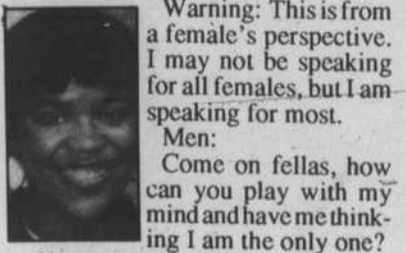


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# Understanding a female perspective

This column is dedicated to the following: All you men on campus who cheat on your hometown girlfriends; all of you who like to spread rumors; all of the two-faced people; and all you females who have problems with other females thinking they can take your man.



Warning: This is from a female's perspective. I may not be speaking for all females, but I am speaking for most.

Men:  
Come on fellas, how can you play with my mind and have me thinking I am the only one? I know who a lot of you are. You're the ones who have girls back home. You tell them you truly love them, but out here in school, you have other girls like me who think you're in love with us.

And you may get upset with me, but I know what some of you are up to. Yes, I may be messing up your rap. But I have to let all the ladies know about ya.

I must be fair to all the strong men out there. I know all of you aren't the same. I know a lot of you are true. But I must give the ladies fair warning about the rotten ones.

You rotten men will chill with a female at school nine months out of the year and then when the summer comes around, you're back in the arms of your hometown loved one.

That ain't even right. And I must stop calling you men, because only boys play those silly little games.

Love is not to be played with.

Either you let your hometown love go or you stick with her and only her. Now that's what I call a man — one who can control his lower desires and

has the strength to acknowledge his true sweetheart.

If somehow you fall out of love with your hometown love, you should let her know. I think you'd get more respect then, than if she found out by a third party that you was digging your bones in someone else's backyard.

Ladies, we must understand there are true, legit men out here. They may be hard to find, but they are worth the wait.

I'd rather be single long enough to find the right man than to go in and out of relationships never being satisfied (and I have finally found the right man).

Ladies, the right man just might be under your nose and you are paying him little or no attention.

Take to heart what I say, but always keep your guard up. For it's when you put that guard down that you'll be attacked by problems that you can't control.

Take rumors:  
They are always very juicy and can get you really excited.

Rumors are usually negative and can cause a lot of pain. Those of us who like to spread rumors need to stop before they end up coming to our town.

Sometimes rumors can be contagious.

I'm sure many of us have heard many a people say, "But I ain't one to gossip," or "You ain't heard it from me." Before spreading a rumor, we should make sure it doesn't get back to us because then we will be in the spotlight.

We must remember, if we can't end a rumor, we shouldn't start one.

Two-faced people:  
Don't talk about us behind our

backs. If you have something to say about us, don't tell someone else, just tell us.

Let us know if you can prove your point, and you think it's valid. We'll listen to you. But you must understand, we will be straight with you.

If you can't handle that, then you should keep your trap shut!

But you know, communication can end a lot of the bickering between people. So if you have a problem with any of us, or you've heard a rumor that one of us just may have passed along, just ask us and we'll tell you.

It's a lot easier than to assume. To the back-stabbing females who want to take other women's men and to those women who can't seem to tell them to step off:

You can't have him. He's mine! I have tried to subtly tell you, but since you have been ignoring my obvious connotations, I'm telling ya now. Keep your hands off.

Although my man may seem irresistible to you and you just KNOW that you will eventually get him, I have to shed a little light into your dark, blue lonely nights. He's mine!

Women, grow up and stop ruining other people's lives just because yours is turned upside down.

Why do to others what you wouldn't want done to you?

If you keep playing the little games, the next victim just may be you.

But ladies, we need to still have faith in our men. We have to trust that they'll do what's right. Don't be so busy always wondering what they are doing — just keep your eye on girlfriend over there.

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# Perceived cuts gyp middle class

Let's round up all the wealthy Americans and force them onto the new Astroturf at Memorial Stadium. Then we can fill the stadium with 76,000 average, middle-class citizens and let them pummel the wealthy with rocks and eggs.



At the end of the day, we'll load the wealthy aboard the Space Shuttle Fairness and dump them somewhere in the far reaches of the galaxy, left to float in space.

To complete the event, the government will seize all of the money and assets left behind and distribute the fortune evenly among the remaining society. The upper and lower classes will be eliminated, and everyone in the United States will be on an even economic playing field.

Fifty years later, an astonishing observance could be made. American society would once again include a poverty class and a wealthy upper class.

This illustration represents a cold, hard fact: Rich and poor people will always exist in American society.

Many Americans still believe that fairness can be created by redistributing the wealth from the rich to the poor. Liberals constantly seek to tax the rich to create economic fairness. In reality, only the perception of fairness is created by such a policy.

Liberals should realize it is wrong to penalize someone for working hard and achieving a high level of success. Penalizing the rich does not benefit anyone, and actually harms the middle and lower classes.

For some reason, rich Americans are seen as evil and cold-hearted. On TV cartoons, Scrooge McDuck piles his money into bins and swims in it.

Rich people don't behave this way in reality. The wealthy spend, invest, and put their money at risk doing everything possible to make it grow. This is awful hard to do without investing in resources such as materials, supplies and people.

I'm not rich — not yet anyway, but I don't think wealthy Americans are bad people. They haven't stolen their money from me. I am thankful there is an upper class.

Hopefully, when I graduate, one of these rich moguls will offer me a good job. I would much rather work for a successful, profitable business than one struggling to survive.

From an ethical standpoint, it is wrong to penalize someone for achieving success. After all, success is bred into the American dream. If we discourage people from prospering, the new American dream will include standing in a cheese line.

There is nothing wrong with success.

Success by one person does not automatically mean that someone else must fail. In reality, a thriving individual or business will help others to prosper and result in increased profitability, job creation, and purchasing power.

The issue of helping the poor is always an important concern. But those who think taxing the rich is the solution are dead wrong. When taxes on the rich increase, the middle and lower classes pay the price.

Consider the luxury tax hike on yachts imposed in 1990. Democrats championed the idea and quickly made plans to spend the increased tax revenue. The money never came in.

Consumer behavior is not constant. It changes as situations change. Liberals made revenue estimations based on current spending patterns. The wealthy refused to pay the higher price for the boats. The revenues realized were actually less than those expected before the tax increase.

The worst aspect of the luxury tax increase involves the implications for the middle class. With decreased demand for boats, production halted and left scores of middle-class boat builders out of work.

The middle class who applauded the tax on the rich suddenly found themselves standing in unemployment lines.

The same situation also results from other types of tax increases. Examples include increased taxes on luxury cars, industrial vehicles in New Jersey, junk food in California, capital gains taxes, etc.

Consumers and workers will always pay the price for tax increases. Taxes are a cost of doing business. Increased taxes will either raise prices

or force businesses to shrink or close.

In the 1980s, President Reagan cut taxes on the rich and businesses. For 10 years, the United States experienced the greatest peacetime expansion in this nation's history.

Since Reagan took office in 1980, more than 20 million jobs have been created. From 1980 to 1990, the middle-class family's mean net worth rose by 23 percent, a larger increase than that of the upper class. Who says that trickle-down economics failed?

Democrats claim that cutting taxes results in lost revenues, and that the growth of the '80s was funded with national debt. This is not true. Despite Reagan's tax cuts, total tax revenues during the period increased. To be more accurate, the tax revenues of the '80s increased at the same rate as economic growth.

Cutting taxes creates economic expansion, providing new jobs, new taxpayers and increased tax revenues. By lowering tax rates, the tax base is broadened. Would you rather sell 10 apples for \$2 each, or 15 apples for \$1.50 each?

No, the national debt wasn't caused by tax cuts; it was caused by massive government spending. Thank your Democratic Congress for that.

As the 1992 campaign rolls along, one party will talk about taxing the rich. The other party will talk about tax cuts and economic growth. If you think taxing the rich will make your life better, think again.

The rich will always be rich, and there will always be a poverty class. It is not possible to legislate fairness. The only effective solution is to adhere to American capitalist values and to create an environment with opportunity for everyone to succeed.

It is not right to penalize success, nor should we subsidize failure. We should not favor a policy simply because it restricts someone else. The only policy worth celebrating is the one that truly helps ourselves.

In this year filled with political rhetoric, let's avoid the failures of perceived fairness, and seek the rewards of reality.

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