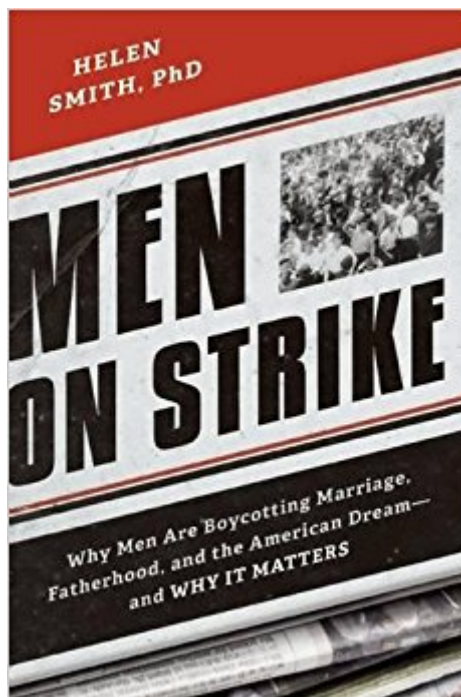




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Men On Strike: Why Men Are Boycotting Marriage, Fatherhood, And The American Dream - And Why It Matters



Synopsis

American society has become anti-male. Men are sensing the backlash and are consciously and unconsciously going on strike. They are dropping out of college, leaving the workforce and avoiding marriage and fatherhood at alarming rates. The trend is so pronounced that a number of books have been written about this man-child phenomenon, concluding that men have taken a vacation from responsibility simply because they can. But why should men participate in a system that seems to be increasingly stacked against them? As *Men on Strike* demonstrates, men aren't dropping out because they are stuck in arrested development. They are instead acting rationally in response to the lack of incentives society offers them to be responsible fathers, husbands and providers. In addition, men are going on strike, either consciously or unconsciously, because they do not want to be injured by the myriad of laws, attitudes and hostility against them for the crime of happening to be male in the twenty-first century. Men are starting to fight back against the backlash. *Men on Strike* explains their battle cry.

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Customer Reviews

Helen Smith, PhD, is a psychologist specializing in forensic issues and men's issues in Knoxville, Tennessee. She holds a PhD from the University of Tennessee and master's degrees from The New School for Social Research and the City University of New York. She has written *The Scarred Heart: Understanding and Identifying Kids Who Kill* and was writer and executive producer of *Six*, a documentary about the murder of a family in Tennessee by teens from

Kentucky. She has worked with men (as well as women and children) in her private practice for more than twenty years. She has been on numerous television and radio shows including Montel Williams and has appeared on E! Entertainment, Fox News, Discovery, Women's Entertainment, Biography, Oxygen and The Learning Channel. Smith has written for numerous publications including the Los Angeles Times, The Christian Science Monitor and The Cleveland Plain Dealer. She occasionally hosts a show at PJTV focusing on men's issues, psychology and politics. She has written on her blog at drhelen.blogspot.com since 2005 on men's rights, men's issues and psychology and is now a columnist and blogger at PJ Media. Her blog is at pjmedia.com/drhelen.

Dr. Smith concisely describes how American society has become anti-male. As a result, men are opting for non-participation. A stand-out chapter is "Why Does Dad Stay in the Basement?" (pages 95-118), which posits that too many women view men as "perverts, predators, and goofballs." This chapter brings to mind the TV and radio commercials with dumb husbands being put in their place by their rude, condescending wives. Usually a callow male says or does something stupid, and then the wife sneers, "Slow down there, champ! Time to grow up and stop being a moron!" Imagine the outrage if the roles were reversed. In 2005 Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers spoke at a conference on women and other minorities in the science and engineering workforce. Summers said that POSSIBLE explanations for the underrepresentation of women in the upper echelons of these professions MIGHT include upbringing, genetics, and time spent on child rearing. He clearly stated that he made these comments to be provocative. Listening to the presentation, MIT biologist Nancy Hopkins said, "I felt I was going to be sick. My heart was pounding and my breath was shallow. I was extremely upset." She wasn't the only one. A firestorm of male and female outrage engulfed Harvard for months. Has any man out there ever felt sick when he saw a portrayal of us as perverts, predators, and goofballs? Have our hearts started pounding and our breathing become shallow? Now, just imagine if you could press a button and instantly change all those thousands of commercials from women calling their husbands idiots to men telling their wives to calm down, grow up, and stop being so stupid. Pause and think of the global hysteria. All double standards are enraging, but one of the worst is, "I am woman hear me roar, but I'm just a girl, so stop being mean to me." Yet Dr. Smith is optimistic. Her book functions as a cogent identifier of the problem, a handbook of solutions, and an unflinching statement of principles. It's thoroughly footnoted, with an index and a selection of resources for men. Very worthwhile and a fast, thought-provoking read.

Helen Smith PhD truly understands men and boys...and does so in a non-biased feminist way. I didn't know too much about her until I recently finished reading this book. I say she is a heroine of mine along with women like Janice Fiamengo, Alison Tieman, Hannah Wallen, Karen Straughan, and Erin Pizzey. I highly recommend men and teenage boys to buy this book and read it to understand what we're up against in this matriarchal society in the western world and motivate them to stand up for their human rights or else sooner or later you won't have any with all the feminist women, pro-feminist men, and White Knights who want to strip us from it like second-class citizens. I recommend women and teenage girls to buy and read it with an open mind and who are willing to understand with empathy what men and boys are dealing with and why men are going their own way either being wary of their presence or completely choose to be on committed relationships with the female sex. 

For quite a few years now I have been sensing the need to begin a restoration process on the part of the male in society. For at least the last 40 years the male figure has been under brutal attack. It is difficult to watch any program or movie, or read a newspaper or magazine and participate in music and education without the person of the male being represented as either a complete ogre (evil) or a complete moron. Is it a conspiracy...or just stupidity...or a conspiracy fomented by the stupid? Here is what I know. The male figure throughout history has fulfilled the role of protector to the female persona and to the child as well. Take out the protector and you get to do whatever you want then with the women and the children. In my view, as former pastor, consultant, business developer and spiritual adviser, there are far more good men than the bad ones who are getting all the sensationalized press coverage. If you've ever read the classic 'Atlas Shrugged' by Ayn Rand then you will understand the term 'going Galt'. John Galt and other genius creators under the constant onslaught of pressure from low thinking concepts, exited society and withdrew to a hidden valley where they continued to invent incredible machines while letting the society that despised them fend on their own. In essence...they went on strike. In her book, Helen Smith, a PhD Psychologist, shares the idea from her vantage point that men, under constant onslaught, have 'gone Galt' and have withdrawn from the society that is out to kill them and simply stopped participating in a no win situation, leaving society to learn a very hard lesson without them. Here are some comments from the inside front flap of 'MEN ON STRIKE': "American society has become anti-male. Men are sensing the backlash and are consciously and unconsciously 'going on strike'. They are dropping out of college, leaving the workforce, and avoiding marriage and fatherhood at alarming rates...But why should men participate in a system that seems to be increasingly stacked

against them?As MEN ON STRIKE demonstrates, men aren't dropping out because they are stuck in arrested development. They are instead acting rationally in response to the lack of incentives society offers them.....they do not want to be injured by the myriad of laws, attitudes, and hostility against them for the crime of happening to be male in the twenty-first century."This book, written by a woman, a female psychologist, is insightful with regard to what is happening to us through the denigration of the male persona.I recommend it.- Rand

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