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Hello. I'm very pleased to join you today, if only by video link. I'm limiting my talk to 20 minutes, to allow 10 minutes for questions afterwards. It will be a bit of a fast march through eight issues that impact on men's rights, and how I see those issues changing, if at all, in the years ahead.

Before I get onto those issues I'd like to say a few words about culture and politics. The late American conservative journalist and political commentator Andrew Breitbart was the founder of Breitbart News, and is credited with the Breitbart Doctrine, the idea that "politics is downstream from culture" and that to change politics one must first change culture. Every time anyone does anything on behalf of men and boys – even posting comments on media articles and videos etc. – they're doing their bit to change the culture. There is no doubt that public understanding of men's issues has increased considerably over the past few years.

I'd also like to say a few words about the empathy gap, the muted concern both men and women have towards the suffering of men and boys, compared with their concern for the suffering of women and girls. The best account of this very important issue is a book written a few years ago by William Collins, the sole contributor to an amazing website, The Illustrated Empathy Gap. The book is called (hold up) *The Empathy Gap: Male Disadvantages and the Mechanisms of Their Neglect*. It's a large book at over 700 pages, so it's fairly expensive, but the ebook edition is very reasonably priced at under 10 New Zealand Dollars.

The eight issues I'll be discussing will be the growing public awareness about men's issues, the state's assaults on the human rights of men and boys, feminist exploitations of the nature of women, the pandering of the media and businesses generally to women, the pandering of employers to female employees, people increasingly admitting some stark truths about women, men's reluctance to challenge women or fight for men's rights, and something I believe will be a game changer, the adoption of men's issues by major political parties.

Issue #1, growing public awareness about men's issues

You wouldn't know it from the mainstream media, but there's no doubt that public awareness about men's issues is substantial and increasing all the time. One indicator of that growing interest is, ironically, the content of comments sections on articles about gender-related issues in the online editions of major publications.

Issue #2, the state's assaults on the human rights of men and boys

Justice for Men & Boys had been a political party for 10 years until we dis-established as a party a few months ago, although our campaigning for men's and boys' rights continues. From the outset we sought to raise public awareness that through their actions and inactions, states assault the human rights of men and boys on many fronts, almost always to privilege women and girls. In our manifesto, which is still on our website, we explored 18 men's and boys' issues.

Because female privileging inevitably leads to male disadvantaging, our challenge as MRAs is to remove female privileges. People who think the struggle for men's and boys' rights can be won without removing women's privileges are like people who think omelettes can be made without breaking eggs.

Issue #3, feminist exploitations of the nature of women

Feminists are the only group of people in the world who deliberately set out to make women angrier and more anxious and more unhappy than they would otherwise be. They have long exploited

women's narcissism and gullibility and greed and anxiety to ensure that women have insatiable appetites for power and privilege. Ironically this helps us because the more that women and girls are privileged, the more men understand what is causing their disadvantages.

Issue #4, the pandering of the media and other businesses to women

Before the era of mass communications, men and women developed their views on men and women from the people they saw around them on a daily basis. This changed in the era of mass communications, and for decades women have been told relentlessly by the media that women are strong, capable and amazing, and men weak, hopeless and dangerous. These narratives resonate with women's narcissism and hard-wired anxiety.

Given women's purchasing power, the mainstream media are very reluctant to publish anything which is critical of women as a class, because feminists would portray that as misogyny and women would stop spending their own money and other people's money on the media in question. I am not optimistic that the mainstream media will be any more honest about gender-related issues in the short to medium term.

Many individual women are miserable and dysfunctional but their self-esteem is boosted by the constant media narratives that portray women as strong, capable and amazing. Women today are addicted to this constant stream of flattery. I don't think it's overstating the point to say that many women, perhaps most of them, are living in a delusional state in which they believe the world to be very different to what it actually is.

Mainstream media lies may help explain people's disbelief when confronted with facts. An obvious example is domestic abuse. If you tell them that the Partner Abuse State of Knowledge Project 2013, the largest ever review of the academic literature on partner abuse, revealed a picture of domestic violence completely at odds with that portrayed relentlessly by the media, they will struggle to believe you. For example, in the 42% of violent straight couples where the perpetrator is always the same person, that person is TWICE as likely to be the woman as the man. It should surprise nobody to learn that women are rather more likely to be abused by a female partner than by a male partner.

Businesses pander to women for a number of reasons, one being their importance as consumers of goods and services, or influencers on others' buying decisions, notably their male partners. This brings me on to...

Issue #5, the pandering of employers towards female employees

My video at the online 2020 International Conference on Men's Issues was titled *Why Women Fail to Compete Successfully With Men, and Will Always Fail*. The only way women can compete in significant numbers against men is through manipulation. The ability to manipulate men is perhaps women's only superpower, but it's enough.

It follows that as professions become ever more feminised, and there are more women in senior roles, the efficiency and effectiveness of organizations declines. This is particularly true of the public sector, where about two-thirds of employees are women. Over recent decades we've seen appalling declines in the National Health Service, state education, the police, and other organizations and professions as the proportion of female employees has risen. The medical schools have favoured female over male applicants for over 50 years, and more than 50% of General Practitioners today are women.

50 years ago you could expect to see a GP – usually a man – within 24 hours. Today many patients have to wait two weeks or more. The primary reason is that most female doctors only work part-time, regardless of whether or not they have children to look after. The British sociologist Dr Catherine Hakim published a paper in the year 2000 on what she termed “Preference Theory”. Her research uncovered that while four in seven British men are work-centred, only one in seven British women is.

The Royal Air Force recently paid £5,000 each to 31 white men who it found had been unfairly disadvantaged by a recruitment policy under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Sir Mike Wigston, the head of the RAF. The policy sought to boost female and ethnic minority ratios in the air force, and a male squadron leader in the recruitment team wrote in an email later leaked to the media, “We don’t need any more useless white male pilots”.

There was a story in the papers recently of a single prison in the UK where 18 female prison officers resigned or were fired after having affairs with male prisoners. Taxpayers of course pick up the tab for public sector inefficiency and ineffectiveness, particularly men who pay 3/4 of the income tax collected by the government, but the poor performance of many of these organizations also impacts on women and children as consumers of services.

The private sector isn’t immune from female preferencing over men, and I often hear from men who’ve been denied jobs or promotions because they’re men. We can only speculate about how often unemployment and resulting marriage breakdowns contribute to the high male suicide rate. The madness even extends to the top of major companies. For well over 20 years there’s been pressure on them to appoint more women to their boards. 11 years ago, speaking on behalf of Campaign for Merit in Business, I gave evidence to House of Commons and House of Lords inquiries. I pointed to the mountain of evidence of a causal link between appointing more women to boards and corporate financial DECLINE. To the best of my knowledge, no mainstream media outlet has ever revealed the existence of that causal link.

Issue #6, people admitting some stark truths about women

Outside the mainstream media, it’s been interesting to see growing numbers of people admitting some stark truths about women. Pearl Davis is a 26-year-old American Christian conservative cultural commentator who relocated to London two years ago and in that time has amassed a following of 1.8 million subscribers to her YouTube channel, “Just Pearly Things”. The titles of a few of her recent videos should give you a sense of where she’s coming from – “Why women are dumb”, “Men are superior beings”, “Modern women are abusing men”, “Women’s absurd dating standards for men”, “Modern women only date you for your money”, “Modern women are mentally unstable”, and “The Hierarchy of Whoredom”.

You get the drift... Pearl’s team recently got in touch with me, Pearl interviewed me for over an hour. It was a pleasure to speak at length and without interruptions about almost all the issues in our manifesto. At my suggestion she also interviewed Paul Elam and Professor Janice Fiamengo. The last time I looked, Paul’s video had been watched by 137,000 people.

Issue #7, men’s reluctance to challenge women or fight for men’s rights

I’m sorry to say I haven’t seen much progress in these areas over the past 15 years. Men and boys are heavily socially conditioned to show deference towards women, and that’s not going to change any time soon. Rather than challenging women, men more readily become MGTOWs, Men Going Their Own Way. I have a lot of sympathy for these men’s refusals to engage with women as partners

when the consequences of a later break-up can be so appalling for men, both emotionally and financially.

I've long since ceased to be surprised by the reluctance of men to fight for their rights beyond typing on their keyboards. To be fair, there could be consequences for some men if they have a profile as an MRA and anti-feminist, including loss of employment and hostility from friends and family members. But the time is coming when they WILL be able to strike a blow for men's rights without anyone knowing, by voting for political parties which advocate for men's rights.

Issue #8, the adoption of policies for men and boys by major political parties.

The Conservative MP Philip Davies was first elected in 2005 and years later became known as the only elected politician in the English-speaking world advocating for men and boys. He spoke at the 2016 International Conference on Men's Issues in London, and he's spoken at a number of the events since. In more recent years a handful of other Conservative MPs have started to advocate for men and boys in a number of areas. Nick Fletcher MP chairs the all-party parliamentary group on men and boys, and he recently called for the appointment of a Minister for Men. The government already has a Minister for Women & Equalities, a Minister for Women, and a Minister for Equalities. It will not surprise you to learn that all three positions are almost always occupied by women.

Nick Fletcher called for the appointment of a Minister for Men in the most unlikely place, a popular BBC Radio programme which has broadcast weekly since World War 2, *Woman's Hour*. As you'd expect from the BBC, the show relentlessly adopts feminist perspectives. The day after that broadcast there was an hour-long phone-in. The female feminist presenter was joined in the studio by a male feminist – or mangina, as I like to call these appalling men – who opposed the appointment of a Minister for Men on the basis that it was men in the main who'd created the policies and systems which disadvantage men. I applied to speak in the phone-in and to my surprise was accepted. And so it was that I had almost four minutes of airtime to drop a few truth bombs on the hapless presenter, the audio file is on our YouTube channel. Later the same day Belinda Brown was interviewed on the same issue by Nigel Farage, the man most responsible for our glorious departure from the European Union, on his GB News TV show. The video of that is also on our YouTube channel.

Recent years have seen the emergence of political parties less hostile towards men, and more positive towards the nuclear family, in Eastern Europe and Spain. I believe that we shall see major political parties starting to court male voters with policy commitments, rather than all the parties seeking only women's votes. How long that will take, I don't know. But next year in the UK we'll have a general election and the Conservative party, in power for 15 years, is forecast to lose heavily to the Labour party. There's an appetite in the country for the Conservative party to become a small 'c' conservative party again, to once again become what it was once known as, "the party of the family", and five years or maybe more in opposition should give them enough time to rebrand themselves accordingly. This should include the adoption of policies more favourable towards men and boys, in their bid for men's votes in particular. They will also be seeking the votes of women with an interest in the wellbeing of men and boys, in particular mothers of sons.

So that was my brief analysis of eight issues impacting on the battle for men's rights. I have to say I'm cautiously optimistic and I believe things will REALLY improve as and when major political parties start competing with each other to win more men's votes.

I'd like to finish with a quick plug for the International Conferences on Men's Issues, ICMI's. There are no more important conferences on men's issues. There have been seven in the series since Paul Elam

hosted the first one on behalf of A Voice for Men near Detroit in 2014. I've hosted four of the seven conferences, two in-person in London, and two online. There's one around the end of this month in India, just a few tickets remain for foreign attendees. I'm looking forward to hosting one next August in Budapest, Hungary. Paul Elam will be co-hosting with me, Janice Fiamengo will be the keynote speaker, other speakers will include Professor Stephen Baskerville, Philip Davies MP and his wife, the former cabinet minister Esther McVey MP. It would be great to see at least a few Kiwis there. Closer to home for you, Robert Brockway will be hosting an ICMI in Sydney in 2025.

Thank you for listening. I'd be happy to try and answer any questions you might have.