

Still a Pay Gap Between Men and Women

The White House recently released a report entitled [Women in America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being](#). This report basically confirmed all stereotypes of struggling women in today's America. Now, I know from personal experience (there are more men than women in our large family) that men scoff at the idea that sexism is the last acceptable prejudice. I have actually been shouted down at the dinner table before. I think they don't want to face another accusation of an "-ism" that would indicate they need to change.

Here is the upshot of the report:

1. "Most adults live in households headed by married couples; single-mother households are more common than single-father households." While it's good news that most households are headed by married couples (given America's horrible, although improving, divorce rates) who here didn't know there were more single mothers?
2. "Women are more likely than men to be in poverty." Right. We don't get paid as much! That's the whole point! We're more likely to be raising the kids alone but less likely to be paid as well! Which leads me to my next point:
3. "Higher percentages of women than men participate in adult education." Well, when you're divorced and the sole provider for your kids, you need to be educated in order to get a decent job! "Homemaker for 11 years" cannot typically be counted as work experience, no matter how you dress it up! (yeah, "CEO of a small business," I'm talking to you!)
4. "More women than men have earned a graduate education." Again, this speaks to women feeling like they have to do twice as much, twice as well, in order to get decent pay and/or to get recognized.
5. "More women than men work part-time...." This is a no-brainer: men want the second income but they don't want to increase their own household participation. Therefore, the compromise is that women work part-time in order to have enough time to continue to cook and clean and run errands. This goes hand in hand with number
- 6: "In families where both husband and wife are employed, employed wives spend more time on household activities than do employed husbands."

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