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Men, men, men! Sigh! Imagine a group of forty something women, sitting and yapping over freshly brewed coffee, dealing with a pack of cards, and laughing off heartily! You would want to guess what the topic perhaps would be, and unsurprisingly so, it would be "men" – their respective husbands! Well!

Let's try and presume what would a group of 20-something girls would talk about? That's right, men again! Newly married, men who dumped them, men that they dumped, the good old college crushes, men who challenge them, and men who don't! They quirky things men do the adorable things too. It is always about men. Either praising or complaining. The latter, more often, I'd reckon.

Let's look at a group of little girls. 6 year olds, 10 year olds. Too smitten by their fathers, the men they look up to and the men they dream of in their own little fairy tale!

So, for women, from the age of 10 years to 80 years, life is all about men. Fathers, boyfriends, husbands, sons and then grandsons. And people say, feminists are changing the culture around the world.

Can it happen? Extremism of any sort has always been detrimental, as we have seen in history of mankind. Be it extreme feminism or chauvinism, there has to be another solution to the obstinate problems of the battle of sexes. What are they? We have always called ourselves rationalists. We strive for equality, which is the underlying goal of feminism too. But somewhere, the cause has been forgotten and a war is being fought. A war between who is stronger. Men or Women.

Is a woman different from man? Is a man different from woman? If no, what's the basis? If yes, how?

This edition, we tried to get out of our comfort zone, into an even more comfortable zone, and understand men. They claim women are difficult to understand. But a woman is not supposed to be understood, she is supposed to be loved. And a man...

Well, we'll see.

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Difference of perception

	Chauvinism	Equality	Extreme Feminism	Acceptance
1. Career and Home Management	Men are supposed to earn money and food which is a superior job than women cooking food and feeding the family.	Men and women can earn, can bring up families together, can both cook and live peacefully by doing all tasks in understanding and distributing work, tasks and finances between them.	Why should women cook food, when they can earn money for the family?	Men are programmed to go out and hunt, as in older days, where physical brawn was more important than mental skills. Now the modes of earning are not restricted to just strength of body or muscles, hence women are catching up with the "earning money" part. Hence, it is the prerogative of every human being, be it either man or woman, to accept that one will live righteously, earn, feed and "respect" each other, irrespective of the difference between the two. Because, men can never be equal to women.
2. Bearing and bringing up children	Sperms are the biggest gift of God to a man, and hence a male child is a blessing more than a female child, as a woman is impregnated by a man.	Women give birth to children, and men take care of their upbringing. They distribute responsibilities, they stay up in the night to watch the child in turns, and they both equally attend to the needs of the child.	Why should women undergo the pain of child delivery, and be blamed if it is a girl? Men are responsible for the Y chromosome which determines sex of the child. Men should take care of the children, as the duty if the woman is not to spend her entire life behind a child.	A man and a woman are endowed with different capabilities. Carrying a child in her womb for 9 months is the most excruciating task for a woman, and no matter how hard a man may try, he will not be able to even empathize what is to be carrying a child. Women are given this amazing strength and trust of bearing and bringing up a child, because she can. Men are emotionally not strong enough, not sensitive enough to understand what a child needs when it cries. Hence, a mother always has the responsibility of bearing and bringing up a child, without question. Because that is how it was intended. Men have a job of supporting the family, when the mother is busy taking care of the child. This is how it was supposed to be. There is no point in comparing the roles of mother and father, because they are not comparable.
3. Sex	I will make my woman satisfy me, whenever I want. That is what women are for.	Men and women experience pleasures in different ways and capacities. So they should take turns in satisfying each other, and make sure this act is not just one way.	Women have needs, and they can demand it whenever they want or reject a man's desire, if she is tired and exhausted. Women are not objects of sex.	The only basic thing that differentiates a man from a woman is the reproductive organ. The response to the act of sex for both of them is completely different. Where procreation is not a priority and pleasure is, in that case, one or the other remains unsatisfied many times, and it has nothing to do with ego. Sometimes you see the beauty of human life; sometimes you make someone see it. But when the act is for procreation, then pleasure is a byproduct. There has to be an acceptance of this fact, because again, the superiority is not the question, the involvement is.
4. Relationships and society	I am the man, and I run the family, so it runs after my name!	Both distribute responsibilities, name, fame, status and recognition equally and live in mutual peace and understanding.	I refuse to follow the rules the man has made. I make my own rules. I won't change my name after marriage.	Some things are beyond tags or labels. Women can never match men and vice versa is true too. The fight for equality or fight for proving that men are superior to women or women are superior to men is baseless. There were two genders made, with an intention that there'd be two opposite poles. Unequal. Different. In the process of proving a point, the men have been suppressing women, and women have lately started retaliating against anything that demeans the status of men. A housewife was a proud lady, back in ancient times, when she had the greatest responsibility of molding the characters of her children; until it was deemed socially low or derogatory. Hence women started fighting back, and the unnecessary fight for equality erupted. Men and women can never be equal. This has to be accepted.

Women: Nymphomaniac

Men: Men

Men are from Mars, they say...
Mars the God of war, passion, and sexuality.

Sex! The urge! And all the tags that come along with it. The men are unnecessarily blamed for thinking about sex all the time. How can one curb the naturally programmed brain? There is a word in the English dictionary for a woman who has excessive or obsessive desire for sex. Whereas, there is no such word for men, because they always have a desire for sex. It is said, that a man thinks about sex every 7 seconds.

Let's dig deeper.

The power of reproduction lies in the hands of men. Where men can create 100 babies in a year with 100 women, a woman can create on 1 baby, even if she has encounters with 100 men. When god created man, he knew that he would go forth and procreate. Hence men have this urge of procreating, multiplying their clan, whereas women are more interested in the wellbeing and spiritual elevation of the clan. Hence she undergoes the pain of the child birth and all the accouterments, whereas men are always looking forward to multiplying their breed. This is the basic instinct. So, no matter how much we ask men to keep sex off their minds, it would be asking them to do something they are not programmed to do. This explains their sexual urge and inability to be more understanding towards the fairer sex.

This has been a result of years of scientific studies in various labs across the globe. Dichotomizing the mentality of men and women is the most impossible task, because there is no solid explanation behind the way they function. The closest explanations come when we look into the evolutionary theory and realize that, a male behaves just the way he is programmed to, and a woman, with her sensitivity and depth of understanding, maintains the harmony of all the living beings around her. Each of them is performing their own roles. They did it very diligently until a few centuries ago, until the fight for power erupted.

The men started tagging themselves as the superior ones, showing the women their place by exploiting them, and demeaning their social status. After years of putting up with the pressure, the female clan have retaliated, and called out a war.

"Well, it seems to me that the best relationships - the ones that last - are frequently the ones that are rooted in friendship. You know, one day you look at the person and you see something more than you did the night before. Like a switch has been flicked somewhere. And the person who was just a friend is... suddenly the only person you can ever imagine yourself with."

— Gillian Anderson

They want to be equal to the men. Even when it comes to sex. Technically, women have very deep sexual desires and they scrutinize very carefully before selecting a partner to satisfy themselves. The selection of man is hence based on a variety of things, starting from looks, to scent, intelligence and sense of humor. They make very sure that the procreation is a result of a great communion and not just casual encounters.

But the women, who go about casually having flings and sexual encounters, with a great appetite of physical satisfaction are rightly labelled nymphomaniacs. They have this sense of proving a point to themselves and men that sex is not just a man's domain. Since time immemorial, women were the ones who had an upper hand in the bedroom games.

Further, in order to prove their prowess over the women who are fast catching up on the progress that men are making, these men tend to exhibit their powers in other ways and that results in many social crimes.

There is more to these crimes than just the sexual urge that men have. Human beings are bestowed with an incredible thing called the "Mind" which when regulated guides us in whatever direction we intend it to. If there is no control over it, then we see crimes happening around us. It is not correct to blame the entire clan of men for the delinquencies that keep happening in the society. There is another aspect to this whole picture, which has more to do with the societal upbringing.

All said and done, the sooner we accept that men are, and will always be the way they were supposed to be, and then perhaps we could concentrate on other means of solving the more persistent problems of the society. Because, we cannot change the way men are programmed. We can surely change, the way they use their thoughts, and where it is directed.



The Status Quo

"I will go wash toilets, but I will not enter the kitchen and cook. It is a menial job". This is something one of my friends always says when we get into interesting discussions about men and women.

There is this stigma about things that men "don't" want to compulsorily do because they feel it is supposed to be done by women. We cannot question whether they mean it in a derogatory sense or not but I am hammered with an idea that "cooking is a menial job" and if the women don't want to do it, they might as well save their selves from it. But women are meant to cook, at the end of the day. Many chefs are men, that story is altogether different.

Similarly, there are a lot of things that women "want" to do, only because men are doing it. I am not talking about any profession here. I am talking about slangs and trends. Be it fashion, or colloquial usage of certain words phrases, or latest style.

One day, someone asked me, why I call a girl "dude". I could rather use better and more suitable titles, than calling her "dude". "Dude" is a male tag. I was startled for a while, and I introspected, why and when did I first start calling my girl-friends dude.

After analyzing, I realized, a lot of things are becoming gender neutral these days. The accolades, titles, the responsibility to carry them are all equal to men and women. So "dude" is one such word. There is nothing demeaning in it when it is used on a woman. But there are many people who think, that we are trying to become someone that we are not.

Same is the case with dressing. More and more women are resorting to western formals, denims and shirts, and doing away with skirts, or Indian formals, because they believe in comfort more than making a point in the society. There is inherent grace and charm in all the girly apparels but when girls slip in to a

comfortable pair of jeans and shirt, she chooses her right to express freely and stay as comfortable as she wants. The Dhoti culture in the south of India is nothing but a derivation of Saree, if one might point out. People wear it without shame, because that is more comfortable clothing in those climatic conditions.

If you read literature, old classics you will realize 'beautiful', 'pretty' were adjectives associated with a man. Now we have no adjectives for men anymore, except 'smart', 'handsome'. If anyone is referred to anything else apart from these, they think they are being insulted for being woman-like. But a compliment is a compliment, which is not restricted to any gender.

Men have been a tremendous source of inspiration for women. Only because certain feats were achieved by men, did women think that they could achieve it too. There are a lot of domains that women are yet to foray, and they are still lagging behind.

What women need is equal support and exposure and not criticism. It is heartening to see men exploring the women-dominated professions too, like cooking, fashion, accessories designing, dancing, interior decoration etc. There is no limit to creativity and learning in today's world.

Perhaps, when we stop questioning, Why is a girl calling another girl 'bro, or dude', or why is that man designing sarees instead of chopping wood, then we would have attained a harmonious society we all have been seeking.

There shouldn't be any fingers pointing at anyone, because of the way they dress, what language they use (unless it is demeaning to anyone), what profession they pursue, or what thoughts they express. That should be the status quo, and not what it currently is.



The patient's family gathered to hear what the specialists had to say. "Things don't look good. The only chance is a brain transplant. This is an experimental procedure. It might work, but the bad news is that brains are very expensive, and you will have to pay the costs yourselves." "Well, how much does a brain cost?" asked the relatives. "For a male brain, \$500,000. For a female brain, \$200,000." Some of the younger male relatives tried to look shocked, but the men nodded in understanding, and a few actually smirked. Then the patient's daughter asked, "Why the difference in price between male brains and female brains?" "A standard pricing practice," said the head of the team. "Women's brains have to be marked down because they are used."

we love our men...

Because they can never fake orgasms, even if they wanted to.

Because they write poems, songs, and books in our honor.

Because they never understand us, but they never give up.

Because they can see beauty in women when women have long ceased to see any beauty in themselves.

Because they come from little boys.

Because they can churn out long, intricate, Machiavellian, or incredibly complex mathematics and physics equations, but they can be comparably clueless when it comes to women.

Because they are incredible lovers and never rest until we're happy.

Because they elevate sports to religion.

Because they're never afraid of the dark.

Because they don't care how they look or if they age.

Because they persevere in making and repairing things beyond their abilities, with the naïve self-assurance of the teenage boy who knew everything.

Because they never wear or dream of wearing high heels.

Because they're always ready for sex.

Because they're afraid to go bald.

Because you always know what they think and they always mean what they say.

Because they're like pomegranates: lots of inedible parts, but the juicy seeds are incredibly tasty and succulent and usually exceed your expectations.

Because they love machines, tools, and implements with the same ferocity women love jewelry.

Because they go to great lengths to hide, unsuccessfully, that they are frail and human.

Because they either speak too much or not at all to that end.

Because they always finish the food on their plate.

Because a well-spoken four-year old girl can reduce them to silence, and a beautiful 25-year old can reduce them to slobbering idiots.

Because they are brave in front of insects and mice.

Because for them there's no such thing as too much adrenaline.

Because when all is said and done, they can't live without us, no matter how hard they try.

Because they're truly as simple as they claim to be.

Because they want to be either omnivorous or ascetic, warriors or lovers, artists or generals, but nothing in-between.

Because they love extremes and when they go to extremes, we're there to catch them.

Because they are tender when they cry, and how seldom they do it.

Because what they lack in talk, they tend to make up for in action.

Because they really love their moms, and they remind us of our dads.

Because they never care what their horoscope, their mother-in-law, nor the neighbors say.

Because they make excellent companions when driving through rough neighborhoods or walking past dark alleys.

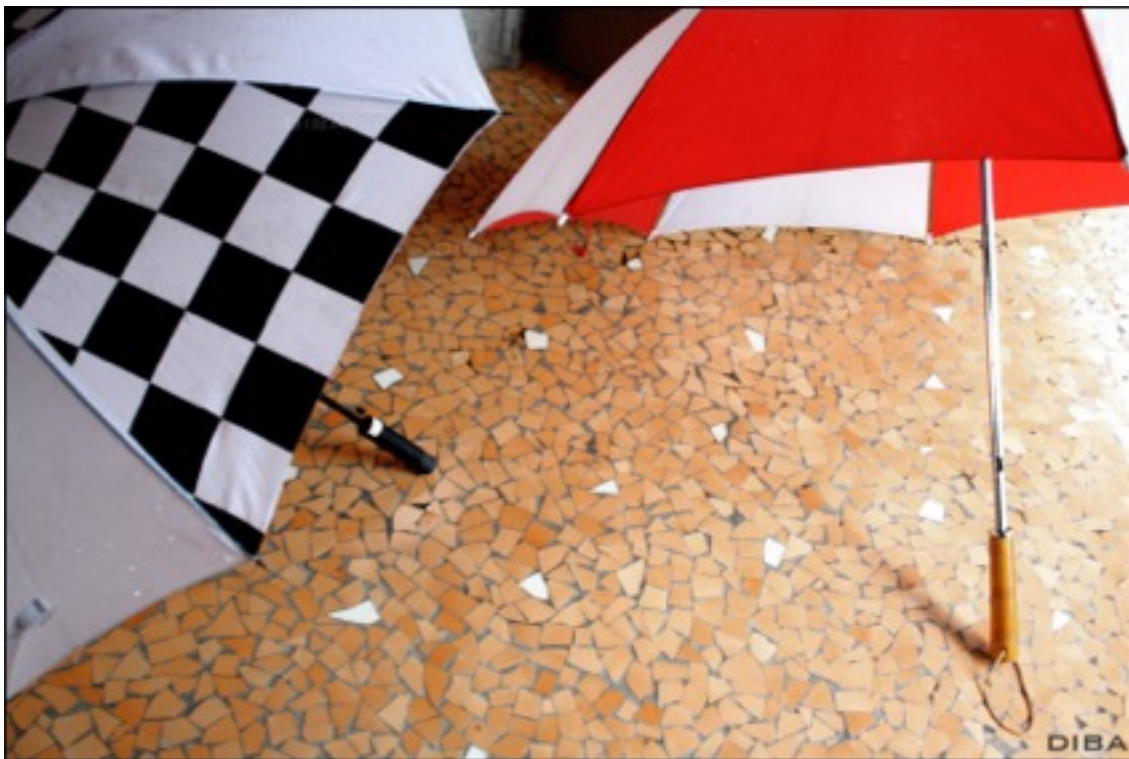
Because they don't lie about their age, their weight, or their clothing size.

Because they have an uncanny ability to look deeply into our eyes and connect with our heart, even when we don't want them to.

Because when we say "I love you" they ask for an explanation."

- PAULO COELHO

Women vs Men



What women say and mean

We need = I want
It's your decision = The correct decision should be obvious by now
Do what you want = You'll pay for this later
We need to talk = I need to complain
You're...so manly = You need a shave and you sweat a lot
You're certainly attentive tonight! = Is sex all you ever think about?
I'm not emotional! And I'm not overreacting! = I've got my period
This kitchen is so inconvenient = I want a new house
I want new curtains = and carpeting, and furniture, and wallpaper ...
I need wedding shoes = the other 40 pairs are the wrong shade of white
Hang the picture there = NO, I mean hang it there
I heard a noise = I noticed you were almost asleep
Do you love me? = I'm going to ask for something expensive
How much do you love me? = I did something today you're not going to like
I'll be ready in a minute = kick off your shoes and find a good game on TV
Is my butt fat? = Tell me I'm beautiful
You have to learn to communicate = Just agree with me
Yes = No
No = No
Maybe = No
I'm sorry = You'll be sorry
Do you like this recipe? = It's easy to fix so you'd better get used to it
I'm not yelling! = Yes I'm yelling because I think it's important
All we're going to buy is a soap dish = It goes without saying that we're stopping at the cosmetics department, the shoe department, I need to look at a few purses, and those sheets would look great in the bedroom and did you bring your check book?

What men say and mean

I'm hungry = I'm hungry
I'm sleepy = I'm sleepy
I'm tired = I'm tired
Do you want to go to a movie = I'd eventually like to have sex with you
Can I take you out to dinner? = I'd eventually like to have sex with you
Can I call you sometime? = I'd eventually like to have sex with you
May I have this dance? = I'd eventually like to have sex with you
Nice dress = Nice cleavage!
You look tense, let me give you a massage = I want to fondle you
What's wrong? = I don't see why you're making such a big deal out of this
What's wrong? = what meaningless, self-inflicted psychological trauma are you going through now?
What's wrong? = I guess sex tonight is out of the question
I'm bored = Do you want to have sex?
I love you = Let's have sex now
I love you, too = Okay, I said it...we'd better have sex now!
Yes, I like the way you cut your hair = I liked it better before
Yes, I like the way you cut your hair = \$50 and it doesn't look that much different!
Let's talk = I am trying to impress you by showing that I am a deep person and maybe then you'd like to have sex with me
Will you marry me? = I want to make it illegal for other men to have sex with you
I like that one better (while shopping) = Pick any frigging dress and let's get out of here.

Slamming the 'MCP' tag

'What an MCP ba***rd....'
'You are such an MCP.....'
'I hate MCPs....'
'How MCP can you be....'

Almost all women know what an MCP is. Few men are unaware of this slang and its origin.

MCP – Male chauvinist pig, is a demeaning abbreviation for men coined by feminists. It is an outcry of disgust against the ever increasing chauvinism, perhaps.

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"Chauvinist" means someone who assertively maintains that his or her kind -- usually people of the same nationality -- is superior; "Chauvinism" refers to an extreme and bigoted form of patriotism. Thus, "male chauvinism" was used to refer to an attitude of male superiority or male entitlement to power over women.

"Pig" was a word of derision used by some student activists in the 1960s and 70s to refer to police officers and, by extension, others with power.

Pronunciation: show'-veh-nist

Aka: mcp, m.c.p.

Examples: If that male chauvinist pig had lived twenty-five years later, he'd have been sued for sexual harassment!

I came across this abbreviation long back while in school, as I was scrolling through a feminist magazine. I loved the abbr. and the demeaning power it possessed.

I mean, comparing men to the filthiest of animals must be wee bit demeaning. But with due considerations to its multiple usage in daily vocab, has it really triggered men at all? Has it reduced their chauvinistic approach towards us?

Do men, really care? Is calling them an MCP really derogatory? Or is it just a woman's presumption of hurting his sentiments (if any)? Why do we use that slang? What effect does it have on men? We are so used to this slang.... we tag men with "MCP" for almost everything they do.

Men who can't stand higher salary or job profile of their wife, is the most common victim of the MCP tag

Men who refrain from kitchen activities and thinks it's a female territory – MCP

Men who can't take their girls befriending other guys –MCP

Men who think, women who have guy friends is a slut – MCP

Men who think, women who wants sex is a nympho –MCP

Men who think, women can't drive – MCP

IS being a chauvinist, actually pig like?

While refraining from male bashing, I did reflect and came across many such instances which actually reflect female duality, all around these words chauvinist and chivalrous.

There's a thin line between chauvinism and chivalry. And women being women use it to their advantage as and when required. When he doesn't open the car door for you, or doesn't pull the chair for you at the restaurant, or doesn't pay the bill but goes the Dutch way or worse asks you to pay.... he becomes uncivilized and unchivalrous, and unlike a true gentleman. On the other hand, if he opens the door he is a flirt or fake. if he pays the bill, oh god, he becomes a chauvinist who thinks, that women can't pay their bills or whatever.

So anything he does, the tagging is inevitable, be it unchivalrous, chivalrous, feminist or chauvinist. So the guy is at a loss any which way.

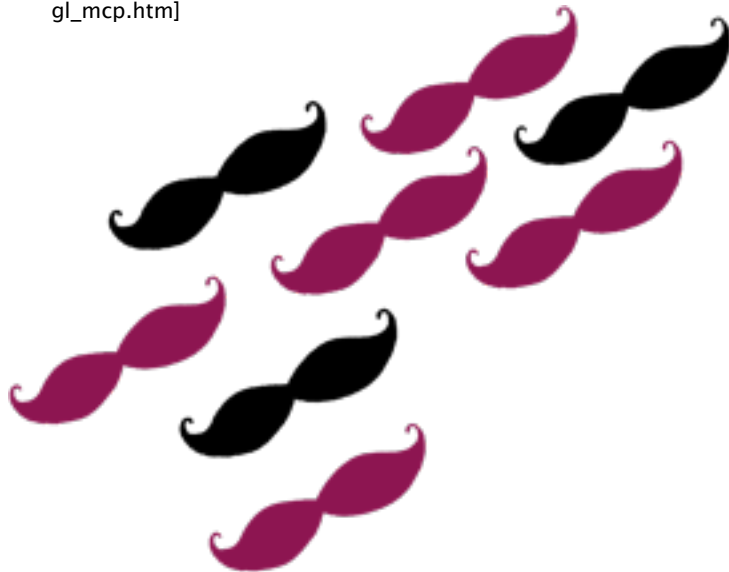
With time we have seen our fathers being much less chauvinist as compared to our grand dads, our husbands, or brothers or friends being lesser chauvinist than our fathers. Few men though still have this illusion of being all powerful and supreme. But with changing times, men's perception of a woman and her strength and her worth is changing.

So, I believe, that 'MCP' as a slang or abbreviation is on the verge of extinction. Its high time women understand what they want from their men and start differentiating between the two Cs of chauvinism and chivalry.

As for men, all you have to do is respect women, all women and every women, be it your mother, sister, wife, daughter or just a stranger. You respect a human, and you get back the same thing.

We are not equal, but we are all humans, and have the right to live a dignified life, so let's stop derogating men, because at the end of the day, whether he is chivalrous or chauvinist, we love our men, our father, brothers, boyfriends, husbands, friends and sons..... No bounds!

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from hims and hers to UNisex

In the recent flick, KICK, Sallu wears a blue embroidered kurti, I almost instantly remembered my same blue colored kurti, which I loved to wear, almost a decade back. Some good memories and a good story to tell my friends.

Today, I not only love to raid my sister's wardrobe but I check out my brother's wardrobe too. The new trends in guys of cool colors and varied necks from cowl, to V, to layered, give their tees more or less a unisex look. The low necks tees and cleavages are now no more a women's territory alone! Gone are the days when guys' clothes comprised of boring collared and round neck black, white and grey tees. Today even the slippers have fantastic array of colors... who remembers the good old, blue and white bathroom slippers?

Slippers are the new big thing.... exorbitantly priced, funky colors and wearable outdoors! That's a plus! Even the bags which were earlier sexist, back sack being for guys and slings for girls have been replaced by unisex slings, backpacks, totes and so many new types - all colorful, busy with retro prints or having some fundoo quotes.

The pinks and blues are for all now. The ear studs, tattoos, rings, bangles(ironically), chain, bracelets...etc have all seen a considerable rise in the men's segment.

Parlors and saloons are no more separate entities but a huge air-conditioned grooming studio.... for all. Men and women both get waxed, both thread their brows, both get facials, both get massages. So why two different words should be stuffed in our dictionary?

Unisex is the new big thing in marketing and merchandise. Be it stores of hims and hers replaced by Uni, or perfumes and deos being manufactured for all, tee shirts, bags, slippers.... even the shoes called LOAFERS are unisex... (I always thought loafer is a guy thing ;)

Fashion gurus and the entire fashion industry is gradually giving up on the sexist philosophy as far as it can and making more and more things unisex. The merchandise is turning unisex with accessories, makeup, creams, soaps, shampoos, etc. So also the clothing industry is visibly swapping and inter-mingling the eternally feminist print of

kalamkari and bagh on kurtas and kurtis for men. Well, for that matter, kurtis are another unisex piece of clothing to hit the Indian and international world of fashion.

While I laughed uncontrollably when Joey from FRIENDS sitcom advertised a lipstick from Japan, I never really gave it a thought that almost all actors do wear a lot of makeup which includes lipstick. It's nothing to hide or be ashamed of, as men too, work hard to look good for the dame. Maybe this is the reason of increasing appointments of the groom along with the bride in parlors for makeup! They have always colored their grays, but now we all go in for the different highlights to accentuate our looks; men and women both.

While women have always loved to get into her man's oversized clothes, today's men are gradually taking a step and getting into women's fashion and how. They might not really fit into your fitted tees but at least today's metrosexual men dare to buy prints and patterns very similar to feminine prints, without a hint of sexist doubt or shying away.

There's an allusion of welcome change, of acceptance, of de-conditioning.... the set paradigms of pinks and blues, hims and hers, chauvinism and feminism are gradually eroding and fading away.

It's good that the inhibitions are being kept at bay, because I personally feel that the world of handprints, weaves, chiffons, cottons and colors should be open to all, alike!



From the desk of Men's Rights Activist

We got a chance to talk to Mr. Rajesh Vakharia , President in General of an NGO named "Save Indian Family Foundation" (SIFF) based out of Nagpur, which basically deals with injustice done to men. Here are a few questions which enlighten us about the cause and idea about this NGO.

What is SIFF? What does SIFF do?

SIFF is a prominent Men's Rights Organization in India. Its fights for men's human rights and seeks to protect men and their families from Govt sponsored undemocratic social experiments. SIFF provides guidance and support to men and their families, who face domestic violence and false cases of dowry harassment and section 498a. SIFF protects these men and families from extortion by a corrupt police and court system, where laws are used to coerce men to cough up huge sums of money as out of court settlement, with complete disregard to basic principles of law and natural justice. SIFF works to prevent suicides of men, who are victims of domestic violence and false cases filed by wives. SIFF also campaigns for gender neutral laws and ending of misuse of all laws. SIFF often helps men get in touch with their inner selves and their emotions, so that these men can get peace, when they have marital problems.

Why SIFF is fighting for Men's Rights, when it is a Male Dominated Society?

We are not living in a Male Dominated Society. The truth is, we always lived in an "Alpha Male" dominated society, where 1% men dominated rest 99% men and 100% women. These alpha males have vested interests in using women against men, most often in exchange for favor including sexual favors or just simply female attention. Men as a whole are not a homogeneous group. Men have very little in-group bias compared to women. Since ages men have brutalized and killed fellow men. Let's take an example, if you are in a lift with Bill Gates, then on an average everyone in the lift is a billionaire and is very rich. It is absurd, if Govt taxes you for being a billionaire, just because you shared a lift with him. Same way, some men being Presidents or CEOs does not make any difference for a man who is a coolie or a daily laborer or a Dalit. These poor and powerless men get no benefits due to one person of their gender being very rich or powerful. On the other hand, these poor and powerless men risk facing positive discrimination, because of that single rich and powerful alpha male. The feminists and the many people in Arts and Media have misled the society by twisting and distorting the facts and the reality.

What are SIFF's views on Feminism and Women's Movement?

SIFF has no problems at all with Feminism, provided: Feminism is focused on Gender Equality in all aspects of human life, including quality of life, access to social services, risks taken in life, suicide and accident rates, equal life expectancy. Feminist denounces positive discrimination of any gender and gender quotas. Feminists stop propagating false statistics and hoaxes by sticking to facts. Feminists stop their hate campaigns against all men, by stereotyping men as violent and evil. Hate does not solve any social problems, it can only worsen it.

It is simple common sense to understand that one cannot apply "equality" in a selective way in some aspects of life, while promoting inequality in other aspects of life. That is hypocrisy and also stupid.

Does SIFF agree that men commit more violence against women than the other way around?

Well, if the male and female gender roles are reversed, women will end up committing more crimes against men than the other way around. If women are given the social role of a "violent protector" of men, elders, children, religion, culture and nation, then they will certainly commit a lot of crime against fellow women and even men. Pushing men to a corner instead of freeing them from age old gender role of "Violent Protector", is the root cause of crime by men. Free the men, there will be drastic reduction of crimes against everyone.

How men are expected to be "violent protectors" by society? Is it not nonsense?

Since the days of Gladiators and Musketeers, the society expected men to be violent protectors. Even today, billions of people across the world love watching violence in movies. People throng to movie theaters to watch violent protectors like James Bond, Terminators and transporters. People remained glued to TVs in 1980s in India, to watch depiction of violent wars of Ramayana and Mahabharata. In Mahabharata, Lord Krishna advocated violence for protecting society and dharma.

Of course, men have to fight for their country and society. How is that bad?

There is nothing called good violence and bad violence. Violence is violence and all violence is the same. The more men fought beasts in the wild, the more they started behaving like beasts. If you wish a violence free society, then the "violent male protector" role has to end completely. Today, in the name of protecting religion, men indulge in riots and terrorism. Then, to protect nations, they have created huge weapon arsenals and arms industry. All these are unnecessary. SIFF has a big intention for a peaceful world free from all violence.

What are SIFF's views about violent crimes against women like Rape in India?

In every society, there is crime. Policing is important. If police does not do their job properly in investigating or catching a culprit, then the solution is not to create draconian anti-rape laws without checks and balances. Today, men are charges with rape, if they have a break up in live-in relationship. Because, there are no checks and balances. Every person accused of rape must be presumed innocent until proven guilty. There are thousands of innocent men being framed in false rape cases. Subjecting a man to a false rape allegation and ruining his life, is equivalent to rape of the man by the society. The women leveling false allegations of rape are never punished in India or the world, because societies consider women as kids and think women do not have a brain of their own and hence women are not responsible for anything. In the end, if men are freed from violent protector role, if boys are not emotionally suppressed, if families are strengthened and if boys are protected from abuse by women during their childhood, we are sure the rate of rapes will drastically reduce in India.

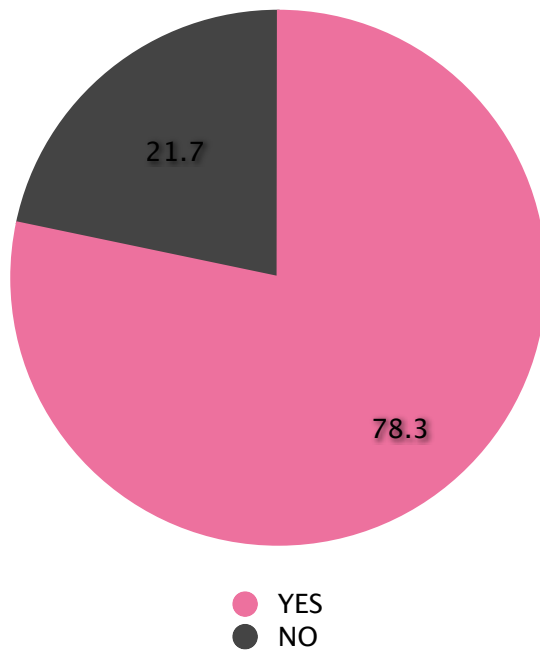
"Men don't settle down because of the right woman. They settle down because they are finally ready for it. Whatever woman they're dating when they get ready is the one they settle down with, not necessarily the best one or the prettiest, just the one who happened to be on hand when the time got to be right. Unromantic, but still true."— Laurell K. Hamilton, *A Kiss of Shadows*

Survey

The male dominated society has had the compulsive need to earn and support their families. With the increasing number of women taking control of the home finances and foraying into the jobs that men do, the burden of running a family has now reduced on men. Despite equal support from women in family matters, be it bringing up kids, cooking or now earning, men do feel the need of going out there and earning for their family because psychologically they consider themselves to be the provider of the family.

With the survey that we took, we found out that the assumption about men feeling the need of being the provider still holds true, even in 2014, despite their wives or partners earning a good amount of income to run the family.

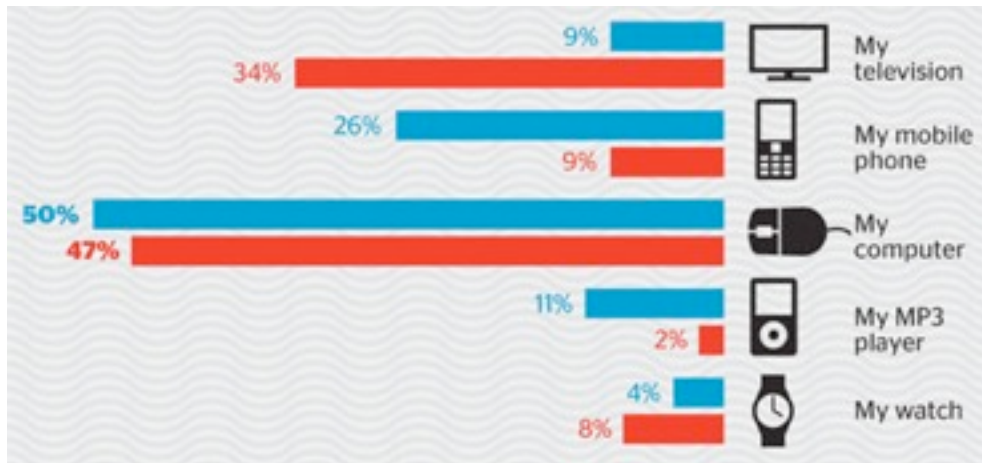
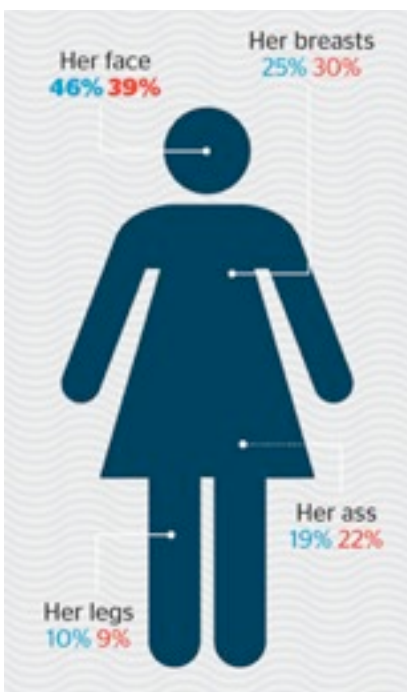
1. Suppose your wife/significant other earned enough to support your family's lifestyle. Would you still feel a compulsion to provide for your family?



Which one of the following is the one thing that you would not live without?

BLUE: Age group 20 – 40 years

RED: Above 50 years



What is your favorite part on a woman's body?

BLUE: Age group 20 – 40 years

RED: Above 50 years

"Margaret Atwood, the Canadian novelist, once asked a group of women at a university why they felt threatened by men. The women said they were afraid of being beaten, raped, or killed by men. She then asked a group of men why they felt threatened by women. They said they were afraid women would laugh at them."

— Molly Ivins, *Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?*

"I believe that all men are just overgrown boys with deep problems communicating."

— Neil Gaiman

how men grow up?

They say, if a mother is expecting a baby boy, then she ought to wait for a long time until the baby decides to spurt out. Boy kids are very very lazy. So lazy, that they even refuse to leave their mother's wombs. Girls on the other hand are always eager and prompt in coming out and seeing the wonders of the world.

Laziness is not a habit or something that the men develop over time. Laziness is a package they are born with. Over their life span they have to work to overcome it and not let it hamper their aims in life. Being ambitious is another innate quality they are born with. Now how do we make these claims? The men reading this space would agree to all that we just mentioned, and the women would compulsorily nod their heads in agreement. Not that women are not ambitious, but men are born with a fighting spirit and aggression, whereas women are more peaceful without a compulsive need to go behind things and "win".

Do you ever see a young boy, wearing shorts and a ragged shirt, coming after a field game whine about how his friend tore his clothes into pieces? Rather he would cry about how he got defeated in a match that they were playing, or express pride in the game he might have won putting at stake everything he had, even the priced shirt that got converted into a rag eventually. Guys do not really worry about what the material things they lose in the game. It is more about pride. So that's where ambitions come into picture.

A mother somewhere might wonder, if ambition is indeed an inborn quality, then why isn't her son ambitious about studies. Well, the qualities come with "conditions applied". They are very selective in whatever they do. A boy may be thoroughly crazy and ambitious about football, but have no interest in studies whatsoever. How can you blame that kid? He shows all the qualities of a normal guy. He likes anything that is triggers his urge of competing and proving himself.

With exposure to philosophies, studies and other means of education and learning, the male fraternity tend to develop other qualities which hover around these two basic qualities of laziness and ambitiousness.

I walked into my friend's apartment the other day, only to see what a mess he stayed in, while his wife was away for a few months. Sometimes, their brain chooses to ignore the obvious discomforts which may trigger a woman's wrath, but they tend to live peacefully in that surrounding.

Men are also worst listeners. Those who claim they are good, only do selective

listening. The brain of men is like a box with compartments, which are secluded from each other. One compartment has nothing to do with what is in the other. They are capable of opening up any compartment anytime, and processing that information at that given moment. Unlike women. Psychologist claim, that women store information which is in a wired format, one information linked to the other. That is the reason why, one thing totally unrelated to the other can trigger a totally different emotion. Therefore men find it very difficult to understand how the brain of a woman functions. There is a lot of simplicity in the way men think, which makes it easier for them to access the compartments inside their brains.

For example, if they see a lot of mess around, in their house, they shut the compartment which triggers the push or need to clean it up and they concentrate on, perhaps,, watching cricket and forget about the mess altogether. Whereas, it is needless to say how a woman would function around the same mess.

Men grow up to become very dependent on their female counterparts for a lot of things, than just food and sex. They are emotionally bound to their mothers, and later their partners, because they always tend to find their comfort zone. Men will usually not have any emotional bonding with other men, and instead bond overtly well with females. The inverse is true for women.

Living with men, is a challenge in itself, because they are totally different, yet similar. There is a whole lot of steps to cover to meet the line of difference. This is perhaps how it was intended to be. Had it not been for the differences between men and women, life would have been, simple, drab, mundane and uninteresting.

Now answering the question in the title.. How do men grow up?
The answer is - They don't!



[osho gyaan]

excerpts from discourse of Osho

The Fundamental Slavery

Sex is the most powerful instinct in man. The politician and the priest have understood from the very beginning that sex is the most driving energy in man. The sex instinct has been curtailed, cut, crippled. Man does not exist as the bull now, he exists like the ox, and each man is pulling a thousand and one carts. Look and you will find behind you a thousand and one carts, and you are yoked to them.

Why can't you yoke a bull? The bull is too powerful. If he sees a cow passing by, he will throw both you and the cart, and he will move to the cow! He will not bother a bit about who you are, and he will not listen. It will be impossible to control the bull. Sex energy is life energy; it is uncontrollable. And the politician and the priest are not interested in you, they are interested in channeling your energy into other directions. So there is a certain mechanism behind it—it has to be understood.

Sex repression, tabooing sex, is the very foundation of human slavery. Man cannot be free unless sex is free. Man cannot be really free unless his sex energy is allowed natural growth. These are the five tricks through which man has been turned into a slave, into an ugly phenomenon, a cripple.

The first is:

Keep man as weak as possible if you want to dominate him. If the priest wants to dominate you or the politician wants to dominate you, you have to be kept as weak as possible. And the best way to keep a man weak is not to give love total freedom. Love is nourishment. Now the psychologists have discovered that if a child is not given love, he shrivels up into himself and becomes weak. You can give him milk, you can give him medicine, you can give him everything else, but just don't give love. Don't hug him, don't kiss him, don't hold him close to the warmth of your body, and the child will start becoming weaker and weaker and weaker. There are more chances of his dying than surviving.

Sexual energy comes to its climax near the age of eighteen. Never again will a man be so potent, and never again will a woman be able to have a greater orgasm than she will be able to near the age of eighteen. But we force them not to make love—girls and boys are kept separate, and just between them stands the whole mechanism of police, magistrates, vice-chancellors, principals, headmasters. They are all standing there, just in between, just holding the boys back from moving to the girls, holding the girls back from moving to the boys. Why? Why is so much care taken? They are trying to kill the bull and create an ox.

By the time you are eighteen you are at the peak of your sexual energy, your love energy. By the time you get married at twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven . . . and the age has been going up and up. The more cultured a country the longer you wait, because more has to be learned, the job has to be found, this and that. By the time you get married you are almost declining in your powers. Then you love, but the love

never becomes really hot; it never comes to the point where people evaporate, it remains lukewarm. And when you have not been able to love totally, you cannot love your children because you don't know how. When you have not been able to know the peaks of it, how can you teach your children? How can you help your children to have the peaks of it? So down the ages man has been denied love so that he should remain weak.

Second:

Keep man as ignorant and deluded as possible so that he can easily be deceived. And if you want to create a sort of idiocy—which is a must for the priest and the politician and their conspiracy—then the best thing is not to allow man to move into love freely. Without love a man's intelligence falls low. Have you not watched it? When you fall in love, suddenly all your capacities are at their peak, at their crescendo, just a moment ago you were looking dull and then you meet your woman and suddenly a great joy has erupted in your being; you are aflame. While people are in love they perform at their maximum. When love disappears or when love is not there, they perform at their minimum.

The most intelligent people are the most sexual people. This has to be understood, because love energy is basically intelligence. If you cannot love you are somehow closed, cold; you cannot flow. While in love one flows. While in love one feels so confident that one can touch the stars. That's why a woman becomes a great inspiration, a man becomes a great inspiration. When a woman is loved she becomes more beautiful immediately, instantly! Just a moment ago she was just an ordinary woman, and now love has showered upon her—she is bathed in a totally new energy, a new aura arises around her. She walks more gracefully, a dance has come to her step. Her eyes have tremendous beauty now; her face glows, she is luminous. And the same happens to the man. When people are in love they perform at the optimum. Don't allow love and they will remain at the minimum. When they remain at the minimum they are stupid, they are ignorant, they don't bother to know. And when people are ignorant and stupid and deluded, they can be easily deceived.

When people are sexually repressed, lovewise repressed, they start hankering for the other life. They think about heaven, paradise, but they don't think to create the paradise here, now. When you are in love, paradise is here now. Then you don't bother; then who goes to the priest? Then who bothers that there should be a paradise? You are already there! You are no longer interested. But when your love energy is repressed, you start thinking, "Here is nothing, now is empty. Then there must be somewhere some goal..." You go to the priest and ask about heaven and he paints beautiful pictures of heaven. Sex has been repressed so that you can become interested in the other life. And when people are interested in the other life, naturally they are not interested in this life.

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The third secret:

Keep man as frightened as possible. And the sure way is not to allow him love, because love destroys fear—"love casteth out fear." When you are in love you are not afraid. When you are in love you can fight against the whole world. When you are in love you feel infinitely capable of anything. But when you are not in love, you are afraid of small things. When you are not in love you become more interested in security, in safety. When you are in love you are more interested in adventure, in exploration. People have not been allowed to love because that is the only way to make them afraid. And when they are afraid and trembling they are always on their knees, bowing to the priest and bowing to the politician. It is a great conspiracy against humanity. It is a great conspiracy against you! Your politician and your priest are your enemies, but they pretend that they are public servants. They say, "We are here to serve you, to help you attain a better life. We are here to create a good life for you." And they are the destroyers of life itself.

The fourth:

Keep man as miserable as possible—because a miserable man is confused, a miserable man has no self-worth, a miserable man is self-condemnatory a miserable man feels that he must have done something wrong. A miserable man has no grounding—you can push him from here and there, he can be turned into driftwood very easily. And a miserable man is always ready to be commanded, to be ordered, to be disciplined, because he knows: "On my own I am simply miserable. Maybe somebody else can discipline my life." He is a ready victim.

And the fifth:

Keep men as alienated from each other as possible, so that they cannot band together for some purpose of which the priest and the politician may not approve. Keep people separate from each other. Don't allow them too much intimacy. When people are separate, lonely, alienated from each other, they cannot band together. And there are a thousand and one tricks to keep them apart. For example, if you are holding the hand of a man—you are a man and you are holding the hand of a man and walking down the road, singing—you will feel guilty because people will start looking at you. Are you gay, homosexual or something? Two men are not allowed to be happy together. They are not allowed to hold hands, they are not allowed to hug each other. They are condemned as homosexuals. Fear arises. If your friend comes and takes your hand in his hand, you look around: "Is somebody looking or not?" And you are just in a hurry to drop the hand. You shake hands in such a hurry. Have you watched it? You just touch each other's hand and shake and you are finished. You don't hold hands, you don't hug each other; you are afraid. Do you remember your father hugging you, ever? Do you remember your mother hugging you after you became sexually mature? Why not? Fear has been created. A young man and his mother hugging?—maybe some sex will arise

between them, some idea, some fantasy. Fear has been created: the father and the son, no; the father and the daughter, no. The brother and the sister no; the brother and the brother—no!

People are kept in separate boxes with great walls around them. Everybody is classified, and there are a thousand and one barriers. Yes, one day, after twenty-five years of all this training, you are allowed to make love to your wife. But now the training has gone too deep into you, and suddenly you don't know what to do. How to love? You have not learned the language. It is as if a person has not been allowed to speak for twenty-five years. Just listen: For twenty-five years he has not been allowed to speak a single word and then suddenly you put him on a stage and tell him, "Give us a great lecture." What will happen? He will fall down, then and there. He may faint, he may die . . . twenty-five years of silence and now suddenly he is expected to deliver a great lecture? It is not possible. This is what is happening! Twenty-five years of antilove, of fear, and then suddenly you are legally allowed—a license is issued and now you can love this woman. "This is your wife, you are her husband, and you are allowed to love." But where are those twenty-five years of wrong training going to go? They will be there.

Yes, you will "love" . . . you will make a gesture. It is not going to be explosive, it is not going to be orgasmic; it will be very tiny. That's why you are frustrated after making love—ninety-nine percent of people are frustrated after making love, more frustrated than they have ever been before. And they feel, "What is this? There is nothing! It is 'not true!'"

These five things can be managed through a single thing, and that is the taboo against love.

Sex is not wrong. You are wrong if you are stuck there. Move higher. The higher is not against the lower; the lower makes it possible for the higher to exist.

First, guilt creates pretension. Then pretension creates alienation from people. Even the child, your own child, will not feel in tune with you. There is a barrier—your pretension. One day you will come to know that you are just pretending and so are others. When everybody is pretending, how can you relate? When everybody is false, how can you relate? How can you be friendly when everywhere there is deception and deceit? You become very, very sore about reality, you become very bitter. You see it only as a devil's workshop.

And everybody has a false face, nobody is authentic. Everybody is carrying masks, nobody shows his original face. You feel guilty, you feel that you are pretending and you know that everybody else is pretending. Everybody is feeling guilty and everybody has become just like an ugly wound. Now it is very easy to make these people slaves—to turn them into clerks, stationmasters, schoolmasters, deputy collectors, ministers, governors, presidents. Now it is very easy to distract them. You have distracted them from their roots.

Just for laughs

Two New Elements Discovered! Wo and Xy...

Two new chemical elements have recently been discovered. Here for the first time is a description of their properties.

Element Name: WOMAN

Symbol: WO

Atomic Weight: (don't even go there!)

Physical Properties: Generally round in form. Boils at nothing and may freeze any time. Melts whenever treated properly. Very bitter if not used well.

Chemical properties: Very active. Highly unstable. Possesses strong affinity to gold, silver, platinum, and precious stones.

Violent when left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of exotic food. Turns slightly green when placed next to a better specimen.

Usage: Highly ornamental. An extremely good catalyst for dispersion of wealth. Probably the most powerful income reducing agent known.

Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

Element Name: MAN

Symbol: XY

Atomic Weight: (180 +/- 50 Pounds)

Physical properties: Solid at room temperature, but gets bent out of shape easily. Fairly dense and sometimes flaky. Difficult to find a pure sample. Due to rust, aging samples are unable to conduct electricity as easily as young samples.

Chemical properties: Attempts to bond with WO any chance it can get. Also tends to form strong bonds with itself. Becomes explosive when mixed with Kd (Element: Child) for prolonged period of time Neutralize by saturating with alcohol.

Usage: None known. Possibly good methane source. Good samples are able to produce large quantities on command.

Caution: In the absence of WO, this element rapidly decomposes and begins to smell.

"Wherever you find a great man, you will find a great mother or a great wife standing behind him -- or so they used to say. It would be interesting to know how many great women have had great fathers and husbands behind them."

— Dorothy L. Sayers, *Gaudy Night*

How men score in the romance game!

1) SIMPLE DUTIES

You go out to buy her flowers: +5

But return with beer: -5

You check out a suspicious noise at night: 0

You check out a suspicious noise and it's nothing: 0

You check out a suspicious noise and it's something: +5

You pummel it with a six iron: +10

It's her cat: -10

2) SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

You stay by her side the entire party: 0

You stay by her side for a while, then leave to chat with a drinking buddy: -2

Named Shalini: -4

Shalini is a dancer: -6

Shalini has silicon jobs done: -8

3) SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

You visit her parents: +1

You visit her parents and actually make conversation: +3

You visit her parents and stare vacantly at the television: -3

And the television is off: -6

You spend the afternoon watching college football in your boxers: -6

And you didn't even play football in college: -10

And it's not really your boxers: -15

4) HER BIRTHDAY

You take her out to dinner: 0

You take her out to dinner and it's not a sports bar: +1

Okay, it is a sports bar: -2

And it's all-you-can-eat night: -3

It's a sports bar, it's all-you-can-eat night, and your face is painted the colors of your favorite team: -10

You give her a gift: 0

You give her a gift, and it's a small appliance: -10

You give her a gift, and it's not a small appliance: +1

You give her a gift, and it isn't chocolate: +2

You give her a gift that you'll be paying off for months: +30

You wait until the last minute and buy her a gift that day: -10

With her credit card: -30

And whatever you bought is two sizes too big: -40

5) THOUGHTFULNESS

You forget to pick her up at the bus station: -25

Which is 40 kms away: -35

And you are late and she is drenched in rain: -50

6) A NIGHT OUT WITH YOUR PALS

You have a few beers: -9

For every beer after three, -2 again

And miss curfew by an hour: -12

You get home at 3 a.m.: -20

You get home at 3 a.m. smelling of booze: -30

And not wearing any shoes: -40

Is that a tattoo? -200

7) A NIGHT OUT, JUST THE TWO OF YOU

You go see a standup comedian: +2

He's crude and sexist: -2

You laugh: -5

You laugh too much: -10

She's not laughing: -15

You laugh harder: -25

8) DRIVING

You lose the directions on a trip: -4

You lose the directions and end up getting lost: -10

You end up getting lost in a bad part of town: -15

You get lost in a bad part of town and meet the locals: -25

She finds out you lied about having a black belt: -60

9) COMMUNICATION

When she wants to talk, you listen, displaying a concerned expression: +20

When she wants to talk, you listen, for over 30 minutes: +5

You listen for more than 30 minutes, without looking at the television: +10

She realizes this is because you've fallen asleep: -10

Courage is to be able to cry

Men.... the all mighty, all powerful, all muscles.... They can't afford to cry, its weak to cry. The can't be seen as meek, weak cry babies....

But men are emotional fools too... they cry too, sometimes in solitude, sometimes in public, sometimes in front of their loved ones. For loss, or hurt, or stress or heartbreak, they do cry. Holding their tears isn't the strongest of things to do, but many do stop that valve.

My uncle cried, when I topped my university, when I got my first job. He cried when I said a yes to a guy, when I got engaged, when I got married (obviously), whenever I call him from my home far away now.

My friend cries when he sees a dying pup on the road, when he watches the news of innocent people been bombed and killed, when hospitals and schools are burnt down for the selfish interest of a few.

Men cry. Yes. They do. And it is not an act of weakness, but that of strength to be able to express so openly, in the ways which is apparently the prerogative of only the females.

The other day, I was sitting in a coffee shop sipping coffee, all alone and working on an assignment, when I heard a few sobs. I wanted to instantly turn around and see who it was. But I did not. I sensed that the person was sitting all alone and if I turned back and gave a look, it would be embarrassing for him. Yes, it was a guy, 24-25 years old. Dressed in smart denims and a Tommy Hilfiger T-shirt, that I instantly noticed when he entered the shop. He seemed to be from a decent background. I could've judged him to be a spoilt guy from an uptown colony, driving rich cars and spending money in coffee and beer joints. But he sobbed there, sitting alone, and I was intrigued. I wouldn't lie, but I eavesdropped. I got myself into a very comfortable position where I could hear clearly what he was doing. Sipping coffee, playing with his keys, typing on his blackberry, sobbing uncontrollably.

He got a call from someone and he started talking. He held his shaky voice and heard out what the other person was saying. With intermittent 'hms' and 'haas', I realized someone was consoling him.

He then said, "But she suffered a lot. Cancer took everything from her. I will miss her. I don't know what a life without mom is" I sat there startled. I heard more.

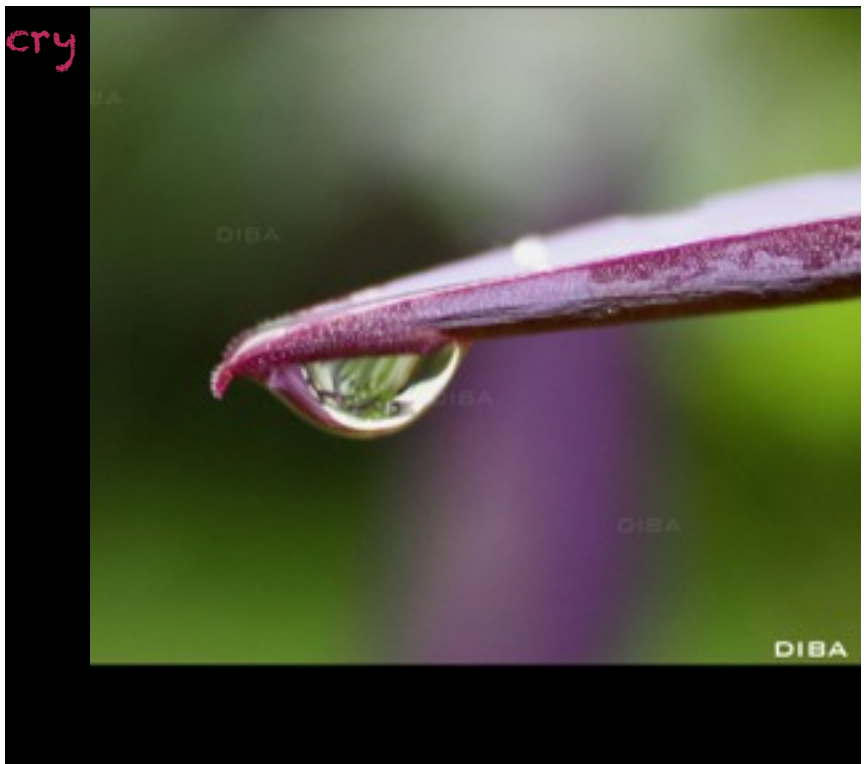
"..and Neha's decision was shocking. She decided to get married to that guy, after all these years...", he went on.

"How long is 10 years, dude...10 years...", he cried.

This guy, sitting on the next table, had lost two women. His mom to cancer, and his girlfriend to circumstances.

"I wish I could stop crying. I don't want to cry in front of dad", he went on.

"He is too weak to handle my weaknesses", he said.



"I'll see you soon, buddy. Come home. I just need to be with my folks for a while. It's too hard."

And he cried more.

We women, barely cry alone. We usually have a company. And that company is not for solace, but it is for collective sobbing. It is liberating, you know. But for guys, it is not a good thing to be able to cry.

Imagine the tears of joy, in the eyes of a father who just saw his newborn. Tears of pride, when his kid achieves a feat. Tears of satisfaction, when the daughter holds the father and ensures he will always be loved. Tears of gratitude, when his old mother cooks his favorite food. Tears of love, when the beloved goes out of the way and does something. Tears of pain and agony of losing a loved one. Tears of helplessness when you see things that are beyond your control. Tears while watching an emotional movie. Tears when the dialogues of "If Only" shatter the core. Tears when you hear a song that relates his exact state of mind.

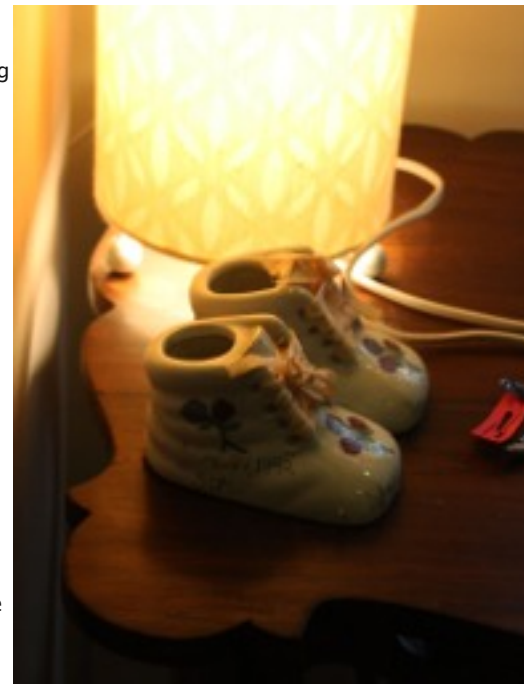
We know, the tears have meaning and we know the tears are irrepressible at times. Those are the times, women end up respecting men even more. Because it's nature to be able to express through tears.

The man, who sat there, did what the society didn't approve of - he cried. In private. Alone. Without showing others that he could cry. And I... I left the coffee shop like an inconsiderate woman, who cares a damn about a person who is crying. Doesn't he deserve to weep and grieve openly. Can't I as a human console another human being?

We are a result of the conditioning of the society. Now you tell me, is it fair? What would you do?

10 things I will teach my son

1. Not to abuse. Abusing is derogatory, not only to women, but also to human beings in general. There are better ways of directing ones anger!
2. Not to be a Male Chauvinist Pig. Everyone has the right to Respect and Dignity.
3. Not to judge someone by the color of their skin. Beauty is not skin deep. .There is more to a person than the way he/she looks.
4. Respect women. Be it your mother, sister, a family member, any woman you see on the road, or a random passerby.
5. Going to the kitchen, cooking, or tidying the room, is not only a girl's job. There is nothing disdainful in cooking for yourself, or managing your own errands.
6. Pink is a universal color. There is no point in feminizing and discriminating it.
7. Violence is not strength. Courage, patience, kindness, generosity and respect are!
8. Like a boy with many girlfriends is labelled as a "STUD", you should not label a girl as "SLUT" no matter what the reason is. Respect women.
9. A girl is not her shape. She is beyond all that you look and judge. Learn to appreciate the innate qualities than just what is obvious.
10. Women are not objects. They are not supposed to be looked at, teased, commented upon, bought, sold, or mistreated. They are as human as the men are!



GIVEAWAY TIME!

This is our 6th Edition and how excited are we?

Super Excited!! :D :D :D

Visit our FB page for more information, as we have interesting Giveaways this month on the occasion of Independence Day. Don't miss it! Two lucky readers will get some interesting gifts!

Mind your business

To the nagging wife, who never lets the husband watch sports past midnight, who wants to snuggle and sleep on the bed while he wonders which team is performing better and how the match is progressing, lady who watches all the soap operas while the husband sits mum..to you lady, when your man watches his share of TV..you mind your business..

To the doubting jealous girlfriend.. Men are infidel, taken..but give your guy a benefit of doubt...he has his life, his friends, and girl friends too... if he has genuinely confessed his love for you, he ain't going nowhere..he is yours... so let him have his space and time.. to the girl who bullies his man for having his circle of friends, and who herself goes on coffee, shopping sprees with her girl friends...you..mind your business..

To the guy who never lets another guy spend time with his family or girl friend peacefully.. who thinks, a family man is a waste fellow, who doesn't know how to enjoy life.. .who believes that one who values his wife is not man enough...who believes that one who is a teetotaler is a failure and doesn't know how to enjoy life... to you mister, if your friend is living an honest life... let him..and you mind your business

To the mothers-in-law who feel that the sons-in-law are not up to the mark, who always keep telling their daughters how to keep their husbands in control, who unnecessarily spoil happy families by making their daughters do things they don't want to, and brain-washing them to act against their husbands, to you, dear aunties... we'd say, you've lived your life, let your daughters live hers.. so please....mind your business.

Men's Legal torture

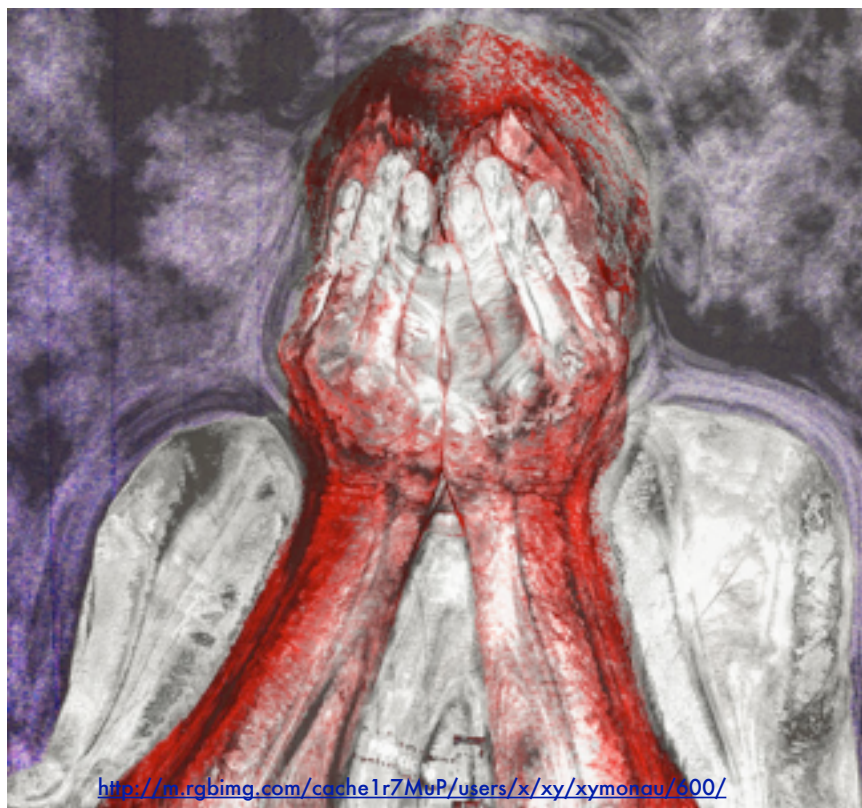
It is a common perception (through media hype about women's torture and anti-patriarchal propaganda) that only men are the torturers and women are victims, which is also quite evident from the average physical strength of the former.

The legal torture of men is not an issue of physical strength or abusive behavior of one party, it is an issue of a legal system, which is designed to do injustice and hand-over powerful tools of torture in the hands of one-section of the society. The system is indeed eradicating evils from society but at the same time there is such a huge proportion of innocent individuals, who are ground in the system, which is crumbling the not so bad patriarchy as it is portrayed through media. Such a nazist legal system created by feminist groups is making feminism synonymous to Nazism in India.

The torture to men comes from the draconian provisions and presumptions of Indian law against the natural principles of justice, in pursuit of quick questionable justice to woman, with the predisposition against husband and his family. The definitions of act constituting crime in matrimonial matters are extremely vague and the procedures are attempts to make justice before court's verdict. For example, IPC 498a where a woman has only caused minor hurt to "a man" is a bailable offence, but if man causes the same hurt to a woman who happens to be "a wife", it is a non-bailable offence.

Surprisingly all the criminal provisions in laws relating to women are non-bailable crimes. Crimes, which are of extremely serious nature, are only supposed to be made non-bailable and cognizable and non-compoundable. But every draft of women's laws makes each crime non-bailable, so that man can be held under terror of being imprisoned. e.g. a man against whom restraining orders are obtained by wife for resisting her from working, is liable to be imprisoned only on the complaint of woman. The domestic violence law goes further one step, in allowing the conviction of the man only on wife's testimony. A man who is caught with an unscrupulous wife, which is more often than not the case, is doomed for life. He constantly lives under terror in house as his liberty financial, social and physical is completely at the behest of a woman.

In UK and USA, a man is treated equal before the law. A man can be a victim of sexual assault or rape. He may also obtain restraining orders against his wife for domestic violence. Although the laws relating to maintenance are equally discriminating, and men have always been afraid of that. A strange phenomenon among British and American citizenry is worth learning a lesson from. The marriage rate is sharply declining among UK's youngsters. The reason is legal complications of marriage are unbearable for most of the men. With more and more intrusion of stringent laws into today's happy homes, in favor of women against men, government is surely leading India into doom's valley. This is a blunder politicians are committing by not learning from the history of other nations.



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We have always known feminists as home-breakers and my grandparents have always hated these concepts and strongly condemned them. Yet my grandfather and father took good care of my mother, myself and my sister and all the boys and girls in my family are well educated. We don't see any fault in the patriarchal system, unless you must find one using Domestic Violence Act! But we are a content and happy family. Please do not enter into our home. We don't want government with feminist scraps in our house. Give us more rational laws, which will bring only the perpetrators to justice and will strengthen the existing family system

and will respect the honor and dignity of men. DO NOT implicate innocent men in criminal laws in the name of social reforms.

Rajesh Vakharia is an activist committed to fighting for injustice done against men. He is based out of Nagpur and runs an NGO called 'Save Indian Family Foundation'. He is also one of the founder members of a research wing called 'Confidare', who work in various cities in India for the welfare of men undergoing legal hassles under incorrect and false charges, and it also organizes support groups for various pertinent yet indiscernible issues related to men. They support the cause of Men's rights and the contact details are available on the website: <http://www.saveindianfamily.org/> and <http://www.confidareindia.com/>. For more information please visit the website.

Cover Speaks

As we are focusing on men, in this edition... the cover needed to be focused on men, and still be a part of Oh!womana....

The sign of Mars is the focal point of the cover.... which sits on multiple layers addressing the multiplicity of their personalities, good and bad hence the variations in grey.

With due respect and accolades to the MARD movement, we did our bit for the mooch talked about moustache which is everywhere now.... from finger rings to bags to clothes to keyrings.... It's trending...

So we used this symbol of men against rape and discrimination to define men. To give a loud shout out to men who are not ashamed of accepting their female side and a subtle suggestion to men who suppress this pink behind their masculine self.

The X and the Y both are required to keep the balance and acknowledging that together with the fact that we are different and can never be equal....

The most feminist - pink color, tries to break the set conditioning that only females can be associated with pink as well as deliberates the acceptance of pink as a universal color thereby also metaphorizing the pink for the various dualities, sexism, hypocrisies of the society which has made men and women sit in totally separate and alienated boxes.

The white background showcases the purity of thought with which we at ohwomana wanted to write about men we love, why we love and why we are not the extreme feminists but rationalists who don't love to hate but actually love men. We are trying our best to accept them as they are and request them to do the same.

Because what is required is acceptance, respect and feeling of letting each live with dignity.

Behind every successful man there is a woman, in every male is his female side which is trying desperately to manifest itself. Let go your ego and embrace this pink.

Announcement

When are not busy writing and putting together all articles, we indulge in more serious fun! Really! We are not kidding. The whole process of coming up with an edition means having coffee wherever we are and yapping philosophy over whatsapp and bbm. Finally our hearts push us to write and we end up with these editions. We are in love with whatever we do! We would love for more people to join us and share this madness.

People who are serious about work, who are extremely talented and like to work on schedules and deadlines. Those who promise things and

keep it, and those who have won awards in art and literature and most "not welcome". The fun lovers, mad hatters.. You are most free to join us, and see how crazier can people get. Oh! Womana is about living one day at a time, and then summarizing all that we have lived and learnt. It's about making our very own zone wonderful. Slowly we hope it spreads wider and wider, making this world a beautiful place to live in.

If you are interested to be a part of our team, please write to us at ohwomana@gmail.com

Come, join and help us spread the love and light!

PS: We have read the comments and taken up a few pointers too. How much we follow and stay in our senses, is all up to the rotation and revolution of the earth! We are unapologetic, but we sincerely respect feedbacks and we couldn't have been more thankful! :)

So keep 'em coming.

~Choli ke peechhe kya hai...

This edition was something we were very excited about .Writing about women and their problems is easy, because we can easily empathize, but getting into the shoes of men was a challenging task, but so much fun. We talked about so many things, from marriage, to spirituality, and ... ok..no more theorizing.. Here it is for you to read..

And what is masculinity all about?

D: Ders feminity in every male
Y: Ok this week i am gonna make a big deal of this issue thru fb updates so that ppl look fwd to this

Y: Thr is.. Ofcourse
D: Hence big mooch me andar pink

Y: They dun agree
D: Chupa pink
D: I loved tis pink
D: I was thinkin har page k header me pink mooch rakhte
Y: Hau.. Was wondering...
Womana ka bhi man pink me rakh ke baaki wo-nia dusra

And what do souls do?

Y: But what do old souls do??
Y: Kuch purpose hota hoga na
Y: I wish i knew my purpose
D: N wo 51 spirituality wale Toh I din remov frm tabs
D: I knw
D: I really wana knw
D: It's anyoin
Y: Yep..

Seeking talent

Y: N we need more writers i realised...
D: Editi cover pics
Y: We cannot be at our optimum best at all times
D: Ha
Y: What do u think
D: V hav few requests
Y:Achha??
Y: Cool then next issue onwards we'll hav more writers... Slowly we'll move to managing n editing only
Y: Let's spread the word with this edition itself...
D: Ya.. Ohk

Until Next time:

Note: All the typos in the posts are intentional. If you haven't found any, Congratulations! We welcome contributions from interested writers. For more details on the coming issue, please write to us at ohwomana@gmail.com.

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More light, more power to everyone!
Help spread the love with Diba and Yamini :)

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