

You Can't Want Masculinity And Shame It

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SUMMARY

The speaker discusses the impact of societal narratives around masculinity and femininity on men's behavior in romantic contexts. They argue that men are often hesitant to initiate due to fear of being perceived negatively, and that women need to communicate their preferences clearly to encourage more assertive behavior from men.

- *Toxic masculinity narratives create fear in men about initiating romantic interactions.*
- *Men may avoid approaching women to prevent being labeled as aggressive or overly assertive.*
- *Women's empowerment and independence can unintentionally lead men to adopt a passive role.*
- *Clear communication from women about their desires for masculine traits is essential.*
- *Men need reassurance that their assertiveness is welcomed and desired.*
- *The speaker emphasizes the importance of reprogramming men's perceptions of what women want.*

If you drown men in toxic masculinity narratives and patriarch narratives and all of those narratives, don't be surprised when they don't come on to you and when they don't hit on you and when they don't initiate because it's bloody frightening to do that as a man. You don't want to be perceived as an aggressor. You don't want to be perceived as someone who only has one thing on their mind. You don't want to be perceived as overly assertive, strong, independent woman. Go ahead. Go right ahead. Here, you got what you asked for. You're a strong, independent woman. I'm going to sit passively and meekly in the corner until you tell me what my marching orders are. And then you're like, "Oh my god, that's the least attractive thing I've ever seen." So, if you want him to be masculine, initiating, uh, a bit more assertive, a bit more powerful, you're going to need to tell him that, that it's safe, that it's wanted, that you like it, okay? that he actually needs to reprogram himself to say, "No, this is what my wife wants."