

A common sentiment among women is that men treat them like

# SEX OBJECTS

while in fact, most men receive a similar treatment on the basis of

# STATUS INCOME & POWER

Whether an older man who pursues a younger woman is a "dirty old man" or "hip and interesting" often boils down to the issue of his money and position. A man is taught to strive for success and achievement and is praised and admired for being a winner. To accomplish this, he must be goal-oriented, driven, competitive and manipulative. Combined with physical pressures, a man pays a hefty price, namely with

# HEALTH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP FEELINGS LOVE SEX JOY

In other words, everything that would make a man human. Anything that would diminish the powerful male self-image is violently resisted and numerous, often self-destructive, attempts are made to make up for a failure. It is no surprise then that the term for the inability to sustain an erection is

# IMPOTENCE which also means LACK OF POWER

Actually, impotence can indicate a variety of health problems as well as relationship issues. When a successful and wealthy older man complained about erection problems with his girlfriends, a deeper investigation of his relationships exposed the fact that they were attracted to his wealth instead of loving him as a person. His penis was sounding alarm and protected him from getting involved in a relationship that would be loveless and manipulative.

# FEELINGS are just IRRATIONAL BULLSHIT

but everyone knows better than that, right? Not really. Most men, whether subconsciously or not, believe that the presence of feelings indicates a man that is

# WEAK SOFT DEPENDENT FEARFUL SELF-INDULGENT VULNERABLE

and of course, worst of all

# FEMININE which is just GAY

And everyone knows how much our society "adores" gay men. In reality, the fact that most men grow up with a strong imprint from their mother actually makes them more likely to exhibit feminine traits and act out homosexual desires. Despite this, feminine traits in men are often repressed and strongly looked down upon, sometimes even by women. Overall, if men were more in touch with their feelings as well as their feminine side, it would be incredibly beneficial physically as well as psychologically. *But they are not*, and so the death rate of males aged 20 to 24 is higher than that of females. It is at least

25% **100%** **200%**

less visits to doctors per year? Or maybe it is 3 times as likely as women to attempt suicide? Men over the age of 24 are 5 times as likely to do so. It is true, however that women attempt suicide 4 times as often as men, but men succeed in killing themselves 3 times as often.

This wake-up call was brought to you by Anthony Volodkin and Herb Goldberg's *The Hazards of Being Male: Surviving the Myth of Masculine Privilege* published in 1977. 04/19/2004

# ISN'T IT GREAT BEING A MAN?