

More Sins of The Guardian

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I must stop commenting on the anti-male sins of The Guardian. It is an incessant deluge. I cannot hope to keep up. But here's a few as a swan song.

5/3/14: Yet another headline, "Extent of violence against women in EU revealed". Another survey, another opportunity to ram home the propaganda that men are vile and poor women are being savaged everywhere you look. This time there was no need to deliberately leave out the data for male victimisation. With commendable economy this latest survey simply did not include men at all. Why collect data only to not report it? 42,000 women across 28 different EU member states were questioned. You don't need me to tell you what the tenor of the report was, do you? But just ask yourself: who is funding such an exercise - across 28 states? It cannot have been cheap. And whoever it was is content with surveying just women. Outrageous? Yes, situation normal.

10/3/14: This article starts, "The number of domestic violence cases being referred to prosecutors, and the conviction rate, have dropped despite an increase in reports to the police, parliamentary figures have shown. Reports of domestic violence to police increased by 11% from 2010/11 to 2012/3, but the percentage of successful prosecutions has dropped by 14% in the same period." The article does not tell us the gender split of the data - though most readers will assume that domestic violence can be equated to violence against women. Curiously, towards the end of the article, the crime prevention minister, Norman Baker, is quoted as saying that "the latest data from the Crown Prosecution Service shows the highest ever conviction rate for violence against women and girls". Putting the two statements together seems to imply that it might be specifically cases brought against abusing women that are failing to be prosecuted successfully. Hmm.

In the same article, Yvette Cooper (shadow Home Secretary) accuses the Home Secretary, Theresa May, of turning her back on the shocking scale of domestic violence. She added, "We need a new commissioner covering violence against women and girls (VAWG) and domestic abuse". OK, girls, lets have a competition to see who can be more concerned about VAWG - go!

I have a dream...one day there will be some political capital in compassion towards men and boys. No, I don't. Even my dreams aren't that improbable.

15/3/14: The Guardian announces that Generation Y will be taking over their Supplement, G2, for a week. They include a picture of Generation Y. It is 9 young women and one token bloke (Fred). Is this the Guardian anticipating the RadFem revolution in which the population of men is reduced to 10%? Sue Morhall of Chelmsford wrote in to say "how refreshing" it was that 9 out of 10 were female. No, Ms Morhall, it is not refreshing. It is situation normal. Where have you been? She added, "Does that mean Fred will make the tea?". Oh, put your wooden spoon away, you silly bat.

24/3/14: Article on training for conductors, headline: "Handing over the baton? Women-only course aims to strike a note of equality". They say this with no sense of irony, no shame and no recognition whatsoever that it is flagrantly sexist. Sub-text, as always, women are *so* disadvantaged that any pro-female bias is always justified.

27/3/14: Well it didn't take long for Theresa May to come back at Yvette Cooper. The headline on the front page of the Guardian was, "Police failings over domestic abuse exposed". The opening sentence: "The home secretary is to take personal charge of the way police respond to domestic abuse in England & Wales after a damning report exposed alarming and unacceptable weaknesses". So, the home secretary and the shadow home secretary are now in a competition war to prove who is the toughest - but there will only be prizes for being tough to men. No prizes for bringing abusive women to justice. Nope, there'll be points off for that. By the way, Theresa, if you think the answer is to just wack the guy under all circumstances, you need to watch this [video http://www.avoicemen.com/allnews/police-kill-father-after-being-called-in-because-mother-hit-daughter/](http://www.avoicemen.com/allnews/police-kill-father-after-being-called-in-because-mother-hit-daughter/).

The same article contains a supposed case history, which I am going to quote in full:

"Amanda (not her real name) had experienced domestic abuse for some time but received what she felt was a poor response from police officers. Last year, during an argument, her partner threw her across the room, smashing her against the wall and door frame and leaving her with serious injuries. Terrified, she hid in the house and later that day the police arrived. But it was Amanda - not her partner - who was treated as the perpetrator. The partner had called the police to claim he had been attacked by her, even though there was no physical evidence. He also claimed she had assaulted one of their children.

Amanda tried to show the officers the injuries to her arm, which was black and blue and swelling up. She called to the house a friend who was able to testify that the police had taken no notice of Amanda's injuries. No record or photograph of the injuries had been taken, and no risk assessment carried out on Amanda. "They didn't handle it properly at all", Amanda told the Guardian, "They didn't know what they were doing. I was the victim and I got treated like the perpetrator".

In the following days Amanda went to hospital for treatment of her injuries, and her friends and other witnesses made numerous calls to the police asking for their statement to be taken. But the police refused and told Amanda what happened was "tit for tat". Amanda made a formal complaint and raised concerns about inconsistencies in how her case had been dealt with.

She was eventually charged with the assault of her ex-partner and her daughter. The case reached court, and was dismissed only after her partner had withdrawn his statement."

Now neither I nor the Guardian know what actually happened in this case. But the incident is curious in that, if the gender roles were reversed, it follows the familiar, notorious pattern in which a male victim has the tables turned on him. Who knows what the truth might be in this case. I don't. But two things are clear. Firstly, this is not the whole story. Only a small percentage of domestic abuse cases which are reported to the police go to court, and a particularly small percentage of cases when the complainant is a man. So, despite the claim that "there was no physical evidence", there really must have been something - especially to bring a case against a woman. So this report is not to be trusted. There is clearly a key ingredient which has been omitted. The second observation is the obvious one: the Guardian could have picked a case study involving a male victim that led to a conviction of the female partner. After all there are over 3000 per year in England & Wales. The choice of this particular case can only be for propaganda purposes.