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fractal.curves@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Nobody said "call them both engineers". I said that in terms of the end result, it doesn't matter who built the bridge as long as it was built. So, women shouldn't feel that being an engineer is the only way to get a bridge built. That way, they can be honest about what they'd rather be – the engineer, or a puller of strings. Just ask that woman who had the Taj Mahal built for her. It was built by an architect, but no one remembers *\*his\** name. Just her, heh. The irony.

Ooops...my sincerest apologies.

I also read some of your other posts and realized that we essentially share the same views on this issue. Each person should do what s/he has a natural proclivity to do, and not what someone else expects him/her to do, just because that someone else feels that there should be more people of said type doing it, which you pointed out so eloquently with your analogy.

On the same subject, it might appear to some others reading my post 2-levels-up that I am sexist or misogynist. I am neither. In fact, I feel sorry for women. I know many women who would be considered "successful" by traditional male standards. They have money, fancy cars, and huge (empty) homes. I know that this is not what they want in their hearts. For many of them, the smallest thoughtful gesture, or worse, and blatant oversight, will put them off balance. In the end, after all the feminist hype and experimentation with sexual redefinition, when you're on your death bed, the only thing that really matter is whether you experienced in life what *\*you\** wanted. It seems to me that many American women are traveling down a Road of Regret.

This "experimentation" is not without cost. I think the feminists should think about the stress it causes when they expect people (women) to do things they do not have a natural proclivity to do. The fact that Shaquille O'neal is a part-time policeman is a living lesson in social-order: he obviously doesn't need to be Sheriff for the money. He certainly doesn't have to do much to intimidate people. He chose to

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do that because he naturally feels that that is where he belongs. It actually stresses him out \*less\* to have two roles.

And with regard to women, this stress shows in so many ways. When I am on the aeroplane traveling between France and the US, I can always tell if a female sitting in the seat in front of me is French or American by her hair. French women tend to have hair that is thicker, fuller, show fewer indications of stress. American women tend to have hair that is frizzy, with many split ends, showing signs of unending abuse. They are often significantly more overweight than French women. Even the shape, in general is different. American women might have better teeth – I am not sure why that is the case.

I think the stress has to do with the disparity in roles they play. When I am in the USA, I share the responsibility of preparing the table, serving meals, etc. When I am in France, I might make the fire, and perhaps cook a bit of the meat, but the actual food preparation is always done by the women. Not only do they not complain, but if I wanted to help, it would be awkward. What is also strange is that they like it, and they like to watch the men eat!

But perhaps that is one of the benefits of socialism. If what I am saying is true, that women, in general, like to focus on caring for her family, then socialism would benefit them more. I am not certain, but I had a bit of evidence not long ago while having heated discussions on the patio at my friends's (male and female) house in Montferrier sur Lez. We discussed many topics – chemistry, aircraft, politics, war, the growing Muslim population in France. We yelled at each other. Many of the women were non- or moderately-participative. When the subject came to socialism, and I, being a capitalist, started to criticize socialism as responsible for high unemployment, the women stopped everything and attacked me vigorously. They did have an opinion, especially on things that mattered to them.

It was only later that I made the connection that socialism promotes an environment that is far more hospitable to women than does capitalism, \*if\* your primary concern is to take care of your family and not be rich, powerful, etc.

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