

Justice for the Policed Body

An in-depth analysis on the position of women in society by Kayla Stafford

One gender has always dominated the other. Males have been viewed as stronger, while females were classified as weak and petite beings that required males to take care of them. Males then claimed a form of ownership over females.

The female body, aka, the male's one and only weakness, has been policed in any and every way to fit the male wants and needs. It has been shamed and veiled to mask the weakness of the male--his urges.

As the human race is evolving, women are calling for justice from being discriminated against. A woman must not be punished for being comfortable in her own skin. The female body should not lose value after the man has lost his desire to worship it for his own pleasure. It should never suffer violence. Instead of seeking justice, society polices females.

Women are taught that they will find confidence under layered clothing that reveals no part of what makes them wom-

en. Our school systems have stripped from young females the idea that their skin is something that they should feel comfortable enough to show.

Clothes they choose to wear should completely cover every inch. Female students are ridiculed in front of their peers if they show scandalous body parts such as shoulders, clavicle bones, and thighs.

God forbid a shoulder blade distract a boy from his schoolwork.

Musical artists speak of women as their personal pets and create an image for them to live up to. These images normally call for little to no clothing and a walking KFC bucket loaded with thighs and breasts.

A girl is taught that she can be sexualized, but once she sexualizes herself, the male will be uncomfortable. A girl is taught to have sex appeal but never to show it or she will be labeled as an attention seeker. The female is expected to have the same urges as the male but once she shows, it she is labeled a whore. She is asked to have a curvy torso just before

her hips widen, but once she walks alone on the street she knows there will be no justice for the unwanted invasion of her female body.

Instead of shaming the male for not being able to control his own urges, society has decided to shame the female merely for having a female body. This has put our community as a whole in danger as the male continues to climb to the top of the power pyramid.

In "Why War?" Sigmund Freud pointed out, "Laws are made by and for the ruling members and find little room for the rights of those in subjection."

It is evident that the rules, including school dress code, are made up to benefit the male, disre-

garding the female.

Parents seem to fail at teaching their boys to never put their hands on a woman in any harmful way as well. Social media allows society to view millions of people's actions, including our youth. Recent videos, getting tons of feedback and hype on young men hitting females while their friends' record, laughing and hyping the attackers up, strike no nerves in officials' eyes. Boys can fight girls at school, injure them, and be back in five days.

Something has to change.

Women are merely asking to be empowered, not necessarily in the same ways as men, but in their own female ways. The female body is calling to be respected. Justice means requiring men to maintain control of themselves without subjugating women.

Justice calls for both men and woman being powerful, but on the two different spectrums of power. Women are aware that they are not masculine in ways that men are, but they still can be strong.



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