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From near the end of the article:

>>> Antonella Pancaldi, a councillor responsible for social policy in Monterotondo, said, "From what we understand, circumcision is widespread in all of Africa, independently of the religion to which people belong. It's a practice rooted in tradition, rather than religion," she said. "We have to take account of the fact that many people feel this need." <<<


Would Ms Pancaldi take the same attitude towards Female Genital Mutilation practised by those of African extraction, as she evidently does towards Male Genital Mutilation, on the grounds that, "We have to take account of the fact that many people feel this need"? And if not, why not?

It would be difficult to invent a clearer illustration of the empathy gender gap. Society cares about female suffering, and tries to reduce or eliminate it. It doesn't give a damn about male suffering, so is blind to it.

I highly recommend the website of the world's #1 blogger on gender issues, William Collins. A British man, his website is "The Illustrated Gender Gap", the Index of which is here [http://empathygap.uk/?page\\_id=2244](http://empathygap.uk/?page_id=2244). He gave a well-received presentation at the fourth International Conference on Men's Issues in London five months ago <http://icmi18.wordpress.com>. It was titled, "Men and boys in the UK: Edited lowlights" and it's here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6CDR8lp3fs>.

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