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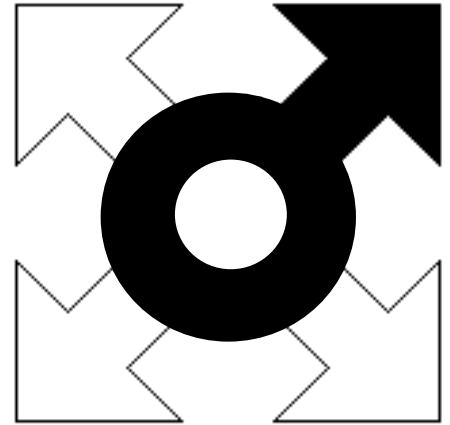
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## “Save the Males” -- A Review

By John Remington Graham

A few words of criticism at the outset will accent my commendations of Mr. Doyle's remarkable polemic. The subtitle is wrong on two counts. Mr. Doyle does not treat us with common sense as he claims. For if his words were common sense, our family courts would not have become a bane of society as they have lamentably become. I would call Mr. Doyle's message, not common sense, but deeper wisdom from a hard life-long fight in a time of social upheaval. His book is an event which future historians will have to study in understanding the generation which lived in the second half of the 20th century in the United States.

The other fault I find is that Mr. Doyle's subtitle falls into the trap of feminist newspeak, misusing gender as if the term were a polite reference to sex. Gender, together with number and case, determines the inflections of various parts of speech. “Der Tisch” in German is masculine in gender, but corresponds in French to “la table” which is feminine in gender, yet a table has no sex at all. Interesting enough, feminist newspeak also attempts to intimidate us into speaking of a biological father instead of a natural father, as if siring a child were merely a biological act like taking care of morning duties in the toilet. Having reduced it to as a dirty biological act, feminists dare not speak of sex, so they pervert grammar, which is only the beginning of their assault against our civilization.

Mr. Doyle has provided us with a remarkable commentary on the grave injuries which feminism has caused society in Europe and North America. It is important not to be misled by the multiple meanings associated with a word.

For there are different kinds of feminism, which on its face seems to mean simply the philosophy of promoting the well being of women. In this broad sense, Pope

John Paul II and Saint Edith Stein have written profound discourses which can be considered splendid illustrations of feminism. But the feminism to which Mr. Doyle draws attention is the view of such characters as Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem, — a species of secular humanism which, at bottom, teaches that there is nothing beyond physical reality, hence that there are no moral absolutes, no higher dimensions, and no afterlife, and that the meaning of life is making the most of here and now. Feminism in this sense adapts secular humanism to women in particular, and, as such, it is the philosophy of enabling women to dominate and exploit men.

When I was a law professor in the 1970s, I wrote about the impact of the 19th Amendment upon the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, naively believing that I was living at the dawn of a new era in which women generally would become intellectual, responsible, truthful, brave, and strong as has been traditionally expected of men, — no longer protected, fairer, idealized, and gentler creatures of the hearth and home, etc. I thought that I was helping to pave the way to a better future sketched out in the visionary passages of the 5th book of Plato's *Republic*. But I failed to appreciate that the driving force of the feminism then emerging was not based on Aristotle's view of human nature as a spiritual reality, but a low-grade materialistic, atheistic humanism which is deceptively cloaked behind the trappings of a noble cause. Any such force can only lead to the deterioration of civilization in general, because civilization in any setting is nothing other than the social manifestation of man's spiritual awareness, and secular humanism denies any spiritual reality of which we might become aware.

My expectations of those blissful days of academic folly were, of course, totally unrealistic. I admit it. My consolation is that so too were the expectations of most men who then welcomed the rise of women with high hopes of a better world. The maturation of women was fine, and important truth was discovered in scholarship, but our surreal hopes

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## Editor's Comment

You may be wondering why I would start this issue off with a book review. I did it because I'm mad at *Newsweek* magazine. Let me explain.

The Sept. 13, 1999 issue of *Newsweek* featured feminist Susan Faludi on the front cover. She had just released her book *Stiffed* which would supposedly do for men what her other over-inflated tome, *Backlash*, did for women. *Newsweek* not only heralded Faludi for taking up the cause of men, but implied that she was the only one who was doing so. There was no mention of NCFM or any other male-positive organization.

Any *Transitions* reader probably knows what *Stiffed* turned out to be. Feminist authors write feminist books. *Stiffed* downplayed or just ignored any male problem that involved women, such as divorce or false accusations. Instead it focused on men who were depressed, stuck in unglamorous jobs, etc. Faludi attempted to get men to blame their fathers for their

predicaments. Realizing that too many people didn't care enough about men to devote the time needed to slug through a book like *Stiffed*, *Newsweek* broadcast its skewed views to the public in a more digestible article.

Fast forward to April 2006. At the annual conference of the American Men's Studies Association, one presenter displayed the cover of the Feb. 13 2006 issue of *Newsweek*. The lead article was "The Boy Crisis." At the time I was glad to see it, not having read the article. I thought that perhaps *Newsweek* was not under total feminist control, after all, and could print a useful article for men and boys.

I admit I held this faulty belief until recently, when I discovered that this *Newsweek* article was simply popularizing a new book by Harvard psychologist and Wellesley College collaborator Dr. William Pollack. Dr. Pollack claimed that in order to address the problems boys are having,

we need to train them to be more like girls. Hardly the correct approach.

Therefore, knowing that the Lace Curtain will prevent *Save the Males* from being mentioned at any mainstream news outlet, I'm doing for Richard Doyle's book what *Newsweek* does for any male-damaging feminist book it comes across.

Please read John Graham's review on page 1 and Steven Svoboda's review in his book review column.

Ever Yours in the Cause,

*Jason Leatherman*

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## Review

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were irresponsible. And hard experience taught us the truth, which was eventually articulated by Mr. Doyle's mentor, the late Professor Daniel Amneus. The driving force behind the popular Friedan-Steinem brand of feminism, as Professor Amneus taught, is nothing other than the desire for unlimited female sexual hedonism, which, in a way, is making the most of here and now, and doing so in a manner designed to assure the capacity of women to dominate and exploit men. And to achieve this objective, radical changes were necessary: first, marriage had to be made meaningless, then destroyed; and, second, every woman had to have the option either to terminate any pregnancy on demand, or to keep her child and turn it into a cash cow.

And lo! Marriage, which has traditionally been considered a contract of great importance to and solemn obligations of both husband and wife, capable of dissolution only for grave cause, including either serious breach or real impossibility, has

in recent decades become an arrangement which a woman may terminate on whim often procured by alienation of affections once unlawful but now freely allowed. The process begins by a court order, issued upon affidavit which may be freely perjured without penalty, enforced without notice and hearing, and throwing the man out of his home and on the street. The female is then allowed her freedom and she takes most assets on grounds contrived, all without cause as a practical matter. Abortion has always been a delicate question, and the common law recognized limits on criminalization, although before our time it was never encouraged as it is today. But today we have abortion on demand at practically any stage of pregnancy as a monument deemed more sacred than Magna Carta. And if the female wants to keep the child, she has freely at her disposal the right to demand tribute from her prostrated mate under the guise of child support, but unrelated to the cost of raising children and

amounting to tax-free alimony and transfer of wealth, collected in her behalf by huge armies of government bureaucrats virtually unrestrained in their powers and efficiency.

I should add here that, while much bad legislation has been enacted, the real culprits in the final analysis are family court judges with unbridled discretion. And because their power is virtually unchecked in law and practice, family court judges are typically neurotic, cruel, dangerous, predatory, lawless, and tyrannical. The reason was explained by Edmund Burke when he said that "power gradually extirpates from the mind every humane and gentle virtue." No branch of the American judiciary has brought so much disgrace to the bench and generated so much hatred for authority, as our family courts, the lawyers who practice before them, and the judges who preside.

As Mr. Doyle points out effectively and clinically, a husband and a father

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has become a guest in his own home in the United States. He is a beast of prey who may be hunted without license at any time. The unhappy truth is that, unless a man links his destiny with a woman of extraordinary wisdom and virtue, marriage is unsafe and unwise. Many are responsible for this menace to Western civilization, but the most important culprits are divorce racket lawyers and family court judges. I have no apology to offer for my profession. We lawyers are guilty.

My consolation is that I am near the end of my career, having seen practice over almost forty years in sixteen jurisdictions, and I remain hopeful that we shall eventually move in the direction of necessary reforms. For human beings are surviving creatures, and such reforms are absolutely indispensable to our civilized survival as a species. Without a shift in the social pendulum, we shall sink into a jungle-like existence, nor will our technology save us. And because we must change direction,

we shall. It will take time for enough people to understand that the likes of Mr. Doyle are right, and unspeakable casualties will still be suffered in great number, but eventually the time will come.

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# Media Watch

with Mike Spaniola

## Media Finds Many Ways to Promote Domestic Violence Stereotype

Compilation and commentary on some of the latest anti-male absurdities and pro-female inanities forced upon us by an increasingly absurd, immature and unethical media.

**“Domestic Violence,”** by Lis Wiehl for FOX Fan Central, is as hysterical as it is inaccurate. Clue-Lis Wiehl, who also is a legal analyst on Fox News Channel,

vents a severe case of oral diarrhea, spewing forth: “When you think about the most dangerous place for an American woman, what comes to mind? Mall parking lots? Dark alleys? Seedy neighborhoods? No, no, and no. You might be surprised to learn that the most dangerous place for a woman in the United States is her own home. Domestic violence is the single biggest threat of injury to U.S. women — more than

heart attacks, cancer, strokes, car accidents, muggings and rapes combined!” [1]

Combining writer’s and bowel cramp, she anguishes: “Domestic violence violates the fundamental premise of a good relationship — trust. And it affects not only wives and girlfriends, but also mothers, children, and the elderly. This is one plague that doesn’t discriminate. It affects all men

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# Be It Resolved ...

## Regarding the Violence Against Women Act

1. **Whereas**, in 2000 Senator Orrin Hatch directed the executive branch to “ensure that men who have been victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault will receive benefits and services under the Act” (1)
2. **Whereas**, despite that statement of Congressional intent, male victims continue to be turned away from VAWA-funded shelters. (2)
3. **Whereas**, the language of the 2005 Violence Against Women Act now recognizes that male victims of domestic violence are in need of treatment and protection, and requires VAWA-funded programs to provide them with such services. (3)
4. **Whereas**, VAWA funds judicial education programs that instruct judges to disregard constitutionally-protected due process provisions and serve to politicize the judiciary, (4)
5. **Whereas**, it has been estimated that 2-3 million temporary protective orders are issued in the United States each year, of which 900,000 become permanent, (5)
6. **Whereas**, the Massachusetts Trial Court found that more than half of all restraining orders did not involve even an *allegation* of physical violence, (6)
7. **Whereas**, restraining orders are widely used as part of the “gamesmanship of divorce.” (7-8)
8. **Whereas**, such orders represent a gross violation of due process (9) and divert resources away from true domestic violence victims, (10)
9. **Whereas**, 15% of such protective orders are issued against women and 85% against men. (11)
10. **Whereas**, research shows that most instances of partner aggression are minor in nature, (12) and such cases require counseling, not legal intervention,
11. **Whereas**, VAWA-funded programs and policies often discourage couple counseling and partner reconciliation, and
12. **Whereas**, various VAWA incentives serve to promote family break-up, (13) which results in children losing daily contact with one of their parents. (14)

### Therefore, the undersigned organizations request that:

1. The VAWA appropriation bill for FY2007 include report language directing the DoJ Office on Violence Against Women to provide Congress, no later than December 30, 2007, with client utilization statistics of VAWA-funded programs and services, in compliance with the male-inclusive requirements of Section 40002(b)(8) of the 2005 Violence Against Women Act.
2. The Senate and House Appropriations Committees support and approve President Bush’s budget request to fund the Violence Against Women Act at the \$347 million level in FY2007.
3. The United States Congress establish a panel to investigate the claims that the Violence Against Women Act promotes the excessive issuance of restraining orders, which often leads to family break-up and inappropriate loss of parent involvement.

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# Media

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equally, whether rich, poor, religious, non-religious, black, or white.”

Try paraphrasing Clue-Lis by replacing “domestic violence” with “paternity fraud,” or maybe, “manipulative use of sex” or “financial irresponsibility.”

**Family Feud finds family violence funny.** An early October episode of the game show “Family Feud” saw nothing wrong with the question: “Name something a man hopes his wife never hits him with?” The audience, contestant families and host had a good time with such casual answers as “pan, skillet, baseball bat, tennis racquet, her fist” and other forms of physical abuse. Not even a mention of the familiar admonishment: “Don’t try this at home.” The No. 1 answer, by the way, was “pan/skillet.”

**“Outcry as clergy say calling God ‘He’ or ‘Lord’ encourages wife-beating,”** (UK “Daily Mail,” Oct. 3, 2006) “Church of England leaders warned yesterday that calling God ‘He’ encourages men to beat their wives. They told churchgoers they must think twice before they refer to God as ‘He’ or ‘Lord’ because of the dangers that it will lead to domestic abuse.

“In new guidelines for bishops and priests on such abuse, they blamed ‘uncritical use of masculine imagery’ for encouraging men to behave violently towards women. They also warned that clergy must reconsider the language they use in sermons and check the hymns they sing to remove signs of male oppression.” [2]

Whether freedom of religious expression concerns you, this ominous screed is intended to control the societal behavior of men, with much more to come under guises we have yet to imagine.

**“Torture Tactics Refined In U.S. Prisons, ACLU Says,”** reads the headline from a recent wire service article by Nathan Burchfiel. Widespread U.S. prisoner abuse is all too true and, sadly, we likely don’t know the half of it. However, most U.S. prisoners are male, and mainstream media,

therefore, ignore reports of such mistreatment — unless they can exploit it politically. That was the case with this article, which actually was about suspected Al Qaeda operatives at Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib, not about the plight of the incarcerated American Male. [3]

Media seldom mention that U.S. Army Gen. Janet Karpinski was “in charge” of the Abu Ghraib region and that her “leadership” was known for a lack of discipline and military protocol. Her rise to the rank of general represents attempts to demoralize and defame the U.S. military from within and is another example of how supposed civil-rights quotas are being used for nefarious purpose.

Karpinski was relieved of her duty, but served no jail time and was not prosecuted for her role in this damning affair. Yet we will forever hear of Gen. George Patton slapping two U.S. soldiers in an infirmary in the heat of battle in the European theater during World War II.

**“Ex-Tiger gets probation,”** by Jennifer Chambers, *The Detroit News*. Following the tried-and-true feminist formula of mixing sex and sports, former Detroit Tiger Dmitri Young’s conviction on domestic violence charges was deemed newsworthy. The charge stems from an incident April 14, 2006, at a Detroit-area hotel. Conditions of Young’s one-year probation include community service, daily sobriety tests and no compassion from the court. Young, who endured a divorce and who also was released by the Tigers this year, was denied a request to visit his children and family in Florida. (No word on whether his child support payments were also suspended.) The article portrayed the victim as unassuming and virtuous. No mention of exactly what “violence” took place. [4]

**Men get overdue presidential mention.** Edward Bartlett of RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting) reported that President George W. Bush mentioned men in his recent announcement on Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Bartlett noted,

“This was the first time the U.S. president had ever acknowledged male victims in his DVAM proclamation. That one extra word proves our message is finally reaching the highest echelons of political power.” (RADAR is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. Sign up for RADAR’s e-learn system at [www.mediadar.org](http://www.mediadar.org).)

Also, in Bush’s national TV address Sept. 11, 2006, he often used “troops” and “military” instead of the trite and very misleading “men and women of the military.” And when saying that some Muslim women could not attend school, he also provided an unusual bit of balance, noting that Muslim men could be beaten for not praying five times a day.

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# Book Reviews

## By J. Steven Svoboda

### *Save the Males*

By R. F. Doyle

Forest Lake, Minnesota: Poor Richard's Press, 2006. www.lulu.com. No price stated on book, but website gives price for book as US \$16.45, for download US \$6.95. 236 pages.

Richard Doyle, longtime toiler in the trenches on behalf of men's rights, recognized for his efforts by the National Coalition of Free Men (among others), and emeritus editor of the eminent *Liberator* newsmagazine, has used his spare time since he handed over editorship of the *Liberator* to pen the book *Save the Males*. (Full disclosure: I have spent some brief yet treasured time with Mr. Doyle and admire his work and persistence.)

For an honored old-timer, Doyle has done an admirable job integrating recent developments into his book. He provides generally excellent if intermittently grumpy and idiosyncratic summations of pertinent issues, reading somewhat like a ruffled, less erudite (but who isn't?) version of the late Daniel Amneus. Doyle's proposals near the end of the book are often fresh and engaging, and frequently provocative, while varying in practicality for actual implementation. Doyle suggests creating defaults for custody awards that are based on the age and sex of the child. Younger children will tend to be placed with Mom, while older kids, particularly boys, will live with Dad, while some room is included for consideration of individual circumstances.

I was thankful for new information such as the discussion on page 72 of the centuries-old roots of alimony in a now long obsolete type of limited divorce, in which the husband was still liable for the wife's expenses. Fathers' importance is deftly summarized in five pages, with Doyle underscoring the facts that neither rape nor income in itself affect the crime rate in a community, only family status, specifically, the absence of Dad. Doyle is good on health issues and I appreciated his mention of circumcision. The author backs up well his

argument (p. 178) that women have a higher obligation to chastity, and makes some interesting proposals regarding marriage a few pages later.

Both the pluses and minuses of Doyle's style are excellently typified by analyses such as p. 43's discussion of rape and some women's partial contribution to it by use of provocative clothing. The author demonstrates his penetrating originality, periodic infelicitous formulations, his courage of his convictions, his prejudices, jarring self-references, and areas of short-sightedness, all in the same paragraph:

"(Watch misandrists take passages from this paragraph out of context.) Some women seem to have a rape wish. If one is curiously attired, or un-attired, it follows that one is going to be the object of curiosity. For that reason, flirtatious women who go about in public only partially clothed, whether or not in 'style,' have little cause to complain about rape or yobos leering after them...."

The book is poorly organized and could have used a good editor, whose necessity is not removed by 21<sup>st</sup> century computer technologies. Thus we see the same Samuel Adams quotation repeated within six pages, and encounter some strange ideas such as the quasi-paranoid suggestion (p. 199) that alimony/child support expenditures would be better redirected "into tracking down the latest and biggest threat to this country, an ominous cooperative of terrorists, organized criminals and illegal aliens." Among other points that could be made in response, can anyone imagine a "cooperative" of these three groups?

Doyle is not a proponent of men crying and repeatedly states his distaste for the entire mythopoetic movement. (In a paragraph at the bottom of p. 161, Doyle reveals himself to carry some pretty blinding prejudices toward men's work toward self-discovery.) In my opinion, Doyle is right in questioning feminist-oriented men's groups such as NOMAS

(National Organization for Men Against Sexism), but his half-baked speculation on the sexual proclivities of NOMAS folks is a bit embarrassing. Nor does he believe that gays genuinely fall in love, finding them to be disgusting. Semi-coherent formulations and references to unfamiliar events the author evidently assumes are common knowledge periodically make it difficult to be sure what Doyle is saying. John Murtari's name is repeatedly misspelled, making an Internet follow-up difficult for an interested reader to execute. I learned about a number of new books from Doyle, and I appreciate that. Yet without making any attempt to check his facts, I came across a number of errors. My research could not turn up any book titled "Brain Sex" by Michael Joseph, cited by Doyle on p. 167. "Feminizing the Nation's Boys," listed in the bibliography as a book, is actually a short article. The citation of feminist Anne Summers' *The End of Equality* must be an error. It is silly to use 1974 statistics that are easily updatable, as Doyle does at least once, in marked contrast to his mostly up-to-date information; it is also somewhat sophomoric to list one's supporters in an attempt to strengthen one's credibility, and even more so to then add "and most anyone with a modicum of common sense."

As I mentioned above, a good editor could do a lot to clean much of this up. Nevertheless, in its current state, *Save the Males* still merits serious attention for its insightful suggestions and fiery, quirky summary of the current state of males. Anyone who reads it for what it offers and bypasses what doesn't serve will find the ride worth several times the ticket price.

## What's Happening??

# National Coalition of Free Men News

### DALLAS / FORT WORTH CHAPTER REPORT

(By Deb Watkins)

This quarter, we have fielded several calls from men needing help finding resources. Mostly, referrals to both the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters of Texas Fathers for Equal Rights (Dallas: [www.fathers4kids.com](http://www.fathers4kids.com) Fort Worth: [www.tferfw.org](http://www.tferfw.org)). We also helped one man that needed to find a homeless shelter that would allow his cats. The shelter could not let him keep his cats there, but we were able to steer him to a shelter that works with the Humane Society to house animals temporarily.

9/16-9/18: President Deborah Watkins was in San Diego to assist with NCFM-SD's booth at the IVAT (Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma) Conference. She made several great connections, including one with the booth directly across from NCFM's: Texas Lawyers for Children! Many thanks to NCFM-SD and NCFM-LA for all the great ideas and resources that are now in Texas!

9/18: President Deborah Watkins was a featured guest at the San Diego Men's Center's 1st Informal Open House! She was honored to be among the likes of Phil Cook -- author of *Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence*, Ken Druck -- *The Secrets Men Keep*, John Hamel -- *Gender-Inclusive Treatment of Intimate Partner Abuse*, Lynn Melville -- *Breaking Free from Boomerang Love: Getting Unhooked from Borderline Personality Disorder Relationships*, and our very own Stanley Green and Marc Angelucci (who need no explanation here, I'm sure).

9/26: NCFM-DFW made a monetary donation to the San Diego Men's Center, to help continue their valuable and much-appreciated programs.

9/27: President Deborah Watkins met with Jim Loose, Chairman of the Board of People for Equal Parenting ([www.pepintexas.org](http://www.pepintexas.org)). PEP has been working hard here in Texas and expects to see the introduction of bill -- this next

legislative session! -- that will establish presumptive equal parenting in cases where both parents are fit. This will be a landmark occurrence. We all know how strong the child support industry is! These are some brave law makers! NCFM-DFW will help with the effort any way we possibly can, and we will keep you posted!

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER REPORT

(By Marc Angelucci)

7/20/06: *Mountain Valley News* prints letter from NCFM-LA member Ray Blumhorst thanking the newspaper for correcting itself on the domestic violence statistics (after NCFM-LA pointed the error out), for strongly confronting the editor of the *Pasadena Star News* for its bias, and for defending NCFM-LA against the *Star-News* editor's reactionary and ignorant comments about NCFM.

7/24/06 - 8/5/06: NCFM-LA provided moral support and an advocate (Ray Blumhorst) for a male victim of domestic violence while his former girlfriend was being prosecuted for stabbing him in the heart and cutting his eye. We also used this as an opportunity to educate the City Attorney on the domestic violence statistics.

7/24/06: NCFM-LA held a special dinner to honor NCFM's national president, Michael Rother, who was in Los Angeles that week.

7/25/05: At a dinner hosted by the Italian-American Lawyers Association where California Attorney General Bill Lockyer was the guest speaker, NCFM-LA president confronted Lockyer face to face about the neglect of male victims in state domestic violence policies.

8/1/06: NCFM-LA members made special monetary donations to support the work of Michael Robinson and California Alliance for Families and Children (CAFC) in Sacramento.

8/3/06: NCFM-LA president was interviewed on video about NCFM and men's rights by a film company that is

putting together a documentary on attorneys.

8/7/06: UCLA Daily Bruin printed NCFM-LA's op ed responding to a feminist columnist who downplayed the boy crisis in education. [www.dailybruin.com/news/articles.asp?id=37845](http://www.dailybruin.com/news/articles.asp?id=37845)

8/15/06: NCFM-LA members donated money to cover the expenses for a MRA who was invited by a police officer training organization to speak about the true dynamics of domestic violence. This advocate, who will go unnamed, is an expert who is honest about domestic violence statistics and was invited as a result of his testimony before the California Senate Judiciary Committee about domestic violence.

8/16/06: NCFM-LA helped file the opening appellate brief in the high-profile paternity fraud case of County of Los Angeles v. Taron Grant James. James, a former Navyman, had returned from the Gulf War to find himself trapped in a paternity fraud nightmare. He denied paternity from the start and fought the judgment for ten years while the County attached his paychecks, tax returns and unemployment pay despite DNA evidence excluding him as the father. NCFM-LA helped him file a motion to set aside the judgment based on the new laws that NCFM-LA helped pass (AB252), and also helped him sue the mother, in which the court awarded Taron a \$44K default judgment against the mother. The motion to set aside was successful except the court refused to order the County to reimburse Taron for the \$12K+ it took from him. NCFM-LA is helping Taron appeal that decision. This case was covered by Fox News and other media (see [www.nbc4.tv/news/2891653/detail.html](http://www.nbc4.tv/news/2891653/detail.html)) and we expect more when the appeal is decided.

8/25/06: NCFM-LA's president was interviewed on the Mike McConnell show on Cincinnati radio station WLW700 about NCFM. The interview covered various issues including paternity fraud,



domestic violence, battered men, and the sex discrimination at baseball promotions.

8/29/06: *Los Angeles* and *San Francisco Daily Journals* print NCFM-LA's letter responding to an op-ed about sexual violence and inequities in prison that emphasized only inequities faced by female prisoners. The letter pointed out several explicit inequities in the law that male prisoners, especially incarcerated fathers, face, concerning parenting programs, visitation, pediatric services, alternative sentencing and other benefits that are explicitly given only to men.

9/5/06: The *Union Democrat* quoted NCFM-LA several times in a good article about battered men in Calaveras County, California. [www.uniondemocrat.com/news/story.cfm?story\\_no=21306](http://www.uniondemocrat.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=21306)

9/8/06: NCFM-LA wrote to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger requesting that he veto Assembly bill 2051, a bill that would expand domestic violence funding to include victims within the LGBT

community but which still left the discriminatory language ("women") intact so that males, and especially heterosexual males, remained excluded. NCFM-LA worked with various groups to fight the bill's discriminatory language from its inception. Schwarzenegger signed the bill anyway. But the bill helped us, and particularly lobbyist Michael Robinson, educate the Legislature about domestic violence, and we received some commitments for positive legislation soon to address male victims.

9/16-19: NCFM-LA helped other NCFM members staff an NCFM booth at the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego ([www.ivatcenters.org/conference.htm](http://www.ivatcenters.org/conference.htm)). Staffers included Harry Crouch (San Diego), Marc Angelucci (L.A.), Ray Blumhorst (L.A.), Stanley Green (WA), Phil Cook (Oregon), John Van Doorn (San Diego), Deborah Watkins (TX); John Hamel and others. A big thank you goes to Harry Crouch for all the set-up and

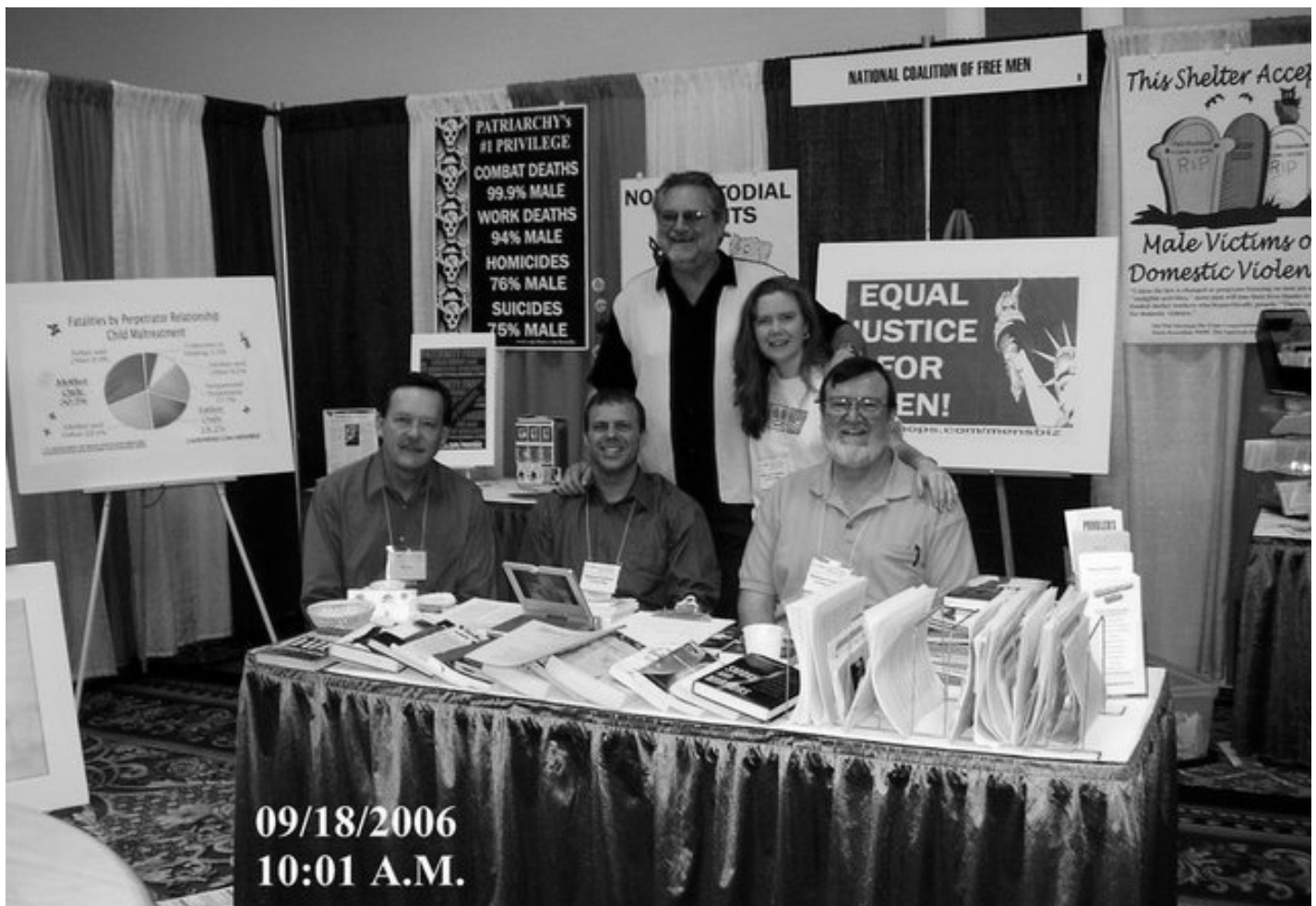
organizing work he did on this. NCFM-LA members also attended the open house for the San Diego Men's Center and NCFM San Diego, organized by Harry Crouch.

9/27/06: NCFM-LA member Ray Blumhorst published an article on [Ifeminists.com](http://Ifeminists.com) describing his experience staffing the NCFM booth at the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego the week before. [www.ifeminists.net/introduction/editorials/2006/0927blumhorst.html](http://www.ifeminists.net/introduction/editorials/2006/0927blumhorst.html)

9/27/06: NCFM-LA wrote to the Santa Monica College Library about their biased suggested search terms and catalogue category terms on their website regarding domestic violence casting all victims as female and all abusers as male.

9/30/06: NCFM-LA helped submit the opening brief in the lawsuit against the State of California challenging, on equal protection grounds, the gender classifications in the Health and Safety

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Bottom row, left to right: Phil Cook, Marc Angelucci, Ray Blumhorst. Top row (standing), left to right: Harry Crouch, Deborah Watkins

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Code (re domestic violence) and the Penal Code (re domestic violence and also re incarcerated fathers).

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER REPORT

(By Harry Crouch)

On September 8, representatives of the Department of Child Support Services, Juvenile Parole, Volunteers in Parole, the Public Defender's Office, County Mental Health, one of our volunteer law students, Elyse Bernstein, our resident attorney Craig Candelore, Nan our Project Coordinator, and I met at the Men's Center to discuss developing a "tolling" project for incarcerated, that is, a program through which those incarcerated for six or months can have their child support payments stayed until release from prison. In brief, a tentative agreement was reached between DCSS and the PD to work with those pending sentencing. Another meeting is scheduled October 11 with representatives of Corrections to open discussions concerning a program for those already incarcerated.

September 15th through the 18th, with generous financial help from NCFM, the San Diego Chapter staged the forth-consecutive exhibit at the 11th Annual Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Trauma Conference in San Diego. NCFM members Ray Blumhorst, Marc Angelucci, Deborah Watkins, and Stanley Green all helped staff the exhibit.

During the Conference on the evening of the 18th the San Diego Men's Center held an open house attended by those above as well as local NCFM members and other guests. NCFM-SD members Lorenda Stern, John Van Doorn, James Shaw, and Ed Goold were immensely helpful.

Beginning in early September the San Diego Men's Center got its own website with links to on-line and snail-mail applications to become an NCFM and NCFM-SD member. The site is uncomplicated and as neutral as possible. There's a page with links to applicable PDF brochures, like NCFM-LA/SD's brochure. There's a page with for applicable videos. Over the past few years, for example, I've

worked in one capacity of another with FOX 6 News reporter Sherry Palmerri on many news features. Sherry is working with FOX to make the features available so they can link to various websites. Two segments are available now, one on paternity fraud with Taron James and one about male rape victims. There's also a link to fantastic new feature film documentary "System Down", and expose about our Family Justice System ([www.californiamenscenter.com/videos.html](http://www.californiamenscenter.com/videos.html)). There's also a page for people to donate online to the Men's Center using PayPal. So feel free to send donations, all are appreciated for sure.

The new website was required because a professional fundraiser and grant writer is donating some time along with NCFM-SD member attorney Al Rava and we needed a uncontroversial website. Both fundraiser and Al are strongly suggesting other changes, like establishing a separate nonprofit and perhaps a name change for the Center.

In September NCFM-SD member Kevin Young enrolled in a paralegal course and intends to work in family law when completed.

On September 26, I gave an hour and a half presentation to approximately 100 clients and staff at the Center for Change, an organization associated with the East County Drug Court.

On October 4, NCFM-SD member John Van Doorn picketed the San Diego Domestic Violence Council's "Not to Be Forgotten Rally" to kick off October as Domestic Violence Month. Speakers included state legislators and local elected officials. Representatives of the San Diego Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, and even the City Attorney himself mentioned men as victims, while other speakers, all women, did not. Behind the stage were large pictures of women killed by domestic violence but no pictures of men. The red cutouts of the Silent Victims Silhouettes include some deceased males though they were lined up out of sight under a covered walkway.

On October 10, I viewed a draft of a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Kent Peters, Director Catholic Social Ministries,

concerning the Safe Place Faith Community relationship violence information, education, and referral program. Kent has been invited to Oklahoma City to make a presentation before 200 or so members of numerous nondenominational groups. The Men's Center is highlighted in the presentation and will be discussed in terms of ensuring the program and materials is gender neutral as well as inclusive. We keep refining the program and hope to have it operational throughout the country within three to four years. Whenever I participate in training for new congregations NCFM-LA/SD brochures are handed out. The extraordinary Safe Place Faith Community brochure is available on the "Brochures" page of our new website. If you have not seen it you should. You should be amazed.

On October 14, I will be presenting with conference coordinator Al Schafer, President Coalition of Parent Support San Diego, at the annual international conference of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups.

In between we have accompanied several men to Family Court Services Mediation and to Court. We have been very successful coaching men regarding mediation preparation, all but two gaining 50% of greater custody of their children. We have worked with several men from several states concerning restraining orders, paternity, move-aways, and other child custody issues. Nan, our Project Coordinator, has taken a particular interest in custody cases and has helped several people through the labyrinth of Child Support Services, including helping them get government provided DNA testing. We have gone to Court several times with our guys as advocates and been able to sit with them during the hearing for morale support.

### SAVE THE MALES

(by Richard Doyle)

I'm Richard Doyle with an important message for all movement members, especially leaders. My latest book *Save the Males* is a distillation of 40

years in the trenches of the men's/fathers' movement.

Not only are men, fathers, children and families in jeopardy from modern anti-male trends, but also civilization itself. Beyond the attack from Islamic radicalism, Western civilization is in the midst of a fierce culture war between those who embrace traditional manly values and those who want to change society into a feminist-dominated community. This book promotes the good fight for traditional values that have served us so well for so long. The stakes are high.

Men must take charge of our destiny. Calling upon all major organizations and their spokesmen, I argue for ultimate unification of the fractured men's/fathers' movement, borrowing the nation's motto "E Pluribus Unum" ("From Many, One"). More immediately and more practically existing groups require a much higher degree of cooperation and communication. This entails putting aside petty, egotistic differences and rallying the various elements.

The necessary means of intra-movement communication already exist: electronically with **Mensnewsdaily.com** and in print with such publications as *The Liberator* and *Transitions*. See *Save the Males* for more specific recommendations, available at **Amazon.com** and Barnes & Noble.

#### SHARED PARENTING INITIATIVE ON NORTH DAKOTA BALLOT

(by Mitchell S. Sanderson)

The Citizens of North Dakota have collected signatures to place a history-making Shared Parenting measure on this November's ballot. The measure is short and to the point. Joint physical custody cannot be denied if requested unless first found unfit by clear and convincing evidence. This ballot measure was started by citizens who feel the current family law has no legal authority to strip fathers of our parental rights simply due to a divorce. Parents are to create a parenting plan and child support is to be calculated on the basic needs of the children. Current state child support guidelines for joint physical custody use the shared income model for support obligations. Joint legal custody

uses the obligor method for support calculations in North Dakota.

No parent should be forced out of a child's life due to a divorce. Shared Parenting most closely resembles an intact family and is beneficial to our children. APA studies clearly support shared parenting and also show how our current system is harming our children.

The opposition is trying very hard to scare the citizens into voting against this measure. Their tactics work with our legislators but we do not feel it will work with the good citizens of North Dakota.

If this measure passes it will no doubt be used by other states to pass shared parenting through their state legislatures.

(Mitchell Sanderson is the chairman of NDSPI - [www.ndspi.com](http://www.ndspi.com)).

#### NEW MEN'S BOOK AND WEB SITE

*Men Speak the Unspeakable* is a new book about self discovery and a journey from boyhood to manhood. It is a transcription of conversations between the authors, Michael Elias and Edward Seeker,

as they reveal their deepest secrets and personal experiences.

The authors also run a website called "Menspeak" where you can join discussion groups, find out about their regional men's groups, sign up for their newsletter, or get listings for their book readings and performances. The issues talked about at Menspeak include: Sexuality, Fatherhood, Parents, Growing up, Relationships, Communication, Personal growth, Health, and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

Visit our Menspeak website at [www.menspeak.co.uk](http://www.menspeak.co.uk). Please be aware that this site contains adult content throughout.

## Volunteers Needed Please Help !!

**WEBMASTER** - NCFM needs someone to take over the operation and maintenance of our new website. This is an important job that requires an eye for content, good judgment, and responsibility. Our web site is the face of our organization, so this is an opportunity to make a great contribution. If interested, please contact Mike Rother at [MichaelGRother@GMail.com](mailto:MichaelGRother@GMail.com).

**MEN'S HOTLINE** - NCFM is in need of someone to operate our "hotline". What this means is that you would get about one call every week or two from someone needing assistance. You should be familiar with the court system as well as men's resources and be able to offer some support to callers. All calls are returned COLLECT, so you won't incur any costs. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, please contact Naomi at 516-482-6378 or [susansusansusan@hotmail.com](mailto:susansusansusan@hotmail.com).

## Letters to the Editor

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**DEAR NCFM:**

My brother has been arrested and charged with grabbing two 10 year olds' buttocks and another girl's breast. There were 2 adults around and 3 other girls who said this never happened. The police did not check any other person's testimony. The two 10 year olds admitted to two other neighbor girls they made this up because the one girl's mom told her to do it. In the police report the officer states he does not believe these girls. The girls also say that there was an adult present. Their statements are all different. This is all untrue, yet he is looking at a habitual offence and life for something he is innocent of. Our problem is we do not have a lot of money. We need an attorney who will work with us until tax time and/or pro bono. Can you help? We can give \$200.00 a month until tax time then we can give a couple thousands dollars. I know this is not what you are used to, but you will get your payments. Please contact my sister-in-law at 269-841-0751 if you can help or know of anyone who can. They have three small children and need a break.

**NCFM:**

Thanks for contacting us at NCFM. False accusations of sexual misconduct are quite serious and must be fought vigorously at all stages. We are not a law firm, but you can find some legal referral tools on our website. Even though you say you can't afford a lawyer, now is the time to hire the best lawyer you can find

and fight these charges aggressively. Once there's a conviction, it is VERY difficult to win an appeal. Please, hire a lawyer and fight now while you still can. Beg or borrow from anyone you can to get the funds.

Once your case is settled, please consider joining NCFM and helping with our efforts to stop this kind of prejudice. You'll be busy defending your own case for a while, but please keep us in mind once you're finished.

**DEAR NCFM:**

I've just read an article by Robert Ross about suicide committed by men especially in teenage and adults. For me it was quiet interesting, and really very emotional indeed. A fortnight ago one of my neighbor's sons (who was a twin) committed suicide by gunshot in their field. A few days before I did his car a service and there weren't any indications that he was in a bad mood or whatever. His father is a long friend of mine and passed years in the same classroom during elementary education. The boy (aged 20) was an always smiling character and when passing in front of my garage he used to ask me if I needed something. He comes from a very united family and like his twin brother and elderly sister was very much beloved at home. Before his father left for work that same tragic morning he hugged and thanked his father for taking water to their field for bird trapping. It was a great shock to his family, next of kin, neighbors, our village, and other neighboring villages. We all missed him because he was a very kindhearted boy.

Charles Farrugia  
Malta

**NCFM:**

Thanks for contacting NCFM and sharing your story. I'm sorry to hear about the loss of someone close to you and your family. Unfortunately, suicide is a much bigger problem among boys and men than among women and girls, but society doesn't

seem to want to find out why. At any rate, I appreciate what you're going through. Here's wishing you all the best....

**DEAR NCFM:**

I am a man in early childhood education and am facing great odds moving up the intellectual food chain. Apparently, a male ECE professor is hard to find. I am wondering if there is a network available to me for university contacts that are willing to consider white male professors for their programs. It is a terrible thing to say, but I am at odds with this dilemma. I have included a CV for your examination. I would appreciate some direction. Also, I would like to contribute articles or stories to the organization if needed. I am a great resource. I truly feel discriminated against because of my sex and color (white). It is not an issue for me because I am not prejudice. However, the system is rigged against me being who I am.

Rick

**NCFM:**

Thanks for contacting us at NCFM. I'm not sure I have any specific suggestions for you, but education is one field that tends to be pro-feminist and anti-male. So, I can sympathize with the position you're in. You don't say what part of the country you're in, but perhaps another geographic area might be better? If you like, I can post your message on our email list and see if any of our members have any suggestions for you. Let me know if you would like me to do that. Meanwhile, good luck in your career efforts!

**DEAR NCFM:**

Once again, I am inviting you and your organization to observe International Men's Day on November 19th 2006. This is the 8th observance of an annual event in which both men and women support in an effort to reform and improve individuals.

Many thanks to those persons and groups, especially in developing countries, for assisting and observing International Men's Day. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to hold their independent observances.

The methods of commemorating International Men's Day include public seminars, classroom activities at schools, radio and television programs, debates, panel discussions, peaceful marches, and art displays. The manner of observing this annual day is optional and you can use any appropriate forum. By informing your group, organization, government, friends, public institutions, and neighborhood, the message can reach a wider audience.

The theme for this year is "A World without Prostitution and Pornography". It includes a focus on the effects of prostitution and pornography on the individual and family life. Some topics for discussion — Is it possible to ever eradicate prostitution and pornography? Are there psychological and emotional implications in viewing porn? Is the media assisting the porn and prostitution industries? This information can be used in brochures, websites, magazines, newspapers, e-mails or newsletters.

Undoubtedly, your support will assist in building a society aspiring for peace and a more tolerant and understanding future generation.

Feel free to contact me for further information and good luck in your endeavors.

Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh.  
**thirdworldunited@yahoo.com**  
 1-868-665-8227

**NCFM:**

Thank you for letting us know the date of your International Men's Day. I will pass your notice along to our members so that they can choose to participate or not.

Personally, I disagree with your theme of eliminating prostitution and pornography. There are many other issues of far greater concern to men. Eliminating these two items would require eliminating our freedoms. I would rather live free in a world with prostitution and porn than give up my freedom to eliminate these things and others. We have other issues to worry

about. So, I personally can't agree with your theme. But I wish you luck.

**DEAR NCFM:**

I noticed on one of The Ford Motor Corporation websites that they are involved in a breast cancer campaign known as "Warriors in Pink" that they've supported since 1995. Is breast cancer more important than throat, skin, lung, or prostate cancer? In my view cancer is cancer and is bad no matter what type it is. I think we the members of NCFM should send Ford a message that this "pick and choose" mentality is completely unacceptable. On a personal note, I'm very disappointed in Ford given the fact that I'm a very loyal customer of theirs. I could not find a place on their website so I could contact them regarding this issue.

John F. Vervoort

**EDITOR:**

Thanks, John. This issue has been taken up by our Letter Writing Committee.

**DEAR NCFM:**

I live in the UK, and am the only men's issue-articulate person that I, or anyone else I meet, have ever met. Your organization seems to be doing the best work in the field, but due to the tiny quantity of MRAs in any given territory, might it now be wiser to broaden your organization's horizons by becoming The International Coalition of Free Men. We have the Internet now, a global tool that second-wave feminists did not have and yet the men's movement is utterly fragmented. Your current name, I feel, may smack of small town reactionary conservatism scaring off the progressive minded who might otherwise join you.

Tom Martin

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## NCFM:

Thanks for contacting NCFM. Although we are a US-based organization, we do have several members in other countries. Canada and Australia are frequent examples. You are welcome to join us if you like, and you would be able to participate in our email discussion group as well as receive our newsletter.

The question of going international has come up before, and we've looked into it. We would have to re-establish our corporate identity and purpose in each country we wanted to operate in. We simply don't have the man-power to do that all over the world. There is no central, worldwide place to register ourselves. It would have to be done repeatedly in many countries. We've decided that we would rather focus on the U.S. instead of spreading ourselves too thin.

Our name actually has a long history, and goes back to the 1970s. We've had many efforts to change the name over the years, but they've all failed for one reason or another. Personally, I like our name, but so far, no one has come up with a name that the majority of board members have accepted. So, we're the Coalition of Free Men. I like it!

At any rate, welcome to the world of men's rights work. Please consider staying in touch with us through a membership. And good luck to you!

## DEAR NCFM:

I realize that we face many pressing anti-male problems and they must be prioritized. A problem that I believe would result in immediate results is to attack the barrage of anti-male propaganda in advertising and the media.

Major companies such as Chlorox, General Electric and others regularly give the impression and propagate the message that men are unnecessary appendages who contribute nothing and are not important to the family or society. To wit, such attitudes as "it's so easy even a man can do it, men have their way of cleaning and "we' have ours," etc. Then we have to deal even with

action dramas where only the woman (who is almost always in command) can figure out what to do while the men stand around perplexed until a female tells them how to solve the problem.

Particularly disturbing was a GE commercial I first saw last Labor Day which pictured scantily clad females with bikinis showing their navels while they were supposedly mining coal. This is an insult to the many men who are suffering with lung diseases and dying from the result of their work in providing us with coal. I don't know of any women coal miners and I'm certain no one slinked around in bikinis while doing the dangerous job of mining coal. Whether it is Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or South Africa, it was men who risked their lives and often died so that we could have electricity, steel, and diamonds, most of which went to adorning women.

I don't see men in the women's locker rooms, but there are always women in men's locker rooms in every sport.

This marginalization of men in the family and in the community has acerbated, if not caused, many of the social problems we face today and has left young people confused and lacking any appropriate gender identity. The lesbian influence in the media and advertising has left us with an anti-male image which has undermined the family is destroying the possibility of healthy, productive relations between men and women in American society. What kind of message does this send to our boys who are seeking to find their gender identity, while they are told there is something wrong with being a man?

I would like to work with others who see this as a serious problem, and urge men to not ignore this serious issue. When I see these influences I contact the offending sources and also encourage companies, such

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as SCJohnson, which appreciate their male customers and offer wholesome and productive models of gender cooperation.

Donald Per

**NCFM:**

Thank you for contacting NCFM. I'm not sure if you're a member of NCFM, but we do have a letter-writing committee that regularly addresses issues just like this. You can find out more about it by contacting Bob McInnes at [mcinnes\\_robort@hotmail.com](mailto:mcinnes_robort@hotmail.com). The committee comes out with a letter-writing campaign just about every month. Please consider joining the effort, and please consider joining NCFM's other efforts as well.

**DEAR NCFM:**

Did you know that even today, women get paid 75 cents to a man's dollar? That only 52% of divorced mothers receive full child support payments the fathers were ordered to make and based on statistics it is difficult for judges to be confident that all men will accept responsibilities that accompany the rights they seek? Did you know that feminists advocate for the equality of MEN and WOMEN? Thus, this means MEN have the CHOICE to be a stay-at-home father or work full-time. Do not deny yourselves of the freedom that you have under your privileged nature. It furthers your discriminatory values of minorities.

**NCFM:**

Thank you for contacting NCFM. We are well aware of the mainstream arguments for and against women's and men's rights and responsibilities. There are many sides to these issues that you don't hear in the mainstream media, but that are very important considerations. Part of our mission is to raise awareness of the issue you don't generally hear about. Educating a person about all sides of the issue when such a person is brand new to the discussion is not an easy task.

Regarding the wage gap issue, I would refer you to the Independent Women's Forum, which has done several studies that have found that the so-called wage gap is accountable by various

legitimate causes, such as education, length of time in the workforce, hours worked, etc. Please see [http://www.iwf.org/issues/issues\\_detail.asp?ArticleID=575](http://www.iwf.org/issues/issues_detail.asp?ArticleID=575) for part of the story.

That only 52% of divorced mothers receive full child support is not surprising, since men have no reproductive rights in the first place. If men had the ability to choose to be parents, just as women do, the rate would be much higher. However, women have rights to abortion, giving the child up for adoption, or keeping the child, while men have no say at all in the decision, yet they are held financially accountable for the woman's decision for 18 years or more. Personally, I don't blame men for bowing out of a responsibility they didn't choose in the first place.

Feminists claim to advocate for men and women, but in fact want a world of female privilege. Even their name -- feminism -- gives away their purpose. If they were for true equality, they wouldn't call themselves feminist, they would call themselves equalitarians, or something like that.

Personally, I don't know any men who realistically have the choice to be stay at home fathers. Their wives wouldn't have it. In fact, men are expected to be full-time providers, and therefore are expected to earn more than women.

At any rate, the discussion is long and complex, and we have only scratched the surface here. If you're interested in these issues, I would encourage you to take a look at many of the books on our website, which present an alternative view from the mainstream feminist viewpoint.

**DEAR EDITOR:**

There is a Unity Blog at [mensnewsdaily.com/author/mensdefense](http://mensnewsdaily.com/author/mensdefense). Check it out.

I'm asking all recipients of this message to seriously consider dropping our militant independence in order that, after all these years of butting our individual heads against this massive structure of misandry, we may finally obtain the justice for men and families we all seek. Only by pooling our resources will we ever prevail.

Richard Doyle

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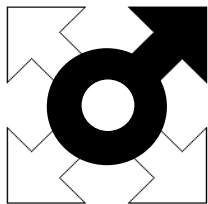
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