Equal Rights for Men and Women

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Introduction

PARITY was first formed in 1986 as the Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages, a wholly voluntary organisation whose main object has been and still is the promotion and protection of the equal rights of men and women to the enjoyment of all rights and public benefits under the law.

Through litigation in the courts applying European Union or European Convention law binding (by statute or treaty) in the UK, **PARITY** has instigated cases resulting in:

- equal qualifying ages for men and women for exemption from NHS prescription charges (1995), for winter fuel payments (2000), and for local bus travel concessions (2003), and
- equal treatment for widowers and widows in survivors social security benefits and bereavement tax allowances (2001).

Men and Boys' Issues in Brief

- Men have virtually no paternity rights
- Fathers are greatly disadvantaged in child contact arrangements after partner separation
- Grossly inequitable treatment of men and women in the criminal justice system suggests **three out of every four men in prison would not be there** if they were treated like women
- Around **90%** of homeless rough sleepers are men
- 99% of war deaths and casualties are men
- Female suffering is newsworthy, male suffering is not (e.g., Boko Haram – how many people know that their main activity is killing boys?).

http://empathygap.uk/
https://parity.charity/index.php/2023/07/20/agm-july-talk-2023-male-disadvantages-the-work-of-both-parents-matter-cymru/

- Men have a **37%** higher risk of dying from cancer overall, while men are **56%** more likely to develop non-gender-specific cancers than women and **67%** more likely to die from them
- On average **11,714** men die of prostate cancer every year (2014-2016) – one man dying every 45 minutes. For full statistics see ***Prostate Cancer UK***. More men die of prostate cancer than women die of breast cancer (***Guardian***)
- There were **213** male student suicides between 2012/13 and 2016/17 compared to 105 female student suicides. This is despite fewer male students. The rate for full time students is 5.0 per 100,000 male students and 1.1 per 100,000 female students ***ONS***
- In the 2018 Cycle, 196,105 men/boys domiciled in the UK accepted places at university, compared to 263,180 women/girls — **a gap of 67,075 and 35%.**
- In 2016/17, the permanent exclusion rate for boys (0.15 per cent) was over three times higher than that for girls (0.04 per cent) and the fixed period exclusion rate was almost three times higher (6.91 compared with 2.53 per cent). ***Department for Education***.
- There are around 85,000 prisoners in England and Wales, **95%** of whom are male. Men are more likely to be sent to prison and receive longer sentences than women for the same crimes.
- In 2018/19 – 786,000 men (1.6 million women) suffered from Domestic Abuse – one in three victims are male ***ONS***. As only **51%** of men tell anyone they are a victim of domestic abuse (81% of women tell someone), many studies demonstrate actual numbers are close to equal number of victims.
- **12,000** men are raped (excludes being forced to penetrate) in England and Wales every year
- A quarter of victims of revenge porn are male
- The Government and the Crown Prosecution Service have an Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, but do not have an equivalent strategy for men and boys.

https://www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk/statistics/

So, if you are compassionate about the plight of Boys and Men in your life and in general and want to check the adverse changes in these disadvantages, ***please help us and join Parity*** *– one of the very few organisations that have been successful in the past and will, with your help, achieve a lot more in the future.*

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