

Fear – Anxiety by Media?

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I used to be an investigative journalist, often working under cover to expose serious malpractice and having to be squeaky clean about how it was done in case things went to court. I do wonder about the integrity of journalism today. Sure, there have always been some 'dodgy-geezers' in the industry but these days, with the power of and pandering to social media, how many journalists are allowed editorial focus on hard facts?

The inspiration for this article came after a conversation with a very strong, independent 36-year-old woman, who expressed a desire to go cycling yet a fear of being murdered if she did so. What? Where has this fear come from?

Certainly not from hard facts of the actual likelihood of being murdered. According to the UK's Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures, in 2020 there were 188 females murdered (down from 225 in 2019) and 506 males murdered (up from 422 in 2019). Not only are females 3 times less likely to be murdered than males, deaths by murder are 0.0006 of all female deaths (299,853 total) and 0.0016 of all male deaths (308,069 total), yet females are the ones NGO's, government and the media tell to be scared. Why?

I was then reminded, by yet another tweet of the endless mantras of '*violence against women and girls*' and '*the vast majority of domestic abuse is by males against females*', bolstered by the very awful and very high-profile murders of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa, which sparked public outcry and enabled more media-fuelled mass fear across the country. Yet that fear is clearly disproportionate given the actual data. What happened to Sarah was unprecedented in modern policing history, yet now certain media channels are reporting females fear, en mass, to be alone with a male police officer.

There are 'wrong ones' in every organisation and, with 160,000 officers in

England, the police are no exception – but there is a massive difference between an officer making a sexist comment or dismissing a crime than abduction and murder. When I was abused by a female officer, handcuffs twisted behind my back to deliberately inflict pain, I didn't rant about misandry, I just put in a formal complaint. Yet now, with the very public agenda pushed by the likes of Women's Aid and avidly spread on the likes of Channel 4 News, that *'violence against women and girls'* is massively widespread and literally all males are guilty of it, the question has to be asked: “Given this **does not** reflect actual reality, what is the true agenda here?”. Only the likes of Women's Aid and Channel 4's senior management can give the reason but the effect is to instil fear into the female population, by portraying a situation that does not factually exist in the western world. How is that moral or right? And before you cry Women's Aid have no say in the custody process, did you know they are key government advisors and include female-only-focused national guidance on domestic abuse handling for social services. Isn't gender bias supposed to be illegal? Isn't news reporting supposed to be balanced?

There are countries where violence against women and girls is systemic; Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan are just four of many that spring to mind. In those countries women can't publicly say such things without not just fear but the genuine possibility of abduction, rape and murder. The fact that women in the UK and US feel able to say it with impunity, even dominating social-worker guidance and bullying government officials into going along with them (I suspect out of fear of being called misogynistic if they refuse) demonstrates the exact opposite of what is claimed.

The ONS shows a third of victims of domestic violence are male. Professor Nicola Graham-Kevan's research found males made up half the victims. Yet it has become so psychologically normalised for a female to get away with being aggressively ranting and violent that many don't even register this as abuse – though they would if it was a male doing it. Perhaps this is why Frontiers

(frontiersin.org) found the level of domestic abuse against women was 30% higher by women, in lesbian couples, than by men, in heterosexual couples.

One tool in being an investigative journalist is to follow the money trail. As far as I can see, in the UK the only ones to actually benefit from declaring systemic '*violence against women and girls*' are the organisations with a business model built on it – expanding the fear and demanding ever more funding on such a basis. For 2021, Women's Aid have been asking for a minimum of £409,307,879, to fund organisations for female abuse victims and their children; yet by denouncing all males, including male victims, they are actually empowering abusive females to get custody of the children they also abuse. On Twitter, #killallmen is heavily pushed by toxic females, with seeming impunity – there is no #killallwomen equivalent, only males now threatening to do so, out of anger at such rampant misogyny. There has even been a campaign specifically focused on denying funding for male victims, on the basis it could reduce female-focused income. How is this not about grabbing money, at any cost, rather than fighting abuse?

As I said at the beginning, in actual reality, of the 29 million females in England, there are 0.51 murders a day, which means a one in 57 million daily chance of being murdered but for males it is 3 times higher, so why is it females being told to feel terrified on a daily basis? To me this indicates not systemic misogyny but systemic misandry, pushed by those who claim misogyny and get funding for doing so. In reality, the vast majority of males are protective of females and far more likely to help rather than harm. Chivalry is not dead, only buried behind misandry and the media supporting it.

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