

### 50.50 Feminism is Cancer comments #3, 12:29, 15.8.18

- **Edward Talbot** • 2 hours ago

openDemocracy - try to have a little self-reflection, and have some humility and grace. Can you not comprehend that such a major backlash to your article might just be due to the fact that the MRM and associated people have both some valid criticisms of contemporary feminism and genuine concern for the health and wellbeing of men and boys?

To simply double-down with a retaliatory article in this manner does not do you any favours.

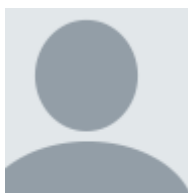
As someone who went to this conference, I genuinely seek NO rollback of rights for anyone, including women, and that is precisely because I am strongly in favour of our Western liberal democracy, freedom and equality of opportunity for all. Oh, and I also want nothing to do with the "alt-right".

Social Justice should be able treating everyone fairly and listening to their concerns, rather than it being about some twisted notion of "revenge". To dismiss the concerns of men and boys in this way means that you betray Social Justice. You are the part of the reason why the left has failed, obsessed as you are with identity politics and the oppression olympics. If you want right-wing populism to continue, you just keep on writing articles like this.

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**Danuta** Edward Talbot • 41 minutes ago

You express your points with such a wise dignity Edward.

A pleasure to read.

I would just add that there's real concern for the health and well being of men, boys, women and girls - all of us.

I note that J4MB's full name is Justice for Men and Boys and the women who love them.

Some of the first few words I ever heard Mike Buchanan say on TV were something along the lines of

" to all the new Mums out there, don't let yourselves be pressurised into rushing

back to work if you don't want to"

I was just left feeling Wow, no one else in the media is saying this.

The Feminists don't voice support for women who desperately want to make that natural choice to stay at home with their babies.

And the Feminists don't voice support for the babies who desperately want their Mums to be at home with them.

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**Paul Elam** • 3 hours ago

**Feminism is Cancer.**

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**Belinda Brown** • 7 hours ago

Us women are threatened and undermined by feminism. Young mothers are forced to return to work when their babies are as young as 6 months because feminism has played a major role in creating a system which depends on two wages. And actually research shows that women do want to look after their babies when they are small. Poorer women have children single handedly because we are not longer bothering to educate working class males so these women are better off depending on handouts. There are grandmothers are

unable to see their grandchildren because family courts have taken their sons out of their grandchildren's lives, or at least refused to act when the mother excluded them. We are seeing increasing numbers of homeless men and they are our sons because we don't make a place for them in our society. There are increasing pressures and tensions in households because feminism is teaching women that men and women are exactly the same so young women get confused when men behave differently from them. This creates tensions in relationships and may contribute to declining birth rates. Young girls feel under increasing pressure and expectation to have careers because of feminism and this contributes to the stresses which they feel. Feminism is destroying and undermining our society but too many people have a vested interest in it and won't deal with it objectively. It is tragic.

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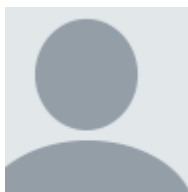
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**Danuta** Belinda Brown • an hour ago

This is EXCELLENT Belinda.

Absolutely nails the disastrous everyday impact on women, men, children.

Women desperately want to be with their babies and young children.

And their babies and young children desperately yearn to be with their mothers.

To a baby or child NOTHING matches up to being with your Mum.

Instead women become exhausted, frustrated wage slaves tied to office desks and their babies are dumped in nurseries with young minimum waged girls.

Young children do the exhausting daily round of institutionalised breakfast clubs, the school day, after school clubs.

The obesity problem?

Simple. There's no one home at a reasonable time cooking a healthy meal from scratch, no time for anything other than ready made slop in plastic trays shoved in microwaves, or takeaways. No walking children to school in the mornings as mum has to dash off to work in the car - a slave to office hours.

Both parents working causes incredible strain on a family, leading to bickering parents and our nation's high divorce rates.

Housing shortage?

Simple. For every separated family we now need two properties.

And they call this 'having it all'

Is this all worth it? Of course it's not the human cost is too high.

And they wonder why there is an explosion in the numbers of young people with mental health issues. It's all very obvious to me.

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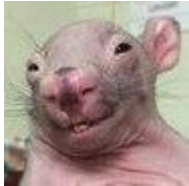
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**Slowcoach** • 7 hours ago

The tactic in this item is to make women fear men, and men hate women.

The strategic purpose is to damage and weaken Western Society to the point where it will fail.

It's purpose is simply what Angry Harry described as 'the ubiquitous pursuit of Power' which, if achieved, will usher in a new dark age of despair and oppression - real oppression this time.

Is this what we want?

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**The Doctor** • 7 hours ago

Hey there Disqus. I've heard that you ban people for making baseless accusations of sexual nefariousness. Customer request: Please review this platform as critically and objectively as you reviewed AIEx J0n£\$.

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**Alistair Grove** • 8 hours ago

So where to begin? That hasn't been already covered by another commenter.

I think I'll take a different track. Yes, we are anti-feminist. But feminism is harmful to both genders, so that's not sexism on our part. For the first time in recorded history female happiness has fallen relative to male happiness, all due to this twisted ideology dividing the genders. If anything, the feminist claim that woman are always victims is the most misogynistic thing I've ever heard.

I will make one comment on this article, however. Male privilege, which doesn't even exist, is not the building block of most societies. Male expendability is. And yes, women have died in childbirth, but male scientists have done a lot to reduce that and hopefully will end it soon.

You're welcome ladies.

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**Mike Buchanan** • 8 hours ago

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**Paul Elam** Mike Buchanan • an hour ago

i wonder why my comments are being deleted.

Feminism is Cancer. :)

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**Craig Martin** • 8 hours ago

The 'Organised' attack on the original piece all seemed to say the same thing: that Laura Whyte lied.

And that's because she did.

But I see you're playing the 'Women reporter' victim card.

Laura had the opportunity to report the event correctly and refused to do so, serving her political agenda first.

Ideology before reality. The Feminist way.

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This comment was previously deleted. Perhaps it breached some terms, but likely because it challenged the lies and deception promoted by this website.

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**Craig Martin** • 8 hours ago

I see they've started the deleting again.

So much for 'Democracy'

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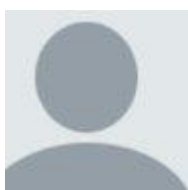
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**karen straughan** Craig Martin • 8 hours ago

So much for "open".

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**Craig Martin** karen straughan • 8 hours ago

I thought I'd start them with baby steps first.

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**Mike Buchanan** Craig Martin • 8 hours ago

Indeed. At least with The Guardian you can see where comments have been deleted. This lot are behind The Guardian in their ethics. Appalling.

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**Craig Martin** Mike Buchanan • 8 hours ago

Oh Mike, you said ethics.

These guys don't know the meaning of the word!

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**Jules Gomes** • 8 hours ago

What is the genre of the piece above? Is it fiction? Is it satire? Is it reporting? It is opinion/comment? No. It is a "hit-piece". A good "hit piece" would make a real impact if it used facts, evidence, and good argument. This is crybaby whining, fake news, the whimper of melting snowflakes. The Men's Rights Movement should be greatly encouraged by the effort of this group of so-called journalists to continue to take pot-shots at the MRA and the Conference. It shows MRA is making a difference and the feministasi is running for cover. And speaking of a couple of black men at the door; I am a brown man and I was one of the speakers. Happy? Or you'd like me to get a deeper tan so you can have a few more brownie points for diversity.

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**Craig Martin** Jules Gomes • 8 hours ago

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**Michael Faraday** • 9 hours ago

None of 50:50's articles about ICMI18 has explored the actual issues that were raised by podium speakers at the conference.

Rather, each of 50:50's articles has focused on undermining the legitimacy of everyone at the conference, seeking to diminish the views of both podium speakers and audience alike.

My comments (which were deleted) pointed to the fact that there were some men of black & brown skins who attended the conference. Moreover, one black-skinned man and two brown skinned men each delivered a podium lecture. I also pointed out that there were a number of homosexual men at the conference, some of whom also delivered podium lectures.

It is simply false to frame ICMI18 as a conference specifically for heterosexual white men. In fact, none of the issues raised at ICMI18 were of interest only to men - as noted by the prominent cohort of women at the conference.

Unlike the authors of the 50:50 articles, I have not launched any ad hominem attack in this (or any other) comment. Nonetheless, I predict that this comment will be deleted after a few days (just like my earlier comments were), simply because I have drawn attention to the diversity in race, sex and sexual orientation among those who attended ICMI18.

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**Martin Kruschik** • 10 hours ago

You are aware the **Mike Buchanan** and **Paul Elam** are uploading all the presentations of the ICMI'18 to Youtube. You find them all needly organised on this playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/wat...>

Lying about the event it pretty pointless when everybody can watch the original and see the truth.

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**Craig Martin** Martin Kruschik • 9 hours ago

Exactly!

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**Mr P Tanzer** • 11 hours ago

It is almost amusing to see how hard you try to portray the comments that were made as sexist, nasty or racist, by taking parts of sentences out of context. There were plenty on non-whites and women at the conference. If you want to discredit MRA's then have an open conversation and bring counter arguments instead of trying to shut us up by misrepresenting us as misogynists and/or racists.

Thank you for identifying men's and boy's issues as legitimate problems. I can also respect the fact that you think you have the answers to the problems, but I don't think men can be experts on female behavior and problems (with a true understanding of the issues) and I don't think women can be experts on male behavior and problems (with a true understanding of the issues). There is a lack of insight that you can only get by lived experience. Women and men are too different in their emotional experience of the world (in general). Saying that feminism will help boys and men to solve their problems is like saying patriarchy is the solution to women's problems.

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**smileoftdecade** • 11 hours ago

it seems that counter arguments to feminist myths must be replaced with an editorial set of alternate facts...

My facts regarding the very large number of women lying about rape - numbers approved by Rape Crisis and based on National Crime Survey - are too worrying to be left standing in the comments...on the previous op-ed diatribe.

The blinkered and biased nature of this re-run of misandry based nonsense is really rather pathetic.

But as Karen Straughan says -

There really is no point in men tackling feminists with facts - the mansplainer mindset will

never be changed to even be open to the concept - women are best placed to achieve any political victory over this utter distortion of the 1st and 2nd waves/stages where equality was at least some kind of aim of feminism.

Now it must just be overrun by the awakening of the much too silent majority who would rather we aimed for equal rights for men and women.

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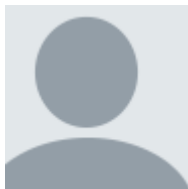
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**Zac Fine** • 11 hours ago

I don't have time to point out all the problems with this article, but having been present at the conference all day for the full three days I find it depressing to see the author suggesting black individuals working at the venue constitute evidence of "a rather hierarchical system of labour". Archer, do you have a boss, a commissioner, an editor? Aren't pretty much all (effective) labour organisations hierarchical, even trade unions? I'm not sure you're interested in reality. If I asked you, "What evidence would you need to see to accept that feminism can be a divisive, poisonous ideology, bad for everyone?" I expect you would reply, "There is no evidence that could change my position." Having seen the wealth of devastating and meticulously referenced material at the conference, much of it government data, I'm not sure there's any point wasting energy on people who (like Archer) are telling us loud and clear they are not ready to digest it. As one of the final (female) presenters said with regret, it's personally very painful for each individual to wake up to this, and it's much more rewarding emotionally, professionally and socially to stay on the other side. I'd simply ask Archer to watch the presentations from the conference on YouTube — combative messages won't move her. Best wishes. Zac Fine

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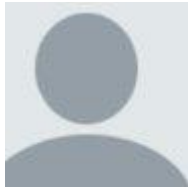
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**karen straughan** Zac Fine • 7 hours ago

There were also white men working at the commissary and posted as security at the door. I chatted with all of them. Really nice people. The black guy was particularly personable--kept trying (successfully) to sell me two mini-bottles of wine at a time. I also saw him, when not busy, hovering around the entrance to the lecture hall a few times, listening with some interest to the speeches, and we found ourselves talking a bit about god and religion after Father Gomez's talk. I also kept teasing the white guy posted at the door about watching golf on his phone--"Isn't sitting here all day long boring enough WITHOUT golf?"

I have to wonder if the good people from open democracy thought these "oppressed victims of capitalism" were worth conversing with at all.

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**Meinaime** • 11 hours ago

The overwhelming weight of comments on the previous article were critical of it. Your take on this is that it was an organised response to discredit the article, and that the best one could be judged as a responder would be to be 'misguided but sincere'. Have you considered that the responses may have had some validity?

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**karen straughan** Meinaime • 6 hours ago

Even if a response is organized for the purpose of discrediting something, that does not negate the possibility that the criticisms were valid.

Imputing motivations is an easy way to dodge an argument, but it's illegitimate. Even if I were the most nefariously motivated person on the planet, if what I say is wrong I expect a counterargument, not a dismissive handwave at my intentions.

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**smileoftdecade** Meinaime • 11 hours ago

this is a persistent, but vain, hope that many of us who seek equality hold onto. but it still makes me laugh and cry at the same time - the idea that this piece's author, who proudly lives in a feminism bubble, might ever consider swimming in the same river of debate, yet alone against the current of blind acceptance of embedded myths.

It is a mockery of the title "open Democracy" when such clearly prejudiced pieces get published as a response to hurtful but accurate critics of the previous petty displaying of ignorance.

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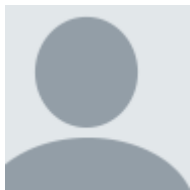
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**Manplant** • 12 hours ago

"50.50's recent dispatch on this movement received hundreds of comments and messages on social media. We read them so you don't have to."

This should read 'we read them so you can't'.

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**Craig Martin** Manplant • 9 hours ago

We read them and deleted them so you can't counter our deception.

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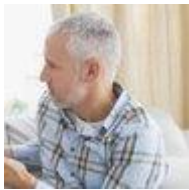
**Martin Krischik** • Manplant • 10 hours ago

We delete then so you can't read them.

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**Jonathan Smith** • 12 hours ago

Now I'm not a straight white male so you can't dismiss it with a flick of the tongue when I say it, you don't encounter racism, sexism or homophobia among men's rights activists. Didn't the presence of women in key roles at the conference demonstrate that inclusivity. I've been to feminist and LGBT gatherings where you encounter a lot more sexism and racism... "you can't speak on this or that issue because you're not a lesbian/black/a woman" ... Or where speakers are invited to speak according to where current orthodoxies place them in the hierarchy of oppression. As a mere gay white male that makes me half a rung above my straight white brothers.

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**Ian Calderbank** • 12 hours ago

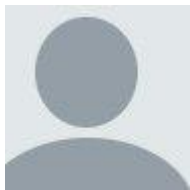
Yet again open democracy (you need a new name) totally avoids any discussion of the issues and instead focuses on character attacks on those present at the event. These childish ad hominem attacks fool nobody and show how threatened feminist ideology is by people

who point out its lies. What is note worthy is that after handpicking the worst comments these are the best they could find. Where the comments do show anger it is clearly directed at feminism not women (an extremely important distinction that the article tries to blur)

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**William Gruff** • 12 hours ago

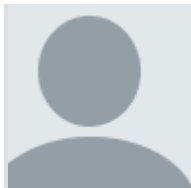
This piece is risible nonsense, seeking desperately to play a wholly non-existent victim card. The 'angry backlash' to the original hit piece on the ICM18 conference is nothing more than well deserved mockery of a sorry excuse for 'journalism' and rationally stated refutation of what is nothing more than lying propaganda from self-obsessed and entitled children.

The socially destructive mental illness that is Feminism is increasingly being seen for what it is and the scales are falling from the eyes of men and women alike. Your infantile wailing falls on deaf ears.

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**Alex** William Gruff • 11 hours ago

Why are you so angry?

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**Manplant** Alex • 7 hours ago

Why were the suffragettes so angry? Because they couldn't die for their country? Because most men didn't have the vote?

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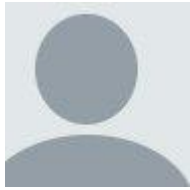


**Martin Krischik** Alex • 10 hours ago

Anger is a valid emotion in face of injustice and being lied about and slandered is an injustice.

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**Meinaime** Alex • 11 hours ago

If you watch the conference's presentations, rather than just read the 50:50 articles, you might have an answer.

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**Craig Martin** Guest • 9 hours ago

I know.

It's almost as if men somehow expect to be treated as human!

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**Manplant** • 12 hours ago

Why are men being exploited by the taxation system? Men pay 70% of the tax and women consume 70% of the taxation revenue yet all we hear is complaints from feminists about a non existent 'pay gap'. I object for me having to subsidise women for their lifestyle choices with my taxes. I have decided never to marry again in order to escape being exploited through marriage yet I find myself being exploited by the taxman on behalf of women. This has to stop!

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**Spasmolytic** • 18 hours ago

Maybe this backlash is the result of serious problems within the modern feminist movement.

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**Alistair Grove** Spasmolytic • 8 hours ago

There has always been problems with feminism. It was never about equality.

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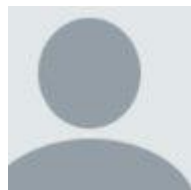
**Bonedagger** • a day ago

Thanks for both quoting my tweet and treating its obvious sarcasm so disingenuously. I'm flattered. Keep up the good work.

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**karen straughan** Bonedagger • 5 hours ago

Feminist: "MRAs are monsters, and I was stuck in a room full of them."

Bonedagger: "You poor, brave soul. I'm surprised nothing monstrous happened to you while you were stuck in a room with a bunch of monsters."

Feminist: "OMG, would you look at how scary and monstrous MRA rhetoric is? That Bonedagger guy is SCARY!"

Sigh.

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**karen straughan** Alex • 5 hours ago

Journalist portrays MRAs as scary and possibly dangerous.

MRA points out (sarcastically) that nothing bad happened to her.

Journalist, completely lacking in self awareness, describes MRA's comment as abusive and threatening.

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**Alistair Grove** Alex • 8 hours ago

I see Mike's reply to you has been deleted, so let me try another tack. Is it worse than the worst feminists say? Things they say with all seriousness.

I can give examples if you like.

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**Meinaime** Bonedagger • 12 hours ago

It's interesting how the author considers bonedagger's comments to be 'downright nasty'. I took them to mean that she was treated respectfully, despite nearly all previous experience of reporters at ICMI's. We still remember how Jeff Sharlet misreported on ICMI14, supported by Photoshop. We remember the blatant misreporting of Philip Davies from ICMI16 and cake-eating.

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**Oliver P Hoffmann** • a day ago

Please help me understand my presentation at ICMI18. The main message of my presentation according to Lara Whyte was that I would have "talked openly about how MRAs should work with white nationalists". Was that the main message of my presentation? <https://www.youtube.com/wat...>

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