

## 320-stuckey-make\_men\_masculine\_again-Facts

Want healthy families and strong communities? Then you want families and communities filled with strong fathers.

“According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 19.7 million children, more than 1 in 4, live without a father in the home,” the National Fatherhood Initiative reports. “Consequently, there is a father factor in nearly all social ills facing America today.”

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In 2008, then Senator Barack Obama stressed the importance of strong fathers: “Of all the rocks upon which we build our lives ... family is the most important. And we are called to recognize and honor how critical every father is to that foundation.”

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Healthy families and strong communities depend on the leadership, protective instincts and courage of good men.

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When you try to make men more like women, you don't get less “toxic masculinity,” you get more.

When masculine energy is properly harnessed, it is a tool for good, not for harm.

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“Confident, self-assured men – the kind our society needs – don't rape women. They don't harass their female employees. Brave men don't bully their peers. Strong men don't shoot up schools.

They don't patronize or hurt others to prove their masculinity," writes Allie Stuckey. "Weak, insecure ones do."

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Studies have found that when men run away from their masculine roles and responsibilities – particularly as fathers and male role models – they leave destruction and despair in their wake.

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According to a Pew Research study, one in four fathers now lives apart from his children.

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More than two-thirds of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

Seventy-one percent of high-school dropouts are fatherless.

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When men embrace their masculinity in a way that is healthy and productive, they are role models, leaders, protectors and heroes.

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Tragedies like mass shootings don't occur due to "toxic masculinity," but often occur because the perpetrator lacked a father.

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The answer to "toxic masculinity" isn't less masculinity; it's better masculinity.

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Better masculinity isn't pure individualism; it's the opposite. Positive masculinity holds communities together.

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The current trend to feminize young men will result in more tentative men, unhappy women, and confused boys and girls.

In the school classroom, boys are often portrayed as “the problem.”

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On the playground, “aggressive” games like dodgeball have long been banished. We tell young men that their intrinsic desire to compete is wrong.

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This anti-male tilt has created millions of tentative men, unhappy women, and confused boys and girls.

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Feminizing men won't create utopia, it will only create more lonely, troubled young men and women.

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The devaluation of masculinity won't end well. Feminine, passive men don't stop evil; they don't defend, protect or provide.

Women want real men: men they and society can count on. No amount of feminist theory will change that. It's not a social construct, it's innate.

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Masculinity at its best loves, protects, and serves for the betterment of all.

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