hate is not help. And that is my whole point.

Feminism does not have to hate men to work against men's best interests in everything, but it does not explain why many things feminism does hurts men but are of no benefit to women, that's where hate is one of the few workable explanations.

I don't think feminists and MRAs always have to work together like one big happy family.

I don't think POC and the KKK will work together like one big happy family either, I have a hard time seeing them work together at all.

because each side knows their problems best

Feminism denies that men have any problems at all and claims that **everything** is to men's advantage (think Patriarchy) and to women's disadvantage. If you want to open a male DV shelter it will be against the worst feminism can do, and in the US they've been 100% successful so far.

All the same, pooling resources to build homeless shelters and talk about mental health stigma would be nice every once in a while

Feminism will only build shelters for women and talk about women's mental health. Feminism won't allow men or men's issues to be discussed at all if it has

any say.

JesusHMontgomery • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 10:02 PM

You said you would browse Usenet. Have you encountered any more updated forms of feminism? This isn't a dig. Clearly you're older than me (I was 11 when Windows 95 came out), is it possible that your interactions with feminism are as old as Windows 95? You seem to think I'm lying or misinformed, or something, about my own experience, but the intense vitriol in your words is **not** reflective of my experiences. And unless I am lying, or you want to be disingenuous in the intent of my words, that disconnect must exist for some reason?

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 06:32 PM

2 who claimed to be feminists who didn't turn. Luckily a hell of a lot more who vehemently said feminism is bad for everyone.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:47 PM

Jesus Christ where's the punch

Unused_UserID • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:49 PM

I don't know what where's the punch means? Does it mean where is the punchline?

TheRenegadePervert • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 12:13 PM

The sentiment is nice, but it's terrible behavior to use No True Scotsman-like sentiment and a promise from non-abusers to say that F on M abuse is about as impactful as a gender flipped version of the image.

tenchineuro • 15 points • 28 March, 2018 11:51 AM

I think you read too much into that phrase.

1. where does it say she's a feminist
2. what does she mean by abuse (she could mean verbal)
3. this says nothing about what she otherwise supports
4. this says nothing about what she otherwise opposes

I mean you could be right, but I'd hold out for more evidence. She could have done this cause she lost a bet for all we know.

Quintrell • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 01:21 PM

You're getting down votes but you're absolutely right. We've just been given a photo with no context.

cmnext • 15 points • 28 March, 2018 01:45 PM

Anything related to FEMINISM is not about equality. The very name places all attention, emphasis, and direction on women.

The correct name for true equality is egalitarianism. But Equalitarians can coin the phrase Equalitarianism.

zeromonster89 • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 02:42 PM

This may not be popular to say but, women who care about mens issues are still...women. They still look at us as tools and utilities to be used for money. Im glad there are women who care about men but most women want to go back to the "good old days" of when men slaved away for them.

lizardcreature • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 02:59 PM

Can you back up that statement? The tool thing? The good old days thing?

hodltaco • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 12:23 PM

~~At long last I find the Unicorn!~~ I'm not buying it.

Jaegendar • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 07:32 PM

IT'S A TRAP!

subthrowaway321 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 07:35 PM

Why are we assuming she's a feminist? Nothing in the photo points to that...

Terminal-Psychosis • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 08:55 PM

Egalitarian. Or just decent human being.

You can't compare to people that call themselves "feminist".

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 04:30 AM

holy shit. you'd think this is common sense but it really tells you something when this has that many upvotes

catastrophe_15 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 01:06 PM

Feminism is the fight for women to have equal rights. The USA doesn't need feminism anymore, it needs social equality (on both male and female sides). There are plenty of countries that DO need feminism, and we can fight for those, but it's time for us to treat each other like equals.

A good rule of thumb is Don't Be An Asshole.

sonickid101 • 16 points • 28 March, 2018 01:09 PM

Unfortunately, when feminists hear and talk about equality they think equality of outcome, not equality of opportunity.

Vandechoz • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 08:43 PM

There are plenty of countries that DO need feminism

Trying to fix developing countries with feminism, instead of actual equality, is how you end up with the clusterfuck that is gender relations in India.

catastrophe_15 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 11:51 PM

Feminism is a step towards equality, making sure women have equal rights and opportunities as men. There are people who have twisted that definition, but that's what feminism is. There may be a cluster fuck in India, but there's always something better to be done. We can fix it if we fucked it up

Vandechoz • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 02:00 AM

that's what feminism is

that's what feminists *say* it is

catastrophe_15 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 02:25 AM

Then they're right. Feminism isn't bra burning and man hating. That's irrational fanaticism that's taken the name of feminism.

Similar to how the swastika used to be a sign of well-being and was adopted by nazi-assholes to be a symbol of hatred and anti-Semitism.

Vandechoz • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 02:31 AM

Feminism isn't bra burning and man hating.

:rolleyes: this shit again

Sure, not *directly*. Feminism is the dogmatic belief in Patriarchy Theory, AKA the "fact" that gender roles have predominantly harmed women throughout history, to the benefit of all men. And the belief that such a Patriarchy needs to be stopped, which is where the "we just believe in equality!" lie comes in.

catastrophe_15 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 02:53 AM

The Merriam-Webster definition of feminism is: 1 : the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes

2 : organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests

So after reading the second definition, I can understand why the bra-burning parties and all the crazy man-hating stuff could fall under feminism, but I personally don't think that is truly part of the cause. If you have to say "technically...." Then I don't think it should count, because that's not in the spirit of equality.

You know what? I would like to participate in a Men's March. A march to support men who have lost custody of children, who have been given double the sentences of women, who have been falsely accused as rapists and murderers and has their lives timed because of it. They need support just as much as the women who have been raped, the women who have had acid thrown on their faces, and the women who have been abused.

They're all victims and they need support, and I'm tired of being lumped with the psycho women who want men to be the next generation of slaves. I want to show my support for both groups, and not be hanged for support either.

Vandechoz • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:24 AM

dictionaries do not define political movements, their actions do

I didn't say "technically", I said indirectly. They don't just come out and wave their bras around and say DEATH TO MEN! (well, not many) They just make up some bullshit "academic" theories that just so happen to put the blame on men for every societal ill.

You can support women without feminism, and you can support men without the MRM. Please do. But you cannot support feminism without attacking men, because the movement is at its root an attack on men.

catastrophe_15 • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:38 AM

When I said technically, I wasn't referring to you. I'm sorry, I should have made

that more clear. I meant that if women have demonstrations where they tear down men, then it is technically a "feminist movement" according to my definition. The word technically is used to justify the action, which makes it essentially against my point.

Regardless.

Want to join me in an Equalist movement? The correct term is Egalitarian, but people don't want a fancy word, they want something simple. Equalist gets the point across quite well. Join me? We can get everyone to stop being assholes to each other based on gender or color or religious belief. Let's start a movement!

LoganBlade13[S] • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 01:09 PM

Not just the USA dude.

catastrophe_15 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 01:56 PM

No of course not. I just live here, so I figured it was safer to not speak for other developed countries in case there was something I wasn't aware of

tenchineuro • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 02:41 PM

Feminism is the fight for women to have equal rights.

Today, right now, what rights do you lack that men possess?

What was the woman's march all about, what rights were they marching to get?

catastrophe_15 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 02:49 PM

Did you not read the rest of my comment? I said we don't need it in the US (my home) because we HAVE equal rights, we need social equality.

I have no idea. If they're marching for women all over the world, then I can get with it.

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 03:23 PM

Did you not read the rest of my comment? I said we don't need it in the US (my home) because we HAVE equal rights, we need social equality.

Oh, you mean there are too many men gainfully employed? I can see why you are upset.

I have no idea. If they're marching for women all over the world, then I can get with it.

So then you find other cultures unacceptable and would destroy them. OK, that sounds reasonable.

There has been some progress on that front, today any Indian woman can destroy an Indian man with a simple false accusation. A mob will most likely kill him. You can rest easier tonight.

catastrophe_15 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 03:33 PM

Okay, you're an inflammatory troll. I see. How about you fuck off and waste somebody else's time?

tenchineuro • -4 points • 28 March, 2018 04:40 PM

need social equality.

How about you fuck off and waste somebody else's time?

Says the social justice warrior.

catastrophe_15 • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 04:57 PM

I want to work toward men and women around the world having equal rights and equal opportunities. I want to support the victims of sexual harassment and assault, no matter their gender. I want to help people and make the world a better place, and if that makes me social justice warrior then fine. I will accept that title.

You will likely be nothing more than a troll and an instigator because instead of having a civil discussion, you chose to put words in my mouth and attempted to make me look irrational. I know where I stand, so kindly leave me alone.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:49 PM*

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The last action of SJW that I am aware of is where they disrupted an event to reduce male suicides. They tried to drown out the talk with microphones, and when that did not work, they pulled the fire alarms. They have also been known to call in bomb threats and threaten the staffs of any hotel that would host such an event.

I'm sure you'd be right at home with them, but can you do me a favor and dye your hair red?

catastrophe_15 • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 11:52 PM

You make a lot of assumptions for somebody who doesn't know a random stranger on the internet. Who are you?

tenchineuro • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 11:59 PM

You make a lot of assumptions for somebody who doesn't know a random stranger on the internet

I know what SJWs actually do, and if you want to be considered one don't complain about people's reactions.

Who are you?

Some random stranger on the internet.

The_Rusemaster • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 03:04 PM

Sure it's nice to see a feminist that acknowledges some women hit men as well, but the real MVP would be someone holding up a sign saying "Real people don't abuse other people", as this basically just encourages the "them vs us" mentality which is the problem in the first place.

Eric_bluefield • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 04:40 PM

Well I think it's worth considering that many, maybe even most, people who subscribe to feminism are just completely brainwashed/mislead and aren't bigoted, but just think they are doing the right thing. Many people who are anti-MRM are that way because they have wrong information and a false perception, not because they actually would oppose our positions if they knew what they were. That's why I sometimes think we should maybe try a different strategy- a more "reaching out" rather than condemning.

jp_mra • 4 points • 28 March, 2018 06:17 PM

While I do agree, I've gotten tired of the verbal abuse. Tried speaking out the last 15 years but I'm always told to shut up by hateful people - "a white man can never understand." Easier to cut losses and go MGTOW...

Long-Night-Of-Solace • 6 points • 28 March, 2018 12:21 PM

That's most of them, you know.

tinysackbigshaft • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 10:03 AM

Her camouflaging techniques suckered you in

LabTech41 • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 11:42 AM

It's called AWALT for a reason. Even assuming she exemplifies this standard and isn't being deceptive, what does 'abuse' constitute in her opinion? Would she NEVER abuse a man, or are there circumstances in which she would?

By and large, hashtag platitudes don't really get a lot of credence from me, and given how horrendous women are being in this day and age where it seems all bets are off, I'd need a bit more proof than a placard.

It says something that even the women now are starting to say things like this, the abuse has reached that threshold where even the more reasonable ones are trying to stave off the crazy ones.

Meyright • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 12:38 PM

Really no offense, but this is one of the most negative interpretations of such a harmless positive message I've ever seen. But I guess this is what being bombarded constantly by hate does to you, watch out for yourself to not get to bitter around here.

LabTech41 • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 04:52 PM

You know, it's the guys like you that can be suckered in by the ones that say "I'm one of the GOOD ones" that can be the most annoying. Annoying in the sense that you don't even TRY to engage the argument and instead go straight into "you've got a problem, pal" mode.

I'm not bitter, I'm pragmatic. There's nothing in this placard that says she's a feminist, so if her message is honest and she's not blinded by that toxic cult, then a salut, good for her. Experience with women that are looking for attention online, however, leads me to be a bit suspicious.

Given the way the system is tilted against men, you NEED to be a bit pragmatic and suspicious of these meaningless and benign messages, otherwise all this sub becomes is capitulationist to a slippery slope.

dankparodies213 • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 01:16 AM

Then they aren't a feminist

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 12:41 PM

I see feminist like this all the time, as I am one.

DarthCerebroX • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 05:07 PM*

Well, it's too bad all the feminists like yourself have zero power or influence over the mainstream movement. It's too bad all the good hearted feminists like yourself don't take over the feminist organizations like NOW which continuously lobby the government to fuck over men and give women special privileges.

I know there's tons of people like you out there that identify as a feminist... but they are pretty much irrelevant. The extent of their activism usually revolves around discussing gender equality with their friends at the coffee shop or posting feminist articles on the Facebook page.

That being said.... I do appreciate you being open minded and visiting our sub.

Here are two comments of mine in this thread to help you understand our perspective a little better and why it is we have such a problem with the feminist movement. Thanks again for your interest in our movement. We need all the help and support we can get!

Here is part 1 and here is the second part.

Cheers and take care!

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 07:02 PM

I see your point as well. However I am very active. I host events. Work at a shelter that houses men and women of abuse and have attended multiple meetings with out local police department to beg them to retrain their officers on how to interview rape victims of both genders. We exist, weren't soon because we're not violent and no one likes to talk about us.

Meyright • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 06:58 AM

Thanks and keep up the good work!

Do you believe in patriarchy theory?

tenchineuro • -5 points • 28 March, 2018 01:25 PM

I see feminist like this all the time, as I am one.

No, no, you need to use the word 'are' here, as in...

Just tree short yeers ago, I could not even spell engineer, now I are one.

[deleted] • 2 points • 28 March, 2018 01:20 PM

r/gatekeeping

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 03:44 PM

I'm sure, obviously. But I'm pretty tired of people showing off their views of the most obvious ethical shit ever.

Mencite • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:33 PM

It just shows how far we've to go. The idiot poster thinks because a woman says she likes men she's ok and if she says she hates men she's the enemy. Its the women who play men off against each other are the main enemy and they won't hold a "I hate men sign".

Its important for us to start using our brain if we've to get anywhere.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:35 PM

Unless they actively protest the privileges endowed to them (like no one in history did, ever) they are just running the long con instead of the usual short one.

TradCon

Meant traditional conservative. Now, just faux traditionalist

Mencite • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:41 PM

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[deleted] • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:51 PM

Just makes me wonder, If I pose with a poster saying

"I AM GOD.

Females, kneel down and give me a blowie.

Males, open your wallet and give me your money".

How many suckers will fall for it?! Hmm. Might be worth a try.

Edit : t-shirt idea☐

Vandechoz • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 08:40 PM

I hate that I can't even know for sure that the person pictured isn't going to elaborate by somehow blaming men for women abusing them with some bullshit like "internalized misogyny".

Zyklon_Bae • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 12:50 AM

Radio personality Tammy Bruce is a lesbian feminist conservative that is very anti-'feminist'. Her program is great, she is fiery.

Aeponix • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 05:53 AM

I don't know. Despite what third wave feminism has made the movement in to, I'd still consider myself a supporter of equality of opportunity feminism, or even a feminist.

It's just a label that doesn't mean anything most of the time, because institutional discrimination against women has disappeared in almost all cases.

I still will fight individual cases of discrimination, I just won't be blindly lead to label an entire group of people as discriminatory.

Just because I'm willing to discuss castrating Harvey Weinstein does not mean I think all men are rapists. Nor do I think that most of what constitutes sexual harassment should be met with more than a firm telling off by the victim.

But where unjust discrimination against women exists, I'm fine with calling myself a feminist. Feminism as a monolith just doesn't get to decide what unjust discrimination is. My own moral compass decides that.

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 11:32 PM

Real women don't mutilate their sons, either.

Zeljari • 1 point • 14 April, 2018 06:48 PM

As a woman, I'm so tired of seeing posts about abuse and sexual assault that exclude men or only paint them as

perpetrators. It's so invalidating to male victims especially when it's harder for men to get help about this. Yet still, hardly anyone is fighting against the stigma for them.

hyugafan • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 04:47 PM

brunette

glasses

this sign

Back off, I saw her first.

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 07:28 PM

So this sub is cucked then?

frisch85 • -9 points • 28 March, 2018 12:44 PM

a feminist that isn't a man hater

Feminists usually don't hate men, feminism is about having the same rights as a woman that a man would have. The problem is that there's *feminists* that are actually *wannabe-feminists* and they are only in the movement to promote hate towards men and it's a pretty huge problem.

Not arguing, just wanted to point out that there's a freaking huge problem regarding this topic. I mean look at all the stupid fucks, men and women both, who **name themselves** feminists when in fact, they're just unhappy with their pitiful life and instead of changing they just project their unhappiness towards others.

I mean even feminists know about that and for quite some time now. I remember this one news spot I saw on YT where some reporter woman had a short interview with someone who called them-self feminist but the reporter quickly pointed out that what the *self proclaimed feminist* does is actually not feminism nor is it related in any way to feminism.

I'm hugely in favor of feminism, listening to some female friends and how sexist some workplaces still are is freaking disgusting. It's like some men still live in the freaking 18th century and it looks like the higher the position someone has the higher the risk that they're being sexist, as if abusing your power would be ok.

I'd say we still have a long way to go but it's getting better, it's just up to us not to throw oil into the fire and that's what many *self proclaimed feminists* actually do. So many idiots who are teaching their kids it's wrong to be a man, same with parents who teach their kids it's wrong to be white, I mean no sane person would think like that. Pick two kids, the one kid is taught what assholes some men were in the past and still are, it also gets taught how racist some folks were and why so many people think it's wrong to be gay. Then teach the other kid how grateful many married men or men in a relationship are, how happy their partners are, that men and women are allowed to love men or women because why the fuck not, how awesome it is that we can share cultural knowledge among different origins because a human is a human.

Sidenote: hardcore conservatives make me sick

Edit: phrasing

tmone • 11 points • 28 March, 2018 02:36 PM

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That's not just "no true Scotsman". That's delusional self deception.

Listen, if you want to call yourself a feminist, I don't care. I've been investigating feminism for more than 9 years now, and people like you used to piss me off, because to my mind all you were doing was providing cover and ballast for the powerful political and academic feminists you claim are just jerks. And believe me, they ARE jerks. If you knew half of what I know about the things they've done under the banner of feminism, maybe you'd stop calling yourself one.

But I want you to know. You don't matter. You're not the director of the Feminist Majority Foundation and editor of Ms. Magazine, Katherine Spillar, who said of domestic violence: "Well, that's just a clean-up word for wife-beating," and went on to add that regarding male victims of dating violence, "we know it's not girls beating up boys, it's boys beating up girls."

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And you're none of the hundreds or thousands of feminist scholars, writers, thinkers, researchers, teachers

and philosophers who constructed and propagate the body of bunkum theories upon which all of these atrocities are based.

You're the true feminist. Some random person on the internet.

-karen Straughan

frisch85 • -6 points • 28 March, 2018 02:45 PM

Is that comment meant towards me or did you copy something where someone replied to someone who named themselves a feminist? Because the former wouldn't make any sense.

tmone • 8 points • 28 March, 2018 02:57 PM

you seem to know what real feminism is. you are speaking on their behalf anyway. this quote is attributed to karen straughan. take it how you wish, but the point is to showcase the no true scotsman as well as demonstrate that feminism, despite what little no-nothings on the internet believe, is nothing but a hate group. or in the very least hijacked by misandrists. when the crazies have taken over the movement, perhaps you should move on and adapt a different label.

frisch85 • -6 points • 28 March, 2018 03:52 PM

Well, I sure don't know what on the agendas of feminists are because I'm not a feminist but I still know if something is bullshit or not, especially if it's as obvious as most wannabes make it.

I like to see it from my perspective, as an example, I'm a PC player, I play on PC exclusively aside from some Wii games that you can play with a bunch of friends. That doesn't mean I hate consoles nor would I spread hatred towards consoles, there's no point in it. A game that only comes out on console? I certainly won't write "Wow, fuck consoles" but rather "I hope this also comes out on PC at some point", one statement has destructive intentions and the other as constructive intentions. Why put a group of people down just because they got some things that I want but can't get when instead, I could fight for getting that something too and maybe eventually have it and if that would happen, both parties are happy.

Not sure if that's a good analogy, I suck at those but I hope you get what I'm trying to say. I also think that the text you posted from Karen Straughan makes perfect sense, while I think it's close to gatekeeping (saying you aren't because you don't), I also know that sometimes there's just no other way to make some people realize why they aren't something when they're saying they are by stating some examples.

Another personal example would be that I read signatures saying "IT Software Developer" and often realize that they gave that label themselves, then I work with those people and as a Software Developer myself I can tell you that the majority of those people aren't close to what a Software Developer is. They have no idea how to actually develop a software, yet they call this themselves and it always cracks me up a little bit because it makes me feel that the label isn't worth jackshit, so I do understand when actual feminists get cracked up over self named feminists.

tenchineuro • 13 points • 28 March, 2018 01:22 PM

Feminists usually don't hate men

Got some data to back this?

And if they did hate men, what would the difference be?

frisch85 • -3 points • 28 March, 2018 01:35 PM

Not sure what kind of argument you're trying to provoke but if you think feminists are feminists because they hate men then you're part of the problem because you put those wannabe feminists and the real feminists into one group.

Here's some food for thought that should lead you to your answer: Do you think that people who protest against racism also hate white people?

tenchineuro • 10 points • 28 March, 2018 02:00 PM

No, this is a real question. You say that feminists don't hate men, my question is, if they did, what would be the difference?

If they hated men, what would they do different?

1. Would they say all sex is rape?
2. Write laws that define all DV as male and lead to arresting male DV victims?
3. Crucify men on an nothing but an anonymoys #meeto?
4. Believe that all rape accusations are true? (and still call men proven innocent rapists)
5. See a major problem if too many men are gainfully employed?
6. Demand all the high-paying jobs then complain that there are not enough marriageable men (that make more than they do)?
7. Claim that every problem in the world is caused by men, or their alias the Evil Male HeteroPatriarchy[tm]?

Oh, wait...

frisch85 • 0 points • 28 March, 2018 02:33 PM

Now I get it, well, if they hated men, they would focus towards degrading men's life quality in general and not promote womens life quality to become equal.

The things that you mentioned are exactly the topics that the wannabe feminists fight for, it's to make life for men worse, not life for women better and that's the aspect that's completely wrong. Those aren't feminists, those are simply put haters. You shouldn't put up with those people, all they do is give you negative feelings.

I get the aggressiveness towards those people, I too hate people that think that it's rape if a woman is too drunk to give consent but if a man is too drunk it's not rape, that's bullshit, you cannot change what it is just because of the gender. Personally I also hate the "I was drunk" argument, it's bullshit on every level. You cannot have sex and say it's rape because you were drunk, it's rape when you got forced to it and I mean forced. Practicing intercourse and on the half way you say "I changed my mind" and suddenly it's rape, that's freaking bullshit.

Here's why I say it's BS:

I've been together with a couple of women during my life so far and there's more women to come. Some of them told me they cheated on her boyfriend which should've signaled a red-light for me. Not everyone who cheats will always be a cheater but the majority will be, at least from my experience.

I've been given 2 different reasons among those women why they did cheat, here they are:

Some of them cheated because they were drunk

Some of them cheated because they wanted to get back at their BF for cheating onto them first

Both statements are freaking moronic. All of my life I've never been so drunk that I would

suddenly forget that I have a girlfriend, I'd never cheat on my GF no matter how batshit drunk I am, if I would, there'd be a completely different problem and that problem is in the relationship itself. Those who wanted to get back at their BF are also assholes, if you catch someone cheating on you, you break up, easy and simple. If you don't break up, it's your own fault if more shit will happen in the future.

In life there's no excuse, there're actions and consequences. If you *choose* to life with a cheater, you'll eventually have to deal with the consequences, sadly too many people think there'd be no consequences for their actions and that same mindest applies to wannabe feminists too. They go on the streets, spread bullshit against men, unreasonable bullshit, I don't feel sorry for them if they get punched in the face because it's the consequence of their actions. If I go into public and would say "Hitler was a great man" out loud I can expect someone to smack me, only idiots would think that they'd be fine if they spread bullshit.

You could also name it Karma, a *feminist* going in public spreading shit against men may get away with it, one time, two times, maybe tree times but eventually they'll pay for what they do.

My hope is that all of the dumb idiots spreading hate among friendly people will one day wake up and say "fuck, I've been a shitty person" and then change but I also know that for many people this will never happen, they'll stay filled with hatred, they won't change but that's also ok, they'll be missing out so many good things in live because they are wasting their time by being negatively.

Now some people may say that I'm now spreading hatred towards those people but I don't, if anyone feels offended they should think about it for a minute why they do feel offended, why would anyone here think I'm talking about them and maybe they realize that, by the time they're reading this, they actually put themselves into the groups I'm talking about and maybe they'll then wake up from it and change because, guys, we don't have to support feminism but we should never promote hate against (the real) feminism movement.

handklap • -5 points • 28 March, 2018 12:43 PM

There are a lot of feminists who hate men, but none of them will endorse domestic abuse. Let's be at least halfway honest.

morerokk • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 12:12 AM

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Plenty will, and plenty already do.

tallwheel • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 03:29 AM

They won't *say* they do, he means.

DeePrincess • -4 points • 28 March, 2018 03:22 PM

Real change won't happen until both sides stop blaming one another.

Meyright • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 07:10 AM

It worked for one side till today, hasn't it?

and

Feminism blames men. MRA's blame feminism.

See the difference?

DeePrincess • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 10:58 AM

I really don't. Sorry

Meyright • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 11:04 AM

Feminism =/= women

DeePrincess • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 11:36 AM

Yes I personally agree with that. I just wouldn't say it out loud because "oppression". I believe in men's rights as much as women's.

imnotquitedeadyet • -7 points • 28 March, 2018 02:55 PM

100% of feminists would agree with this sign dumbfuck.

DarthCerebroX • 9 points • 28 March, 2018 05:20 PM

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Well, the actions of the mainstream feminist movement tell a different story...

Here... I'll bold the relevant paragraphs for you.

Here's a dozen examples of mainstream feminist organizations (such as NOW, the most powerful feminist organization in the world) fighting against true gender equality..

**** Karen Straughan on the "those aren't real feminists" argument****

The following is a very informed comment by Karen Straughan in response to a feminist who thinks the many blatant sexists among feminists aren't real feminists:

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imnotquitedeadyet • -6 points • 28 March, 2018 05:26 PM

Literally no feminist, whether they're extremely vocal/authoritarian or moderate af, literally no feminist would advocate for domestic violence against men. I'm saying this from experience and from the fact

that I've literally never heard this argument anywhere before.

None of what you said related to what I commented in the slightest, so I'm not going to read it. Maybe some of what you said has some footing, I don't know. And I don't care. Because that's not what we were talking about:

DarthCerebroX • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 06:21 PM*

Do you think "abuse" only refers to domestic violence or what?

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**Feminists have and continue to abuse men... not just individually but collectively by their actions. **

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Of course not, you'll use any excuse possible to wave your hand and dismiss what I have to say. You wouldn't want to have to confront the ugly truths about your movement, would you? It's much easier to just bury your head in the sand and go on pretending the world works exactly like you think it does.

morerokk • 5 points • 29 March, 2018 12:08 AM

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Except *literally* the biggest feminist organizations in the US, of course.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duluth_model

Don't be such a smartass if you haven't even done your research.

Regs2 • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 04:35 PM

The sneering women I told about getting a girl arrested for punching me would like to have a word with you.....

morerokk • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 12:08 AM

The vast majority of feminists think it's impossible for women to abuse men.

Mitrofang • -8 points • 28 March, 2018 04:53 PM

First and last time I enter this sub. Don't try to talk sense into them.

DarthCerebroX • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 05:26 PM

Hey there, I can understand why you might be turned off after seeing so many of us criticize the feminist movement. Youve been taught that feminism is this pure hearted altruistic movement that's always had

the best intentions... and to see so many of us criticize it, you think we must just be a bunch of sexists or something.

What you don't realize is that the feminist movement has done a lot of really shitty things over the last 6 decades that have harmed men, male victims and men's issues in general. When we criticize feminism, we're not talking about all the good hearted, normal everyday feminists like yourself out there. We are mainly talking about all the career professional feminists and feminist organizations that run the mainstream movement. They are the ones that lobby the government to influence public policy, run campaigns that negatively affect society's collective view of men, etc etc..

Incase you are interested in learning more about us.... Here are two comments of mine in this thread to help you understand our perspective a little better and why it is we have such a problem with the feminist movement.

I'd really appreciate if you keep an open mind and at least consider what I have to say. If you take the time to research the feminist movement, you'd realize that it doesn't reflect the dictionary definition or those ideals it's supposed to stand for.

Thanks again for your interest in our movement. We need all the help and support we can get!

Here is part 1 and here is the second part.

Cheers and take care!

Mitrofang • -3 points • 28 March, 2018 07:35 PM

You guys are attributing only the shitty acts to a whole movement. People are saying things like 'at least one sane feminist' or even that she must not be feminist because of the picture.

That's pure misogyny. I only sense hate against women over the whole sub, even if some of the topics themselves are good for debate. Thanks for the respectful message though!

DarthCerebroX • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 07:51 PM*

Dude, most of that shit is hyperbole that you're taking at face value.... We all know that feminism has done a lot of amazing things that have improved the lives of women in the West. I could spend all day listing off ways in which feminism has helped women and done good.

Our argument has never been "feminism has only done damage and is bad"..... Our argument is that feminism has always been bad **for men**. They have never done anything meaningful that has actually helped men. In fact, they've done a shit ton of stuff that has harmed men. And because the feminist movement harms men, it can never represent "true gender equality."

That's the point I have been trying to get across to you in all my comments...

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Woah woah woah...

Feminism =\= Women's Rights Feminism =\= Women in general

You're confusing the two.... I know that feminism is synonymous with women's rights now-a-days but the feminist movement doesn't represent all of "women's rights" in general.... And feminism sure as hell doesn't represent all women.

Do you even know what misogyny stands for?.... It's a hatred and contempt for the entire female gender... Nothing we are saying here is misogyny. Believe it or not, you can criticize the mainstream feminist movement while still supporting women's rights and gender equality. Feminism doesn't have a monopoly on "women's rights" or "gender equality"....

You make it sound as if we are against women's right to vote, own property, get an education and join the workforce.... like we want society to go back to how things were hundreds of years ago. That's fucking absurd and couldn't be further from the truth. All we want is for men to have equality under the law just like women. We want to stop the discrimination/inequality men face in many areas such as the divorce/family courts, criminal justice system, education system, etc. We want to raise awareness about men's issues and want society to actually start giving a shit about them.... And finally, we also want the mainstream feminist movement to stop doing things that have a negative impact on men.

moreroKK • 4 points • 29 March, 2018 12:09 AM

That's pure misogyny.

No it isn't. Criticizing feminism is not misogyny, and it never will be.

imnotquitedeadyet • -7 points • 28 March, 2018 05:26 PM

That's the most patronizing bullshit I've read on this site lol. Fuck off

imnotquitedeadyet • -4 points • 28 March, 2018 05:27 PM

Oh I already knew they were shit, but this is just something that doesn't happen at all. Guess it's not surprising they just make shit up though

DarthCerebroX • 7 points • 28 March, 2018 05:51 PM

Read my comments... what have I said that's not true?

Go throughout this thread and you can see me listing off dozens of real world examples of powerful and influential feminists and feminist organizations fighting against true gender equality and doing things that harm men.

You might disagree with my perspective but I actually back up my opinions with evidence to support my claims. Every example I provide is easily verifiable and many time I even source it already to save you the work.

How are you going to sit here and say "this doesn't actually happen" and pretend the mainstream feminist movement doesn't do anything to harm men? All you have to do is research the movement yourself or look objectively at the actions of feminists and you can see it for yourself.

All we are doing here is pointing it out and calling attention to these things... You must be really naive if you think the feminist movement is infallible and altruistic. The movement is run by feminist organizations with their own agendas who look out for their own best interests.

How is fighting against shared parenting bills true equality?

How is pushing sexist policies like the Duluth Model true equality?

You yourself might care about equality and behave in a way that is "egalitarian" but the mainstream movement sure as hell doesn't. If you actually take some time to research yourself, you'd realize this...

But you'd rather bury your head in the sand so you can go on pretending the world works exactly like you think it does.

imnotquitedeadyet • -3 points • 28 March, 2018 05:55 PM

You're a fucking moron. We aren't talking about any of the shit you're commenting about. We're

talking about if feminist are pro-abusing men. Which they aren't. The narrative from this post is just plain wrong. I don't give a fuck about your info, though I'm sure you're a super enlightened.

DarthCerebroX • 3 points • 28 March, 2018 06:40 PM*

Do you think "abuse" only refers to domestic violence or what?

Abuse: 1. use (something) to bad effect or for a bad purpose; misuse. 2, **treat (a person or an animal) with cruelty** or violence, especially regularly or repeatedly.

Hmm... using the feminist name for a bad purposes seems like it would count as abuse.

Popular feminists demonizing men and negativity effecting society's collective view of men seems like it would count as abuse.

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Feminists have and continue to abuse men... not just individually but collectively by their actions. If you'd actually consider what I have to say instead of dismissing it, you'd understand what I'm talking about.

Whether you want to accept it or not.... The mainstream feminist movement doesn't give a shit about true gender equality... And they sure as hell don't give a shit about men's well being.

But trying to explain this to closed-minded fanatics like yourself is like trying to explain algebra to a monkey. No matter how hard you try, they just can't understand... and in the end, you'll probably get a handful of shit thrown in your face.

Mitrofang • -5 points • 28 March, 2018 07:01 PM

I really really hope you are trolling, eventhough I know you aren't.

Feminism IS equality. Of course there are women (and men) who use feminist flag to do the exact opposite of what feminism represent, just like every other movement in history.

What you are describing is NOT feminism, is violence and sexism. Just because you see stuff like that on TV, and they put the banner of feminism, doesn't mean it is true.

You are so narrow-minded that cannot accept that most of feminist women donot tolerate those behaviours, just because you want to keep shitting around in you bubble and express your hate.

DarthCerebroX • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 07:32 PM*

Oh, I'm the one that's narrow minded huh?

Did you even read my comments like this one or this one ? Those aren't examples of mean feminists saying mean things on Twitter.... Those are very real examples of feminists organizations doing things that had a greatly negative affect on men, male victims and men's issues in general. Do you not realize how impactful those actions

were? Those things have harmed men for decades and decades...

My argument isn't that feminism is bad because assholes like Lena Dunham or Anita whatever say shit like "kill all men" My argument is that feminism is bad *for men* because they do a lot of really shitty things that harm us. Groups like NOW lobby the government to block alimony reform or equal shared custody reform. They lobby the government to replace gender neutral programs with women's only programs like the violence against women act. Feminists activists and women's advocates fight against men's rights groups like CAFE who try to raise awareness about male victims of DV or start up men's shelters.

Pull your head out of your ass and actually take some time to research the actions of your precious movement. I've already done the work for you and laid out dozens of easily verifiable examples.

Feminism IS equality. Of course there are women (and men) who use feminist flag to do the exact opposite of what feminism represent

Feminism IS equality? Lol... Oh lord... You sound more and more like a religious fanatic every comment you leave... Since when do social reform movement represent actual ideals like "Equality"? ... The feminist movement is just that, a movement... made up with people who have their own agendas and their own self interests at heart. It's pretty fucking ridiculous to claim that Feminism is equality itself personified..

Feminism originally stood for "a movement that fights for women's rights". That was the original definition and their only concern up until recently. It was only in the last 15 years that feminists decided to rebrand their movement and change the definition to include "gender equality for both sexes" that way they would pretend that they weren't just concerned with women's interests.

Everyone knows what those ideals feminism is supposed to stand for and we all agree with it... but you need to learn how to separate ideals/beliefs that are pure with the actual social reform movement which is fallible and corrupt.

The actual mainstream feminist movement... all the feminist academics, the college aged activists and all the powerful and influential feminists organizations that influence public policy and public opinion.... if you actually take an objective look at their actions you would see they aren't fighting for true equality like they claim. If that were the case, then they wouldn't continuously do shit that fucks over the male gender.

morerok • 5 points • 29 March, 2018 12:12 AM

What you are describing is NOT feminism, is violence and sexism.

So all those feminist organizations with *literally* millions of members are "not true feminists"? Sounds like a cop-out to me.

Feminists have created the Duluth Model. And they still support it to this day. A movement which says "women can't abuse men" will *never* be about equality. **Ever.**

[deleted] • -1 points • 29 March, 2018 05:16 AM

Probably a photoshopped pic

LoganBlade13[S] • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 06:30 AM

Why would I photoshop this?

evildonald • -5 points • 28 March, 2018 09:21 PM

Isn't this sub not meant to be a hate sub? Saying ALL feminists hate men sounds like a pretty hateful thing to say!

hackersaq • 5 points • 28 March, 2018 09:31 PM

I think the title pretty explicitly states that you find ones who are not man haters from time to time...

evildonald • -3 points • 28 March, 2018 10:23 PM

it explicitly says "A feminist". meaning one. I hope this sub doesnt become another hate sub. I had hopes for it.

Lethn • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 12:41 AM

When are people like you going to stop the smearing? Also, to try and claim that being against feminism is 'hate' is revealing just exactly what your beliefs are when it comes to that particular ideology, are you going to claim the sub is anti-women too?

evildonald • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 01:05 AM

People like "me" just want this place to be a positive sub about fighting for men's rights. People like "you" seem to want to promote a message of anti-feminism.. which is EXACTLY what the title of this post is being.

Pro-mens-rights is NOT anti-feminism. Though the down-votes are showing me otherwise. Looks like this place is already become a hate sub. Prove me wrong. Try not to down vote this.

Lethn • 2 points • 29 March, 2018 01:57 AM*

You're trying to label anybody who is against feminist ideology as being 'hateful' when that is not the case. Again, I regard your kind of ranting as slander. You're deliberately trying to stir shit up and make it out that forget being against feminism, merely being critical of it as an ideology is some horrible, unspeakable act.

It's not, so grow up, you'll be claiming the sub is anti-women next, that's usually the next slander attempt, trying to hide and downplay the awful things feminists do to men is not positive in the slightest which is what you're doing.

evildonald • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 08:35 PM

You are literally proving my point right here. I know PLENTY of men and women who would call themselves feminists who are not anti-men and who just want equality.

People with your position are making this place a hate-sub. Its the reason people misunderstand and dislike this sub. I want them to not hate it. Instead you see me as the enemy or a troll. I'm just trying to tell you how you are making yourself look to everyone else outside of this sub.

But please.. feel free to attack me some more. You already couldn't resist down voting me.

Lethn • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 09:30 PM

I know PLENTY of men and women who would call themselves feminists who are

not anti-men and who just want equality.

If you actually showed them what feminists genuinely believe you'll find that they're not feminists at all and know fuck all about the ideology they claim to believe in. People call themselves feminists because they naively believe the dictionary definition rather than what is currently believed by a lot of people who identify as feminists.

Also, I didn't downvote you and again, also, again, you're claiming this is a 'hate' sub, that's slander this is like trying to claim that people who are against Islam are far right etc. this is why I'm 'attacking' you, you deserve it for trying to paint that narrative.

So if you want me to be civil, stop claiming this is a hate sub, because you're lying.

evildonald • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:23 PM

So I understand you now. You've never met a real feminist. You have only met hateful people who have another agenda to push.

You need to understand that when you hate on all feminists, its like hating on all whites or all blacks. Usually its a vocal rabid minority ruining it for everyone.

If you go back and see what I posted all I have really trying to say here is when someone lumps all feminists together, they start being hateful.

Lethn • 1 point • 29 March, 2018 10:24 PM*

Feminism isn't an ethnic race, it's an ideology that can be criticised like any other, again, the way you keep trying to define it is a deliberate attempt to try and make people who criticise and are against feminism as being 'hateful'.

What you call 'real' feminism, isn't real feminism it's your own made up version and not what the majority of feminists believe.

HalpWithMyPaper • -3 points • 29 March, 2018 02:46 AM

Why is Mens Rights allowed to be about men, but feminism isn't allowed to be about women?

tallwheel • 7 points • 29 March, 2018 03:37 AM

It's fine for feminism to be about women, but I would ask them then to please abide by the following:

1. No man hating
2. Don't claim to be the one unified movement for gender equality for both sexes and only one necessary

HalpWithMyPaper • 0 points • 29 March, 2018 03:53 AM

So if I posted content related to men of color, queer and trans men, would that be welcomed by this community?

tallwheel • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 04:18 AM

Why wouldn't it be? And how does that in any way relate to what I wrote above?

Pillowed321 • 4 points • 29 March, 2018 03:43 AM

Nobody objects to feminism being about women. We object to feminists like you who deny that misandry even exists and who tell us to shut up about our problems.

LoganBlade13[S] • 3 points • 29 March, 2018 02:47 AM

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HalpWithMyPaper • -1 points • 29 March, 2018 02:48 AM

What do you not understand?

UberDuperDrew • -17 points • 28 March, 2018 11:10 AM*

She is cute. I would probably marry her.

Edit - I took a second look due to all the downvotes. Would still bang.

tenchineuro • 1 point • 28 March, 2018 12:00 PM

But if you did your current wife would kill you. :)