

The Myth of Male Power is both my most

controversial book and the one requiring the most thinking-per-paragraph. Its reward is the deepest [Vitalize Pro](#) paradigm shift in a man's view of what success and power are really about. Seven years after publication, even with this book out of print for a few years, I begin many days reviewing one or more emails from a man for whom this book has catalyzed a spiritual journey. For most men, that's the rediscovery of the person he had whittled away to fulfill an image of himself that had always rubbed like sandpaper on his psyche, but that he thought would give him the love and respect of those he loved and respected.



Many of these men are not men who

browse the psychology sections of bookstores. Many are "bottom-line" men: attorneys, engineers, and executives who want a lot in a short space, want data to support it, and want the information on page 11 and 347 to be consistent. I wrote *The Myth of Male Power* this way because I feel it is a contradiction to say we want men to read about relationships, and then write books that are sensitive only to women's style.

For women this book creates a different journey.

One reflected in comments like these I can see now exactly how my dad's devotion to his work [or his strictness and criticism] was his way of loving me, and that makes me feel a lot more loved Or This book has helped me let go of my anger toward my ex and it seems men I go out with feel the difference Or I finally feel I'm raising a son I understand and like not just love

The 2000 elections continue this dynamic

Married women preferred Bush; unmarried women overwhelmingly preferred Gore. Why? Voting motivations are complex, but Gore promised more government protection, and unmarried women often seek the government as substitute husband-or substitute protector. In contrast, forty percent of married women do not work outside the home when their children are young. So the married woman is more likely to care about her husband's paycheck not being taxed, thus encouraging a vote for Bush (Bush's mode of being a

married woman's protector is to protect her husband's ability to protect). In different ways, both Gore and Bush sought to be women's protector, each receiving the greater support from the type of woman who felt most protected by him.

There have, though, been changes since the early including

ones that delight me. In *The Myth of Male Power* I documented the seven-to-one discrimination against funding for prostate versus breast cancer research, and stressed this on the flap jacket and in interviews. I am delighted to see the funding for both cancers has increased and the gap has decreased. However, the remaining funding gap is still huge and has doubtless been a factor in prostate cancer deaths now exceeding breast cancer deaths.

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