

The End of Men?

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It is reported men are now falling behind women in almost every sector of cultural influence, employment, education and economic power. claims that our postmodern, postindustrial society is better suited to women than to men.

Albert Mohler, President of *The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*, argues that an article in the current issue [22 June, 2010] of *The Atlantic*, demands close attention: “These trends represent nothing less than a collapse of male responsibility, leadership, and expectations. The real issue here is not the end of men, but the disappearance of manhood.”

Commentator on religious issues (and evangelical Christianity in particular), Hanna Rosin writes,

Earlier this year, women became the majority of the workforce for the first time in U.S. history. Most managers are now women too. And for every two men who get a college degree this year, three women will do the same. For years, women’s progress has been cast as a struggle for equality. But what if equality isn’t the end point? What if modern, postindustrial society is simply better suited to women?

Commenting on this, Mohler agrees that an unprecedented role reversal that has vast cultural and educational consequences is now under way:

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For Christians, the importance of [Rosin’s] article is even greater. God intended for men to have a role as workers, reflecting God’s own image in their vocation. The most important issue here is not the gains made by women, but the displacement of men. This has undeniable consequences for these men, and for everyone who loves and depends on them.

The failure of boys to strive for educational attainment is a sign of looming disaster. Almost anyone who works with youth and young adults will tell you that, as a rule, boys are simply not growing up as fast as girls. This means that their transition to manhood is stunted, delayed, and often incomplete. Meanwhile, the women are moving on.

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The elites are awakening to the fact that these vast changes point to a very different future. Christians had better know that matters far more important than economics are at stake. These trends represent nothing less than a collapse of male responsibility, leadership, and expectations. The real issue here is not the end of men, but the disappearance of manhood.

Rosin's article [<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/07/the-end-of-men/8135/>] rambles a little, especially at the start. Nevertheless it presents fascinating and challenging data, and is worth reading.

Mohler's article however is essential reading! [<http://www.albertmohler.com/2010/06/22/the-end-of-men-a-hard-look-at-the-future/>] It is short, clear and challenging, and raises issues that parents, teachers and Christians in general cannot afford to ignore.