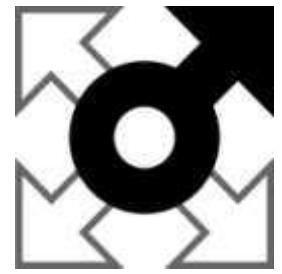


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Gender Sentiment

By Tim Goldich

Gender belief systems, gender politics, gender policies, and gender “common knowledge”—when it comes to such matters, are humans in thrall to the irrational? What's running the show here? As I figure it, instinct, chivalry, Eros, the differing physical appearance and vocal characteristics of men and women, plus the myths and mythos—that date all the way back to the mighty Odysseus and the fair Helen of Troy—*these* are the forces running the show. If we were to boil these constraining emotional factors all down to one word, the word I'd choose is sentimentality. From a purely logical standpoint, sentiment is meaningless. But from a human standpoint, sentiment trumps logic.

And so, in direct contradiction to half of all gender facts, truths, and realities, *officially*, we believe that men have *the* power and women are *the*

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President's Corner

By Harry Crouch

Greetings! I'd like to update you a bit on some of our activities since the last issue of Transitions...

Our roving international ambassador and liaison in the Republic of Georgia, Carl Augustsson, brought us two new liaisons, Erik Wedin in Sweden and Kennedy Owino, Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Wedin is considering forming an NCFM chapter in Sweden where there were efforts to require men to urinate sitting down...

You may recall that Carl is primarily responsible for authoring NCFM's U.N. Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Men. He is still searching for sponsors and may later

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The Perpetuation of Unequal Rights for Females by the U.S. Criminal Justice System

By, Joseph P. Culhane, BS, MA

The Women's Rights Movement has fought long and hard to change the stereotypes that our society has placed upon women and girls. Planned Parenthood describes the traits, or stereotypes, that American culture associates with being female or male as follows, “Words commonly used to describe femininity: dependent, emotional, passive, sensitive, quiet, graceful, innocent, weak, flirtations, nurturing, self-critical, soft, sexually submissive, and accepting. Words commonly used to describe masculinity: independent, non-emotional, aggressive, tough-skinned, competitive, clumsy, experienced, strong, active, self-confident, hard, sexually aggressive, and rebellious.” Unfortunately, many still hold onto

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victims. Constrained by sentimentality, humanity has *never* taken an official, serious, scientific, scholarly look at the *other* half of gender reality: *FemalePower* and *MaleVictimization*. Lacking the *other* half of gender reality, gender fairness suffers accordingly. Not only does this Male Power/*FemaleVictimization* belief system send us hurtling down the road to *ManBad/WomanGood*, in addition, the belief that men have *the* power leads to taking power away from men and the belief that women are *the* victims leads to the extra protecting and advantaging of women. Thus, the *MalePower/FemaleVictimization* paradigm is *the* source of all our gender political woes.

*"Boys are made of snips and snails and puppy dog tails.
Girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice."*

Though it is what stubbornly and primarily stands in the way of a rationally balanced view of gender, it won't do to simply dismiss sentiment. Humans are not machines. We do not thrive on logic alone. Though not logical, sentiment is powerful and important. I feel it too. I watch Clark Gable and John Wayne on the screen and I am far from immune to the masterful masculine personae they project. They thrill and galvanize and inspire me. And I know my female equivalent is far from immune to the sublime feminine personae as projected by the likes of Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe.

Nothing can bring me to tears like a deeply romantic depiction of love between a woman and a man, and such depictions show no sign of abating. What is romance without the ritual pleasantries of gender? As long as it's *mutual*, where's the harm in each sex showing the other a special deference? The imagery of "lords and ladies" (e.g., *The Lord of the Rings*) would not have such an ongoing grip upon the human psyche if this imagery didn't resonate at a deep level. Though illogical, humans stubbornly maintain a sentiment-based gender "reality" and

they do so for *deep* reasons.

So, if gender sentiment cannot and *should* not be done away with, then how can we keep the charm of gender sentiment without imprisoning ourselves to its falsehoods? How can we *feel* it without it distorting our *thinking*? Historically, Woman and Man remained polarized within separate worlds that complimented rather than competed with each other. It wasn't fair, but it was functional. Those days are gone and it is no longer functional to view our world limited by a chivalry/feminist blindfold that closes us off from the *other* half of gender reality.

Yet our world would be a far grayer place without the enriching poetry and beauty of gender sentiment.

To the degree that there is a "solution" to this conundrum, I think it's modeled for us in the way Great Britain has retained the sentiment of Kings and Queens, while divesting itself of the destructive by-products of "royalty." The English *love* their royalty, but the citizens of England long ago stopped believing that royalty rule by some kind of literal mandate from God. "Blue blood" is no longer regarded as *real*. The English enjoy the poetry, intrigue, pageantry, drama, and romance of Queens and Kings, Princes and Princesses without ever forgetting that these "royalty" are, in fact, only ordinary people. They compartmentalize. They feed off the dreams of royalty and then they shake their heads and come back to reality. In short, they don't take the whole thing too seriously.

Why can't we be like that where gender is concerned? We can have both logic *and* sentiment.

If we chose to do so, we could enrich our lives with the poetry of gender, then shake our heads and come back to reality. Sentimentality has a light side but it also has a shadow side. The illusions of female and male have a staggering grip on the human psyche and we seek to preserve those illusions even at the cost of reason. For example . . .

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My History with the Men's Rights Movement

by Gary Costanza

For this activist man of a certain age (56), just hearing that there is a Men's Human Rights Movement is music to my ears. This is a dream come true! Finally, men are standing together and fighting for their equal rights as men – it's really happening! Those early years in the fight for men's rights were cold and lonely, really just a few groups spread far and wide resulting in only sporadic success. Before the internet we had protests, meetings, newsletters, and in my case national talk show exposure, but even with that media boost, things were slow to catch fire. I think many men (and women) had ideas about men's rights but could never connect or network. Now we've grown into a real movement! It's been a great ride to this point, going from early men's rights groups to my own cable access show, and now proud men's human rights YouTuber. With your permission, please allow me to indulge myself and take you on a journey of my life in the men's rights movement.

My first thoughts about unfairness were in reaction to the mindset at the time, the '80's, that women were more caring and emotional. I'm more emotional than my wife, I thought, and I'm a man, so I started thinking about feminism and where men fit in. Then I got divorced and saw firsthand how men and dads were treated by the state and family court. It seemed men also needed a movement, so when I heard this dynamic men's rights activist on the radio I nearly jumped out of my skin! It was Mel Feit of the National Center for Men (NCM, founded in 1987) and he was organizing a rally at a war memorial in Manhattan on Veteran's Day to protest the sexism of the male-only draft. WOW, I thought, I've got to be there! We had signs, we shouted slogans, and most of all I met Mel and Tony Nazzaro, some real hardcore MRAs. This was around 1990 and things were moving along nicely for NCM and NCFM formed in 1977.

But Mel Feit had special talents: he knew his facts and had his presentation down cold, and so he became the national face of the MRM, appearing on numerous

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these stereotypes of men and woman. One of America's largest and oldest institutions, the criminal justice system, historically, and to this day, perpetuates these stereotypes in spite of efforts by citizens to end bias and discrimination. By treating women more favorably and men more harshly at all points in the criminal justice process, it knowingly or unknowingly maintains the disparity between the sexes.

America incarcerates more of its citizens per capita than any other country in the world: at year-end 2011, 61,358 boys and 9,434 girls, 1,487,393 men and 111,387 women (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics). Article VII of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination."

What the Declaration does *not* say, is that people are entitled to equal protection *from* the law. Unfortunately, the citizens of the U.S. do not consider all people equal. Thus, we have many groups fighting for the same thing – equality. We have the Women's Rights Movement, the Men's Rights Movement, the Hispanic Rights Movement, the Black Rights Movement and so on. Kurt Vonnegut, in his book, *Harrison Bergeron*, stated, "The year was 2081, and everyone was finally equal." How prophetic that statement was, or so we could hope!

Nagel and Weitzman (1971) found that females receive lighter sentences than males for the very same crimes committed. Rodriguez, Curry and Lee (2006) note, "The prediction that females will receive milder sentencing outcomes receives such consistent support from a wide range of studies done since the 1980's, and encompassing many different jurisdictions in the United States, that it may be one of the best established facts regarding criminal justice outcomes." In fact, compared to other factors such as race and age, gender has been found to be the most influential on judge's sentencing decisions in spite of the famous words inscribed on the front of the Supreme Court

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building, "Equal Before the Law" (Stefensmeier, Ulmer, and Kramer (1998); Spohn and Holleran (2000).

The Bureau of Justice statistics beg the question, "What is it within our society that continues to treat women as the weaker sex, and why?"

Recent studies of inequality in the criminal justice system continue to find the same issues of gender disparity that have been researched and discussed for several decades. In 2001, David Mustard, University of Georgia, published his study in the Journal of Law and Economics, Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities in Sentencing: Evidence from the US Federal Courts. After examining 77,236 federal offenders sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, he found the following:

- Males, blacks, and Hispanics are less likely to receive reduced sentences based on federal guidelines and more likely to receive longer sentences compared to their counterparts – females and Caucasians.
- Males and blacks not only receive longer sentences, but are also more likely to receive a prison term.

Gender in Criminal Sentencing, a 2006 study of male and female offenders conducted by Rodriguez, Curry, and Lee, sought to discover whether gender disparities might be more pronounced for some crimes such as minor nonviolent offending, and less pronounced for other offenses such as serious violent crime.

Using a random sample of 7,729 convicted federal offenders, the study found:

Females are less likely to be sentenced to prison and, also receive shorter sentences if they are sentenced to prison. However, for violent crimes, females are as likely as males to receive prison time, but still receive shorter sentences.

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Mr. Manners

Mr. Manners is submitted by Bruce Kanter who claims he is a friend of Mr. Manners, although the two have never been seen together.

Dear Mr. Manners,

Almost without exception, journalists condemned Penn State officials for the manner in which they handled the rape charges against former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky (the first case being made by a 15 year old claiming abuse for the past four years). Feminist Katha Pollit charged that they should: "Cancel the season. Fire everybody involved in the child abuse scandals." She also asked: "If Sandusky had abused little girls, let alone adult women, would he be in trouble today?"

Pollit's fears are well founded. The story of a 13 year old girl (the same age as Roman Polanski's victim) being given alcohol and then raped was told at Penn State once again this year, as well as at numerous other colleges and in front of many journalist. Yet no one seems to care! The rape is recounted in a segment in Eve Eisler's feminist play: "The Vagina Monologue" entitled "The Little Coochie that Could", in which an actress tells the true story of a 13 year old girls "good rape" by a 24 year old woman. In contrast, Republican candidate Todd Akins was condemned for the phrase "non-forcible rape", he never suggested that any rape was good.

Without knowing the woman or her coochie, I can't judge whether the story was the life enhancing one it was purported to be. Regardless, as far as people know, the perpetrator is still around. Aren't pedophiles supposed to be repeat offenders? Perhaps the story is not even true. However, feminists have made it clear that women don't lie about such things, and that females in such situations are victims, whether they think they are or not. (apparently though, only when males are involved).

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- 42% of females received deferred adjudication; 24% probation, and 30% prison.
- 26% of males received deferred adjudication; 15% probation, and 54% prison.
- The average sentence for females was 6.79 years.
- The average sentence for males was 10.69 years.
- The likelihood of a prison sentence was nearly two times as high for males.

Rodriguez et al used two theories to explain the disparity: the *chivalry thesis* that women are stereotyped as “fickle and childlike” and not responsible for their criminal behavior, thus needing “protection by the predominantly male police officers, prosecutors, and judges, who with all due gallantry, are portrayed as wanting to minimize any pain or suffering women might experience.”

The second theory, the *focal concerns* theory, posits the stereotype prevails that females are less of a risk to society, less likely to reoffend and less able to “do time” in prison or in jail.

A variation of the chivalry theory, *The selective chivalry theory*, or the “evil woman” thesis, suggests that male chivalry protecting females from the criminal justice system depends on females staying within their

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Certainly it is not unusual for women who don't consider themselves victims of rape or sexual harassment to be assured by feminist that regardless what they think, they are in fact victims. Often with much of the press concurring. After all, how could women know more about their own feelings than feminists who have never met them or know anything about them.

Furthermore, women working as prostitutes in pornographic movies, even strippers who claim they like their jobs, are assured that in reality they are oppressed and exploited sex workers. Women who thought that they were employees for “Penthouse” magazine (and being paid a salary), were unable to be convinced by feminists Andrea Dworkin and Catherine McKinnon of their servitude. Need I go on?

At some colleges an unwanted sexual glance is considered sexual harassment. Many colleges define it as rape when a male student buys alcoholic drinks for a female and they have sex. Recently, feminist have helped expand the definition of the rape of adults to include drunken encounters. Yet, the story of the sexual seduction of a drunk 13 year old is portrayed as empowerment. Compare that with football Hall of Famer and former Penn States star Franco Harris being dismissed from a job because of his support for Penn State coach Joe Paterno. But then, unlike tax-funded Universities, “The Meadows Race Track and Casino” needs to have its standards.

Also Mr. Manners, before the verdict, members of the media labeled the charges against Sandusky as alleged, yet at the same called the boys victims. If they didn't know if Sandusky was guilty, what then were those underage boys supposed to be victims of?

Members of the media vilify those who don't report allegations of sexual abuse, while ignoring the coochie in the room. Why are they considered credible?

Sincerely,
Journalistically Abused

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Dear Disabused:

A college did take action involving the play. A writer for the Georgetown University school paper was fired when he questioned whether there was such thing as a "good rape." (see Wendy McElroy's article "Feminists Celebrate Rape)." Second, the age of the girl has been changed to 16 and the phrase "good rape" is frequently omitted from the play. Now the actress merely describes in detail how wonderful the "good rape" was. Also, remember, the 13 year old girl was seduced with alcohol. Giving her lover something, she would have to wait 8 years for to do legally. Did Sandusky even offer his victims alcohol?

It is not true that females are always purported to be victims by feminists regarding sexual involvement with men. You're forgetting abortion. When have you ever heard feminist's say that 13 year old pregnant girls are being pressured into having abortions by the potential father? But then, what teenage boy doesn't want to be a father, particularly when the mother is thirteen.

As for using the word "victim" in alleged child abuse cases, the expression was coopted from feminists. A female accuser of rape should always be referred to as a victim by the media. Otherwise, juries might go into a rape trial with that archaic notion of "the presumption of innocence."

In this instance however, Sandusky is not guilty of the crimes.. We were told that Sandusky was motivated by his sexual desire for boys. Also, that he was charged with rapes of numerous boys. Feminists have taught us rape is not about sex and as confirmation, they point out that men with sexual partners still rape. You may think it sounds bizarre that rape has nothing to do with sex, but feminist tell us this, which makes it true.

Eve Eisler's play, teaches us not only about life, but also Spanish (the word coochie). Leave her alone, she has enough on her plate with her new job as Penn States head football coach.

Finally, you claim that journalist should not be given any credibility when these issues are discussed. You are forgetting that Mr. Manners is a journalist who discusses these issues.

Mr. Manners

this year be traveling with NCFM Vice-President Marc Angelucci, Esq. to meet with the Vice-President of a country which for now will remain confidential, though the meeting has been arranged.

Mr. Angelucci, Esq. on behalf of NCFM filed suit against the Selective Service System because only men of a certain age are required to register. The Obama Administration recently ended prohibitions against women holding military combat positions which also ended the legal reason young women are not required to register for Selective Service. Nonsensically, the Justice Department is opposing requiring such women to register.

We have a work group comprised of university professors, authors, brother organizations, and several NCFM members to develop an education, information, and outreach program geared for college and university students. The purpose of which is to find, involve, and help interested students in forming an off or on-campus men's issues discussion group, to include forming NCFM campus chapters where possible. We have developed a brochure and video. Two more videos and other educational materials are planned. This project will raise public awareness of the need for men's programs in higher education, since there are virtually none that embrace men as men without special identification (race, religion, sexual orientation...)

We are pleased to introduce two new Advisors, Robert Kennedy, Ph.D, Associate Sociology Professor, York University, Canada and space Julie Brand, MA. Professor Kennedy is on sabbatical continuing research about fathers and is a leading advocate for "Male Studies" programs. Ms. Brand is a highly sought after international lecturer, author of A Mother's Touch: Surviving Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse, and one of the world's leading experts on mother-daughter sexual abuse and related issues. She understands and shares when lecturing that mother-son sexual abuse exists too.

In our last issue of *Transitions* I noted that Fred Sottile, Vice President of our Los Angeles chapter, was working with Stanley Green of the Men's Health Network to soften the Los Angeles

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Domestic Violence Council to men's issues. They have had some success and we hope to soon again meet with representatives of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council to bring the two groups together in some sort of formal working relationship regarding male victims of domestic violence. It is still our continuing hope to expand this effort into a statewide initiative but it's a slow and deliberate process.

More happenings: NCFM member "girlwriteswhat" gave the keynote address at the New York Libertarian Party Convention. It's one of the best explanations of feminism ever... period, an absolute must listen.

Longtime NCFM member Francis Baumli wrote an incredible piece about homelessness, Hobos, Bums, Bag Ladies, Street People: Now What The Homeless Need is More Accurate Terminology.

NCFM PR Director, Steven Svoboda, Esq., world leading "Intactivist," will later this year talk on circumcision in the UK and present on

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Forgetting Children Born of War: Setting the Human Rights Agenda in Bosnia and Beyond

By **R. Charli Carpenter**. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010, 273 pages.
www.cup.columbia.edu. No price listed on book but website gives price as \$37.

Review by J. Steven Svoboda.

R. Charli Carpenter, assistant professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, has done that rarest of things. She has written a book that is so outstanding that ultimately it comes to shed light far beyond its focused topic. Full disclosure: Carpenter has extensively interviewed me in preparation for her next book, which analyzes several political movements including intactivism.

First of all, it has to be said that Carpenter is nothing less than an astoundingly lucid and fluid writer, a pure pleasure to read. Words fairly flow from her pen (or more likely, computer) in a way that for me almost recalls a bygone era when greater attention was paid to craft and to the perfection of every detail of a creative effort. Truly, her facility with the written word is nothing short of breathtaking.

Even the book's preface is exceptional. Carpenter weaves a web combining numerous acknowledgements, fascinating glimpses into segments of her research path, and surprisingly personal revelations about her own career path and integration of motherhood with research.

Carpenter's book addresses the failure of the human rights community to effectively address the needs of children born of war, i.e., offspring of wartime rapes. At first, this lack of attention might seem surprising, even odd, but as the author teases apart the issue, patiently filling us in on the various relevant human rights and government mechanisms, it comes to almost seem inevitable.

Certainly—as Carpenter would be the first to agree--the human rights of these particular children have not been neglected due to any sort of conspiracy to exclude them from protection. Even for a longtime toiler in the human rights field like myself, I had never really brought the conscious attention that the author lavishes on detailing the highly political processes by which human rights resources get allocated.

Carpenter points out that not only is the assistance these children need not forthcoming, but until she started work on her book, no one outside Bosnia was even asking the questions about these children's outcomes, and about how to best protect their human rights.

The relevance of Carpenter's book to issues far beyond its literal scope becomes evident even in the opening pages, when she notes that:

the construction of specific categories of rights claims in international society does not follow a rational, linear process in which the most vulnerable populations receive attention on the basis of need and merit. Rather, attention to issues by human rights advocates is conditioned by myriad political, organizational, cultural, structural, coalitional, and economic factors; and some combination of these factors may draw attention away from certain individuals regardless of the merits of their case.

A bit later, the author notes, “[H]uman rights discourse and practice are constructed according to racist, sexist, and ageist assumptions.”

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The relevance of this analysis to intactivism is clear: The right to genital autonomy or genital integrity is currently a neglected right, parallel in that sense to the plight of children of war rapes and neglected for presumably similar reasons that probably also combine aspects of the “political, organizational, cultural, structural, coalitional, and economic...” Certainly various opponents of female genital cutting (FGC) have forthrightly admitted that they have not made common cause with intactivists for conscious coalitional and political reasons. Clearly, then, sexism can cut in both directions, as Carpenter has herself previously acknowledged in different contexts.

Another passage with relevance to intactivism comes a bit later, when Carpenter laments that “rarely were children born as a result of rape imagined as subjects of human rights concern within these narratives. Instead, they functioned as symbols. Their identities and descriptions of their fate were manipulated and constructed so as to serve the interests of actors with very different agendas.” Intactivists sometimes find their issue so completely neglected that the infant boys are not even manipulated and constructed to serve other agendas, but in any event, the failure she describes to see these children as people rather than as symbols is compelling.

Carpenter is right that one explanation of differential treatment of different classes of victims is that “some issues can be framed more easily than others so as to resonate with policymakers and publics,” or phrased somewhat differently, there is tension between protecting some groups and protecting others.”

And surely she is equally correct that, “By the same token, some issues resonate more easily with potential political entrepreneurs within advocacy organizations.” In yet another piece of trenchant analysis with high relevance to intactivism, she shows how complex issues that don’t cozily fit into existing boxes and analytical frames may not even be considered as attention is focused on more easily solved problems.

Another principle that is also applicable to intactivism is that problems that can be assigned to intentional actions by identifiable persons are easier to get action on than “problems whose causes are irredeemably structural.” Still another is Carpenter’s signal conclusion that “what distinguishes successful from unsuccessful international issues is not the actual nature of an issue but rather advocates’ perceptions of the political and normative costs of advocacy. This in turn is a function of the way in which an issue is perceived to fit within an existing set of narratives about human rights.”

The author shows how the pervasive assumption that the child’s interests are aligned with the mother’s is repeatedly disproven yet without much institutional willingness to consider the child’s interests for their own worth. Along similar lines, all too often the children—when they are discussed at all—are primarily or exclusively discussed as symbols rather than as living human beings with their own needs and rights.

Later, in a truly enthralling section that reads like a primer in political analysis of human rights protections, she shows that progress in providing justice to women suffering wartime rape was accompanied by a lack of attention to secondary harms of such rape, including the plight of children born as offspring of such rapes. A brilliant piece of analysis shows a bit later that the apparent puzzle of a number of feminist scholars accepting the rejection of children born as a result of genocidal rape becomes more understandable “given the gendered structure of international law itself.” She demonstrates that surprisingly, all too often “feminist articulations of war rape dovetail...conspicuously with the frames of religious conservatives...”

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Carpenter shows that it is hard to get traction for culturally sensitive issues and moreover that advocates' concern with their own "personal career trajectories" may reduce their likelihood to "publicly support emergent issues," particularly those that may be controversial. Incredibly, some practitioners have gone so far as to argue for the acceptability--at least under certain circumstances--of infanticide.

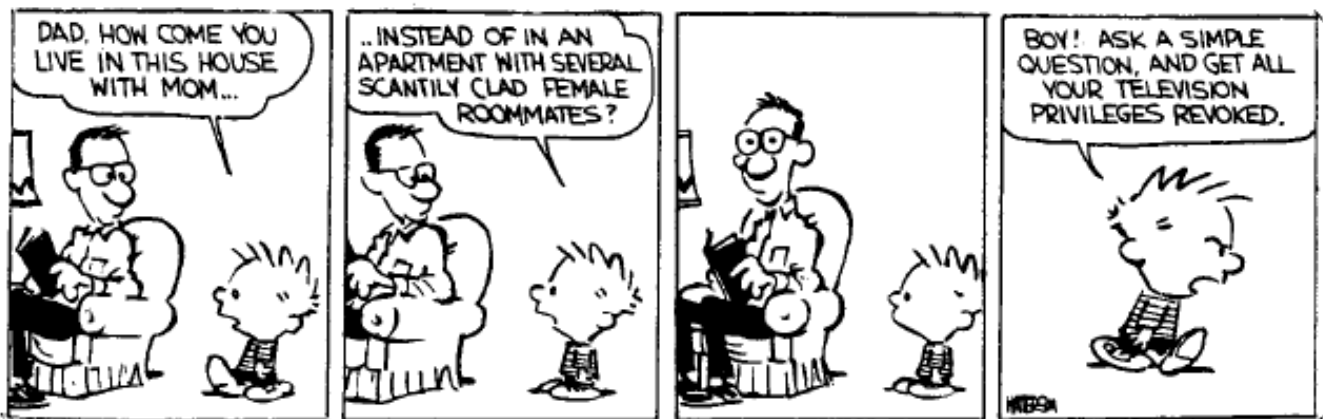
Near the end of her remarkable book, the author launches into a discussion of the difficulties and pitfalls that may arise in attempting to raise a new issue with the United Nations' human rights apparatus. Children, she shows, are disadvantaged by the relative ease of dismissing claims brought by "champions" rather than the rights claimants themselves. Also, "existing narratives about who is the victim" color the reception that may be received. Moreover, "the way in which a particular problem is constructed early on and linked to other human rights problems can exert a powerful effect on the decisions of leading advocacy organizations as to whether to publicly discuss the issue." Thus UN attention to male circumcision may be limited by the history already created by anti-FGC organizations.

Carpenter's tone is admirably judicious and free of blame, focusing on the facts. Her success at almost uniformly resisting the impulse to privilege one's own issue is yet another aspect of this book worthy of admiration. She writes incisively, logically, without being visible swayed by the impulse toward political correctness or alignment with reigning paradigms.

There are almost no nits to pick in this virtually perfect book. I did find it a bit curious that she mentions in her preface the enshrinement of children's rights in international law with the 1976 entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), without noting that as an American, she hails from one of the three countries in the world (the others being Southern Sudan and Somalia) that has not yet ratified the CRC.

Don't miss this true gem of a book. Despite being published by one of the top academic presses, it is both priced and written so as to richly deserve general attention and acclaim. Three cheers!

J. Steven Svoboda



From May/June 1989 issue.

societally assigned roles as weak, fickle, and emotional. “Evil women, who commit more masculine, violent crimes, may receive harsher sentences than other females, because they transgress not only the law, but gender roles as well.”

A similar study by Cortney Franklin and Noelle Fearn (2008) seeking answers to gender bias in the justice system, found strikingly similar results with data showing that, as compared to males, for the same crime, females receive shorter or no prison sentences. Females are released more often prior to trial than are males, and minorities are treated more harshly than whites.

The study concluded: the criminal justice system acts to protect women generally, as they are inherently in need of help and protection; male offenders who targeted female victims received the most severe sanctions when compared to any of the other offender/victim cases, suggesting that females are most deserving of protection in terms of the criminal justice systems’ responsibility as a gendered institution to punish offenders who target women; and the criminal justice system serves as a “mechanism of social enforcement” to punish individual men who fall outside of their prescribed role as protectors and defenders of women who are inherently weak, vulnerable, and in need of help and protection. However, this chivalry/paternalism is not afforded women who are “deemed unworthy of protection” – i.e. the “evil” woman!

In August, 2012 Sonja B. Starr, Assistant Law Professor at the University of Michigan Law School, conducted another study of federal criminal cases. She found “dramatic unexplained gender gaps with males receiving: 63% longer sentences than females, an 86% probability of incarceration vs. females 74%, and receiving sentences 34% longer than females. She also found that males are fifteen times as likely to be incarcerated as females, while females are significantly more likely to avoid charges and convictions and twice as likely to avoid incarceration if convicted.

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NCFM Twin Cities Chapter Report

by Will Hageman

In April the Twin Cities Chapter had a booth at a baby expo in Saint Cloud, where we educated parents-to-be about the harm caused by circumcision. Two local moms from Intact Minnesota helped with our booth. We also had a booth at the annual Tax Cut Rally on the State Capitol Mall in Saint Paul.

In May we had a booth at the MayDay Festival in Minneapolis. This event draws a large crowd, and our booth had a lot of visitors. One teenage boy called us a “hate group” without reading any of our literature (and he refused to read any). A short time later, a teenage girl said “I think this is a just cause.” Overall the reaction of our visitors was overwhelmingly positive.

In June we had a booth at Grand Old Day in Saint Paul, the largest one-day festival in the Midwest. Again our booth had many visitors, and again the reaction was very positive. At one point, our article on the gender wage gap sparked a heated discussion between two visitors. Also in June we had a booth at the Blaine Festival.



A vintage poster distributed by the “White Feather Society,” a group of women who gave white feathers as a symbol of “cowardice” to any found man not in uniform—Britain, WWI



No sooner had Alice Eagly announced her “Women Are Wonderful effect” when an army of feminists sprang into rhetoric. Feminists gladly accepted the idea that women own an extra “wonderfulness”—an extra “wonderfulness” that Eagly’s surveys reveal to be all but universally recognized. The feminist dilemma? What if common knowledge of this WAW effect should erode our faith in women’s continued ownership of powerlessness and victimhood? Victoria Brescoll comes to the rescue of the MalePower/FemaleVictimization paradigm:

Despite persistent discrimination against women, attitudes towards women are considerably more positive than attitudes towards men, a phenomenon known as the “women are wonderful effect.” Three studies reveal that favorable evaluations of women result from the positive individual exemplars (e.g., “mom”) that spontaneously come to mind when considering the group category. In contrast, accessible female subgroups tend to consist of disliked violators of prescriptive stereotypes (e.g., “prostitutes”). Attitudes towards female subgroups better predict discrimination than attitudes towards women as a whole, helping to explain why people may view women as “wonderful” while still discriminating against them.

[“Not All Women are Wonderful: Group and Subgroup Evaluations of Women,” by Victoria Brescoll, from: The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, December 2006]

So you see, it’s all very simple: we view women as wonderful, which is why we’re “misogynist,” but men (i.e., “gangbangers,” “serial killers,” “bums,” “felons,” “rapists,” “Neanderthals,” “lotharios,” “dead-beat dads”) suffering no negative “subgroups” are the favored ones gifted with every advantage while “attitudes towards women are considerably more positive” and therefore we treat them with hostile discrimination. See how it all makes sense?

In our efforts to comprehend the vagaries of gender, is this the highest “logic” to which we can aspire? Even when female favoritism is *clearly* even *measurably* recognized, even then, our feminist belief system will allow for absolutely *no* resultant positives in the female experience. Will we *forever* indulge feminist victim mongering even to the point of blatant irrationality?

Beautiful though it may be, we must not allow gender sentimentality to so thoroughly derail our *thinking*.

Thanks for reading – Tim Goldich

Author of - *Loving Men, Respecting Women: The Future of Gender Politics*

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“Media Project” which took over three years and has culminated in just under a terabyte of digitized MRA historical data. For those of you who do not know, NCFM maintains one of the greatest repositories of MRA historical information in existence.

If I’ve forgotten to mention other good work by others of us please forgive me. Our editor limits my space and I’m afraid my age limits my memory. Regardless, each and all of us are making the world a better place for all of us; and, thank you all, it’s a pleasure knowing you...

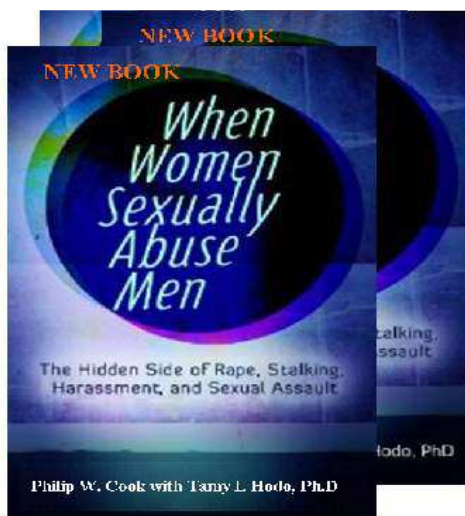
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Professor Starr's study, Estimating Gender Disparities in Federal Criminal Cases, tries to answer the question, "Why does gender disparity still exist in our criminal justice system?" She blames the disparities on prosecutors with their "capacious charging and bargaining discretion." She finds that disparity favoring females is introduced at every stage of the justice process from arrest to conviction, but sentencing fact-finding by prosecutors is especially crucial. In the words of Professor Starr, "The federal justice system gives enormous power to prosecutors. We have a system of "negotiated justice," and prosecutors hold most of the chips having a broad choice of charges to choose from numerous overlapping statutes, each with sentencing minimum and maximum guidelines." Prosecutors, thus, determine the charge, recommend the sentence and determine the terms of plea deals. On top of that, Starr's study notes that a startling 92% of judges "infrequently or never" diverge from the plea agreement reached by the prosecutor. Prosecutors can thus threaten to recommend long sentences and virtually promise shorter ones in exchange for a guilty plea – done deal! Two very wise women, Elsie Hill and Florence Kelley, in an article in The Nation, April 12, 1922 wrote the following:

The removal of all forms of the subjection of women is the purpose to which the National Women's Party is dedicated. Its present campaign to remove the discriminations against women in the laws of the United States is the beginning of its determined effort to secure the freedom of women, an integral part of the struggle for human liberty which women are first of all responsible. Its interest lies in the final release of woman from the class of a dependent, subservient being to which early civilization committed her.

The criminal justice system continues to contribute to these stereotypes that females are weak, less responsible and in need of the protection of men. Efforts to treat females equal in the eyes of the law, I predict, will someday be the capstone on the equal rights movement. When men and women are held equally accountable, responsible, and equally innocent or guilty, then I think true equality between the sexes will be found. With the work of both women's and men's groups, this equality could very well be realized prior to 2081 as Kurt Vonnegut predicted. We can only hope and keep fighting! Shame on our criminal justice system, from police to prosecutors to juries and judges, for perpetuating the cultural stereotypes of females. Or, perhaps the women's rights movement would prefer to let this sleeping dog lie? In other words, equality when it's convenient!!!

Joseph P. Culhane, BS, MA



NCFM Treasurer, Deborah Watkins, "REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: A MORE COMPLETE EXAMINATION"

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talk shows, from Donahue to Oprah to Jerry Springer (when he had a serious show). I was active with NCM in its golden years, when talk shows were about issues, and a man who sometimes wore a skirt was cutting edge television. He came up with a "Consensual Sex Contract" that would help protect men from false accusations of rape and forced parenthood with a clause stating neither would force parenthood on the other. He also championed reproductive rights for men, at various times bringing lawsuits on behalf of plaintiffs who wanted equal rights with women - the right *not* to be a parent.

No one could touch Mel in any discussion of men's rights or feminism because he knew his facts and had a dramatic way of winning an argument. No talk show host or opposing feminist was prepared to counter Mel's unequivocal logic and passionate presentation. Can you imagine the excitement watching Mel on Oprah - and national television - make a dramatic case for men's reproductive rights? Millions watched... it was exhilarating! When I made appearances on these shows, usually speaking from the audience, I had people recognize me!

He was one of the few people to win an argument with Gloria Allred; he got Oprah to admit a woman could have many babies while collecting child support from each dad; on Jerry Springer, Mel announced that he'd always wanted to do what he'd seen feminists do, so he stood up and announced "No woman will ever force me to be a father against my will." He remarked on the lack of applause by the women in the audience when Springer took the bait and told Mel to "just say no and keep your pants on." Mel responded: "Some of the arguments against abortion were meant to punish women for having sex; well you've resurrected that argument from its grave where it belongs and now you're using it against men... and you know better than that." To which, astonished, Springer muttered, "I don't." On the same show he asked Melinda Power of the Women's Action Coalition point blank: "I'm going to make a strong pro-choice statement here - 'no person should have the right to force another person to be a parent against his or her will' - do you agree with that statement or not?" to which she equivocates saying "it depends on what you mean by parent" and that men should still be "financially responsible." Undeterred, he proclaims "most feminists when they say they're pro-choice they're lying to you, they're pro-women not pro-choice and they think the term reproductive choice doesn't apply to people with penises and that makes them anti...choice... hypocrites!" Man, you should've seen the look she gave him. On one show about rape he tried to explain the reasons why some men might do this, saying that some men lash out in a feeling of "powerlessness." He certainly had this right as common sense tells you that a man who is committing rape or suicide is not a man who is feeling powerful or privileged.

He also was adamant that in most of his appearances he be allowed to wear a skirt, one of his in-your-face activism tactics. I loved that! His point was, of course, that women have choice of what to wear, he wanted the same choice. To Jackie Mason's question on why he's wearing a skirt he simply responds "I'm comfortable," a point to which Jackie concedes. At one appearance of his I wore a skirt in the audience to support him, agreeing that men should also have fashion choice, but also to cheerfully invade formerly female-only territory. On one "Rolonda" Mel was on stage with noted DV researcher Murray Straus and George Gilliland (founded the 1st DV shelter for men in the US) debating Charlotte Watson of "My Sister's Place." Gilliland confronted Watson with statistics showing that lesbian couples batter more than gay couples, which, of course, refutes Watson's belief that men need to dominate and that it's women who are the only victims. Straus' research shows that DV is perpetrated by men and women equally. Mel has also appeared on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show, the Richard Bey Show, Montel Williams, the Jackie Mason Show (Mel debates Lynn Samuels!), Maury Povich. And, more recently, The View and Dr. Phil. I also remember him debating Lisa Sliwa on the Morton Downey Jr. Show!

One MRA that I knew from NCM, Jim Whinston, (he's still with them) had always espoused the rebuttable presumption of shared parenting, and in the event that a parent is uncooperative that parent loses custody. I mention

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him because one year he sent me a card with a cartoon on it that I still remember. It was "The Wizard of Id" and it starts with a messenger announcing to the King "There's a men's rights activist at the gate", to which the King replies "It's About Time!"

It was so exciting to watch Mel Feit on national TV. Here's one great statement he made, on Oprah: "We men are going to get our right to reproductive freedom, because women's choice depends on men's support, and if we men don't get this freedom, you'll see how fast men withdraw their support for women's choice. From now on, either both men and women will have choice, or no one will." He also told how in college he was revolted to see women protesting and claiming oppression while men were getting drafted and dying just for being men.

As membership director of the National Center for Men (NCM), I saw the many letters (no emails at the time) and phone calls we would get after a national show. Many letters came from inmates who sometimes poured out their hearts in tales of woe. We couldn't help them directly, as you know, as an advocacy group. Our paid members from around the world received the monthly "Men's Rights Report" that we mailed out from the makeshift office of Feit's home. Mel hired an answering service to handle the calls we'd receive after one of his appearances. Each year he'd host the annual NCM Picnic, of which I attended just one, the last, an event that brought together the local MRAs and their families, and even the answering service ladies. The Picnic was at Jones Beach on LI, NY with barbeques, kites, and great fun. How much difference we made is hard to say – maybe we spurred some people on into activism, I know I was. I was also enthralled by Feit's activism and felt lucky to be involved with him and his group. I think Mel formed NCM out of a parting of the ways with Tom Williamson, co-founder of NCFM, possibly relating to the skirt. I remember trying to get Tom Williamson and Naomi Penner (the other co-founder of NCFM) on my cable show, but Tom declined saying he was more or less retired and the Penner show never happened. Harry Crouch at NCFM.org has plenty of info on the early MRM.

We engaged in many protests, some related to domestic violence. We brought our signs and T-shirts to one of those "Clothesline Projects" against DV. We somewhat agreed with their cause, but we were there to say that men are also victims and females are perpetrators. Some were stunned to see any opposing viewpoint, but others agreed that DV wasn't a gender thing. At one of our protests at the MS Foundation in NYC against "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" (to point out the obvious hypocrisy of the whole idea) a camera crew and reporter interviewed me and others. I later found out they were from Fox and Michael (*Stupid White Men*) Moore's "TV Nation."

So Fox calls me and wants to do a show about the men's movement, and would I like to be included. Not knowing the show involved - I thought it could be a news piece - I jumped at the chance. They asked what I liked to do, planning to interview me while engaging in some interest of mine. I guess they sandbagged me. Instead of airing what I said at the protest, they tried to get me to say something stupid, which I didn't. I say this in hindsight because the segment on "TV Nation" tried to discredit the men's movement by interviewing me and two others, hoping we'd say something outlandish, which we didn't. Only when it aired did I know it was Michael Moore's show, as I never even spoke to him. He mostly trotted out the usual one-sided feminist statistics that say men were doing just fine and he did his best to ridicule the men's movement and paint it as a bunch of angry white males. I think I made a couple of good statements, but all my reasoning went on the cutting room floor. The laugh is on them - I was in a Michael Moore production!

One memorable comment I made was from the audience on the "Rolonda" Watts show, I think the show was titled "Divorce Wars." One guest told the tale of a controlling ex-husband who owed a lot of child support

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and was supposedly hiding assets. It was clear to me, if you just step back; I asked "What is the most precious thing to come out of your marriage?" to which she replied "The children" then I said further "You're saying you're the wronged party here while I say you've got the most important thing of all - your children." Sure she had a beef, but talk about unrecognized female privilege. On the same show Mel shared the crowded stage with legal expert Jamie Colby, declaring that "while the husband's role of providing continues after the divorce, the wife's role ends. I've never heard of a judge ordering a woman receiving alimony to go to her ex-husband's place to do the housework." I always thought that was great insight. I mention Jamie Colby because years later I saw her as a newscaster on WPIX, then CNN, and now she has her own show on Fox News Channel and is an award winning journalist who got her B.A. when she was 14 and law degree at 22. She was an entertainment lawyer for a time and was Johnny Carson's lawyer for his divorce. All of this is the early '90's. On the show "Final Take" about sexual harassment, again from the audience, I ask Gloria Allred: "You say sexual harassment is in the eye of the victim. Well, would you agree with me if I said it was sexual harassment if I was offended by a woman wearing a low-cut blouse at the office? It is, in your book, up to me, right?" She waffled and didn't give a straight answer, as only she could do. Another time I was booked as a guest on "The Charles Perez Show" but bumped into the audience when they realized I was more serious than sensational. Daytime talk television was no longer an outlet for serious discussion of important issues.

In the late '90's I found NCFM and became active with them for many years. In 2002 I started broadcasting a local men's rights talk show from Long Island, NY, which lasted for about four years. I tackled all the standard topics: circumcision, the draft, reproductive rights, divorce, paternity fraud, and many others. I remember airing the campaign song "Warren Farrell for Governor" written by NCFM member Mark Sutton when Farrell actually ran for CA governor. I had as a guest Steven Svoboda from the Attorneys for the Rights of the Child (ARC) and NCFM to do some shows on circumcision and men's rights. I recorded an early NCFM-NY meeting for two shows. I had doctors, lawyers, activists, and regular people on the show to discuss men's issues, as well as the occasional on location protest footage. Here are some links to that show and some protests and activism

that I filmed (I'm the guy with the ponytail):

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHNA85a6q5w Some NCFM members and I give the male perspective at this annual DV rally in NYC 2004.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCH7YSsjm5w We attend a fathers' rights rally in the Legislative Office Building in Albany where we heard encouraging speeches by some NY politicians and activists concerning fathers' rights.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFA5L9vqZ7M NJ Town Meeting on Paternity Fraud; Highlight is a speech by Carnell Smith about paternity fraud. A MUST SEE!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoyYwOd5hZk I demand an apology from Michael Moore for labeling me and the MRM "angry white men."

One score I made was getting a letter published in the syndicated column "Single File" on the topic of men's reproductive rights which was well received by Susan Deitz, saying "read his logic, and then REREAD it before passing judgment." To my amazement, keeping this whole issue alive, my ex-wife gets her own letter published in rebuttal, taking it personal, which it wasn't. Imagine seeing a letter in the paper signed "(your name here's) Ex-Wife."

On March 4th, 2013 some cool intactivists and I pulled off an amazing protest: we interrupted a Clinton Foundation Millennium Network talk at BAM in NY, standing and chanting "Stop Exploiting Africans" and "Circumcision Does Not Stop AIDS," to protest the misguided efforts to circumcise millions of African men to stop AIDS, stunning the

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audience, Bill, Chelsea, and actor Ed Norton. Already there's been good press on the internet about our "action" and a lot of intelligent comments. See intaction.org. or intactamerica.org or their Facebook page to see some photos and videos.

The plan was to attend the Clinton Foundation talk by buying tickets and sitting together in the orchestra and then donning the "Bloodstained Men" jumpsuits (white w/bloodstained crotch) while seated, then standing while zipping up the jumpsuits. Anthony on my right, the head Bloodstained Man, would nudge us to put on our suits and stand, holding hands in a spread-eagle position – to signify the strapping down of a baby boy – while he blew a whistle to get everyone's attention, and then we'd start our chants. Then, we got the nudge and stood up, four of us, holding hands and started chanting "Stop Exploiting Africans" and "Circumcision Does Not Stop AIDS," which we changed to "Condoms Not Cutting." Bill Clinton responded with "OK, you guys had your chance to speak, now it's my turn" and then cited the discredited 60% HIV reduction rate argument. We were still chanting but ready to exit so I took a parting shot, telling the Clintons that circumcising Africans would only encourage them NOT to use condoms and ultimately cause more AIDS deaths. We figured we'd made our point so we started our exit and to my amazement no one really was pushing us out but they did make sure that we all left the premises. We were elated how it all went, slapping each other on the back on the way out, glad to have made our point and not gotten arrested. We were, however, approached by what turned out to be two Secret Service agents who asked if we were anti-Clinton and if we had a leader or organization, to which I wasn't volunteering any information. They were actually friendly and said they appreciated that we were well behaved and didn't try to stay and cause trouble and mainly that we were simply a group of passionate activists.

Because this is my *personal* experience with the men's movement, much activism went unnoticed to me. I knew of Glenn Sacks and the HisSide radio show, other fathers' rights groups, Angry Harry, and Men's News Daily, but I wasn't active, losing interest when Mel dropped out of sight, Glenn lost his show and Dads On the Air (from Australia) disappeared. The NCFM-NY chapter closed and I stopped producing my cable show; but meanwhile, the MRM was growing, transforming, and flourishing online. Years of this growth have produced fruit - the esteemed NCFM and newcomer AVFM are burning up the internet with renewed vigor and popularity, reinforcements in a struggle that build upon previous achievements with even more passionate, smart, and talented people.

Now with the internet the MHRM is finally getting the spotlight it deserves. Men (and women) now have a voice and are freely expressing their opinions about men's rights. I always knew that eventually the truth had to come out, and now the beginnings of a tidal wave of MHRAs of all flavors are coming together and flooding the internet with their blogs, comments, radio shows and YouTube videos. I'm sure you notice also the lack of favorable comments to feminist blogs and articles – many are negative comments by insightful MHRAs. In the real world they don't have a following, except for themselves. We're also slowly creeping – probably the wrong word to use – into the mainstream media. This will only increase, as it did on the internet, because the will of the people and the truth itself cannot be hidden forever. I'm relieved to know that this movement is here to stay and growing every day, and seeing the young MHRAs in our midst gladdens my heart that we're on our way to justice and compassion for all.

Check out my YouTube channel JerryTheother.

My vintage men's rights cable show "The Men's Forum" can be viewed at my YouTube channel buck dharma (see shows 45 and 46 for some talk show clips).

Gary Costanza



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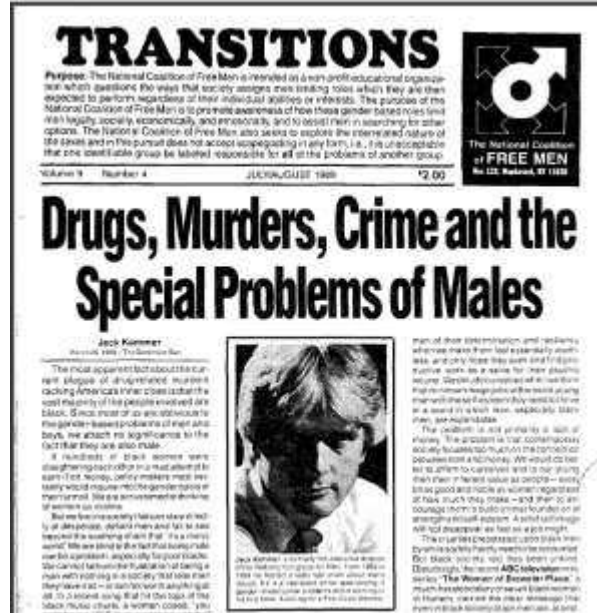


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