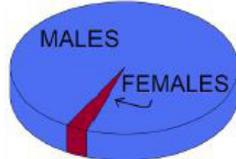


MEN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

Everyone seems to have men in their lives with health problems. But few are equipped with the tools and knowledge when it comes to addressing the challenges of men's health.

Men themselves are sometimes irresponsible when it comes to their health, but it's unfair to write off these men so casually. Many have no choice but to work endless night shifts, driving taxis or running production lines. Some work in ugly mining operations where workers are constantly exposed to harmful airborne toxins and regular structural hazards. "Take it like a man" is no longer an acceptable response. Most men - and women - need a little help when it comes to managing their health.

We need to tie men's health into the public discourse in order to protect men from preventable illnesses, occupational hazards, sources of mental instability, and promote wellness overall.



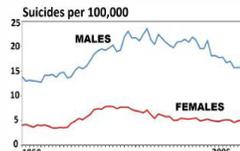
97% of workplace fatalities are male deaths.
Source: Human Resource and skills development Canada, 2008

THE BOYS CRISES

- **Suicide:** Men kill themselves three times more often than women for all ages, but suicide is especially high for men in their teens and twenties.

- **Bullying:** Bullying - especially physical bullying - is a worse problem for boys than girls, according to the Canadian Public Health Association Safe School Study (2004). The gender disparity is especially severe with respect to bullying based on sexual orientation, with boys over twice as likely to suffer harassment based on sexuality.

- **Educational performance:** The average of the 57 countries of the OECD shows that 41% of boys compared to 53% of females graduate and go on to university. Boys' poorer performance is manifested by lower test scores, higher drop-out rates and more severe educational penalties, all of which are on the increase. We're excited by the rising success of girls, but outreach efforts are required to confront these disturbing trends for boys.



Statistics Canada, 2012

FAMILY ISSUES

Consequences of fatherlessness are becoming better understood - and increasingly frightening. Father deprivation is a more reliable predictor of criminal activity than race, environment or poverty. Children who grew up fatherless are twice as likely to quit school, five times more likely to commit suicide, eight times more likely to go to prison, and ten times more likely to abuse chemical substances. Compounding this is the real problem of parental alienation which occurs when one parent deprives his or her children of the love and support of the other. While every province in Canada has a government agency dedicated to enforcing child support payments, not one contains agencies dedicated to enforcing custody and access orders, which makes parental alienation very difficult to solve.

This is in no way meant to deny the heroism of the many single mothers thrust into situations where they are left having to raise children on their own. The main culprit is actually the family law system and its outdated belief that a father's wallet is more important than his love and involvement. In 2006, 77.7% of sole custody orders were granted to the mother, 5.2% to the father. If the default following divorce were equal shared parenting these numbers would be totally different, given they in no sense reflect the actual rates at which mother and fathers seek custody.

Source: US Bureau Census

ABOUT THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR EQUALITY

The Canadian Association for Equality is committed to achieving equality for all Canadians. While we support all efforts at achieving gender equality, we will work for balance and fairness within this societal project by focusing our resources on those areas of gender which are understudied in contemporary culture.

Our current focus is on the status, health and well-being of boys and men, where attention, investment and support for educational and social programs stands at a level that is far from equal to the seriousness of the problem.

We provide evidence-based research and opportunities to engage in furthering this cause by participating in discussions, events and family-friendly activities. The goal of true equality and human rights is best served by conducting inclusive conversations based on facts and evidence, not by promoting ideology or special interest agendas.

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Boys in Schools

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Find or start a group at your campus!

Filmmaker Cassie Jaye takes questions after *The Red Pill* screening



Host educational events on campus



Raise awareness about life and death issues

Deliver men's health and social services

Volunteers hand out meals at the Parkdale Breakfast Club



Men's Peer Support Group meets at the Canadian Centre for Men and Families

Engage in community outreach

Students walk with the Canadian Association for Equality in the Gay Pride Parade



IT'S TIME TO INTEGRATE BOYS AND MEN IN ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY

With the passing of time, it seems as if most segments of society are progressing for the better. There have been huge strides made in the LGBTQ movement, the women's movement, and on the environmentalism front.

Men have formed a part of these movements from the beginning. This brings our attention onto men themselves, a segment of society whose vulnerabilities and evolving role have never been adequately studied on their own terms.

Providing social and political currency to men's issues is not antithetical to the pre-existing movements mentioned above. Such activism can actually build a discussion that would perfectly complement the agenda of other movements. The uncomfortable truth is that our current conversation about gender is embarrassingly simplistic. In assigning to men the permanent and primeval role of Oppressor, the complicated role of human psychology, biology and social gender norms that historically provided few rights - but many obligations - to both men and women, is never adequately addressed.

We are concerned - justifiably - that certain aspects of healthcare have neglected women, but take it for granted that men die younger and suffer higher levels of suicide. We are concerned - justifiably - with the wage gap when women are paid less for the same work, but take for granted the death gap where men account for most cases of death in the workplace or the battlefield. We are concerned - justifiably - with the overrepresentation of men in elected office, but take it as normal the overrepresentation of men behind bars (even for the same crime). We are concerned - justifiably - when fathers fail to make support payments, but do little when mothers deny fathers visitation rights. We excuse cases of male disadvantage as a product of choice or biology, but demand action, funding, study and policy change - all justifiable - to deal with the serious issues effecting women.

When men's issues are neglected, the consequences can be severe on him, his family and society. The sufferings of men negatively affect women, children, neighbourhoods, and cities. As discussed in these pages, this new movement will be a positive force that complements the activism of other progressive elements in society.



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