

A woman who emotionally tortures a man is the equivalent of a man who beats a woman.

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It's either gender abusing their evolutionary powers. On average, women are better at manipulating emotions, and men are more physically powerful than women. The vitriol for a man who beats a woman is universal, yet there's absolutely no response whatsoever when a woman convinces a man to kill himself or something like that.

I posted this in showerthoughts a year ago and it didn't do very well. I wanted to hear what you guys thought about this. Is it an accurate analogy?

DON'T JUST DOWNVOTE. I'M ASKING A QUESTION. IF THIS IS WRONG, TELL ME WHY.

Edit: Thank you for your thoughts. Consensus seems to be there's some truth to this but the issue is way more complex than suggested.

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I'd have to disagree. Yes, women are on average better at manipulation of emotions and ideas, but "emotional torture" could be considered an extreme, and i don't think i could equate manipulation with physical harm, no matter the gender. Depending on your view of the world, ideology, humanity, and ethics, manipulation can be viewed AT TIMES(i want to explicitly state this part as to not come across as some sort of sociopath) as either(and sometimes both) harmful, or beneficial, however physical violence against another, is harmful, no matter the viewpoint.

At the extremes of both ends, you are almost certainly correct, and emotional manipulation to the level of driving someone towards suicide,murder,etc. is most CERTAINLY wrong, and in many ways even more twisted than physical beating. But beating someone to a pulp is most definitely still very very wrong.

In a perfect world, emotionally manipulating someone into doing something harmful to themselves or others, or doing so in order to illicit negative emotions(depression, rage) would be viewed as a crime on par with assault, but even with that being the case, run of the mill manipulation and coercion isn't a crime or a negative in and of itself.

Edit: i know this is all over the place, tired as fuck and trying to wake myself up with a few bowls, if this is incoherent lemme know, ill try again when feeling less adhd.

Impacatus • 7 points • 10 April, 2016 12:51 AM

Kind of strange that the impression in popular culture is the opposite. Someone talked about what a great progressive show Parks and Rec was, but when I watched it I noticed two instances of physical retaliation against men who insulted women, and one verbal retaliation against a woman who beat up a man. All of which were treated as justified.

But I'm not sure I agree with your premise. Women being weaker than men is used to excuse the double standard of violence against men, and we should be fighting that double standard, not trying to create an equally unfair double standard towards emotional abuse of women. You won't succeed in making society not care about that even if you try.

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pretty much exactly on point right here.

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I'm not sure how i feel about this, i think for one, using that analogy is a little broad, plus men and women manipulate and men and women use physical violence. There was a teenage girl in recent months, who convinced a young boy to take his life and she is being hauled up for that and rightly so, i would take a look at the Narcissist subs on here to see that its a 50/50 split men and women who are committing those types of prolonged abuse.