

Clinical Psychologist: 'Women Hate Harmless Men'

Many modern men have been propagandized to believe that modern women want nice, sensitive, empathetic guys who make them feel safe.

And then they are perplexed and frustrated when they eventually find themselves dumped, divorced, or relegated to the friend-zone for perpetuity.

According to Jordan Peterson—clinical psychologist, professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, and popular speaker—such results are not surprising. When he spoke to a gathering of people [earlier this year](#), his thoughts on what women really want in a man supported a stereotype that still has popular cachet: that women are attracted to assholes.

Okay, so there's a bit of hyperbole in the stereotype. I don't really believe that "asshole" is the most accurate designation for the kind of man that a woman wants. But the hyperbole gets

at a truth that Peterson more eloquently teases out in his thoughts, some of which I have transcribed below. (By the way, his thoughts came in the context of comments on the topic of cultural appropriation, which he said is “absolute nonsense”.)

“It’s been really interesting for me to watch the response... of young Caucasian males to hip-hop. You know, there’s an aggressiveness about hip-hop that’s really attractive to young Caucasian males. And there’s something absurd about the spectacle of the young Caucasian males taking on the persona of inner-city black gang members. But I’m sympathetic to it because there’s an aggressiveness to that art form that’s a necessary corrective to the insistence that the highest moral virtue for a modern man is harmlessness—which is absurd.