

Save the males

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Women are systematically destroying men, in the process destroying the civilization inhabited by both men and women

Parker begins her conclusion with the sentence "This book was harder to write and I had expected for reasons that are probably apparent by now: everything in it could be restated as an argument for saving females. Given that we are inextricably bound, what is bad for one sex can't defensively be good for the other."

That sums it up. There are many things that are bad for men. The fact that little boys are taken away from their families, where the fathers are preoccupied with work and other concerns, and placed in the care of legions of women during their formative years is not good. The fact that these women are increasingly schooled in feminism is also not good. Little boys are not allowed to do traditional, instinctual little boy things: play with sticks, roughhouse, play with toy guns, play tag, or act rowdy in any particular way.

Parker writes that the predominantly female teachers tend to prefer girl students. They are more attentive in class, more likely to sit still and absorb the material than to fidget and fuss, and generally tend to get better grades. The teachers understand the girl students. The girl students generally do better by almost all measures through high school.

Parker does not go into the curious fact that men seem to excel in life to a greater extent than women. Girls may be better in school, even up through the University, but in most realms of science and business it remains men who predominate. I will offer a couple of observations. First of all, as Larry Summers said – a statement that got him fired from the presidency of Harvard University – the bell curve of distribution is flatter among men. There are more exceedingly dumb and more exceedingly smart men. Inasmuch as Harvard professors tend to be exceedingly smart, it is not surprising that there would be more men than women. A second factor, the product of intelligence research of the last couple of decades, is the observation that male and female intelligence is just about comparable up through children's late teen years. Women, however, attain maturity faster in intelligence just as they do in other ways. Researchers project that men's intelligence continues to grow, and that they wind up with a two or three point advantage in IQ by the time they are in their mid-20s. Your reviewer notes that this is preliminary research: the reader should check the results for him or herself.

Parker goes on at length about the way that men are mistreated on college campuses. Women basically have it both ways. They are absolutely free to dress in any provocative way they want, speak in any coarse manner that they want, and yet claim the protection of being the weaker sex when a man interprets these as signs of availability. The men are damned if they do and damned if they don't.

She has a long riff on pornography. Pornography treats women as commodities, and sexual gratification as a one sided affair. She cites statistics: porn rentals in hotels are watched for an average of 12 minutes. That must be the time for a man to give him self-satisfaction. There is no concern for giving a woman pleasure. Conversely, women who have affairs with too many men become blasé, jaded. The Return of Kings website calls at the "thousand cock stare." Sex loses its magic in a hurry, and without that mystical, magical element, the inducement to stay in a marriage is much diminished.

She talks about the hookup culture. Men are not inclined to turn down free sex, but on the other hand she notes that they find it less than fully satisfying. Women, bathed in the amorality of the sexual revolution, inundated with propaganda from Cosmo magazine, Sex in the City, and every other media outlet, all act and dress rather like sluts. On the other hand, if their behavior attracts attention from a man who doesn't appeal to them, they can protest affronts to their presumed chastity and the man

has no adequate defense. Parker goes over a couple of cases that were then in the news: the Duke University lacrosse team, Lorena Bobbitt and others.

In the final analysis, women are not prepared to be wives and mothers. Men are on the one hand cowed by women, but on the other hand accustomed to getting sex without any particular preconditions. The patterns of behavior cultivated by both sexes are inimical to lasting relationships.

Wrapping back to her conclusion, modern American society is simply not preparing men and women to get together, form stable families and create the next generation. They are not willing to put up with each other in order to give birth to the next generation, and they are certainly not often enough willing to stay together and to raise the succeeding generation in a culture that will encourage them to produce grandchildren. In this reviewer's words, modern culture is the poison by which our society is committing suicide. Parker describes it pretty well.