

# He Said, She Said

## "Men are the new women"

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***Are men really from Mars and Women from Venus, as author Dr. John Gray states in his bestselling book? Do men and women really see things that differently? If given the same question could their answers really be so different? At San Diego Woman we wanted to explore the differences between "them" and "us". Read this month's installment and find out how the sexes differ when it comes to communicating with each other. What topics would you like to see us duke it out over in upcoming issues? No topic is off limits, so write me at [editor@sandiegowoman.com](mailto:editor@sandiegowoman.com). I can't wait to hear from you!***

### 30 He Said...

The old maxim, men are visual and women are emotional, seems to be on the way out – mostly. I recently heard a new phrase: Men are the new women. By extension that seems to mean that women are getting tougher and men are getting...softer. If that's the case then why do you women still get upset when we look at, well, you? The word 'cleavage' has new meaning today and if you're going to put it out there you must expect we're gonna look! But it's not just the cleavage, truthfully, it's the whole package. Women of all ages are dressing sexier than ever and I can tell you we have noticed.

Oh, I know, the whistles and catcalls and 'hey baby' stuff has always annoyed you – in public. And a lot of that is inappropriate. Let's just deal with the day to day show you put on. We like it and we like to look. Why on earth you get upset when you parade around with most of your breasts in plain view is beyond explanation. Yeah, yeah, I know it's just for your husband, boyfriend, partner, yadda yadda. BS. Not when you are in public. We will look (gawking and drooling are wrong, we get that) and you need to adjust.

The last ten years have seen so many women portrayed as the aggressors with comments about our anatomies: Nice butt, nice package. I could go on. Do WE mind? Not a bit. MEN ARE VISUAL. We accept that you are too, but you can't have it both ways!

Quite simply, if you don't want the attention, don't dress like you do (and that is the point, you do). I was in the mall recently and a twenty- something young lady with a two year old child had exposed enough cleavage that even the

women were looking. AND, she had a (clearly visible) tattoo. I looked. You have seen my picture; I am middle aged and grey. And boy, did I get the ugly stare from her. I just smiled and walked on, but the damage was done. Salt on the tail. Just for a two second look I was damned for viewing. Her husband simply smiled and shrugged his shoulders. He knew.

The idea here is that how you dress will be noticed. YOU make the choices, deal with the consequences. I do not condone men getting verbal and aggressive. Not right. But to be condemned for merely looking, sans the catcalls and ogling, no, won't fly. A friend of mine recently said, "It's gravitational, the pull of larger planets."

An article recently published on older women dating younger men in this magazine brought forward a truth about something that happens every day. I say, go for it. It's not a new concept. Again, you can't have it both ways. To date younger men you have to put yourselves in positions to be noticed and (often) be the aggressor. You have to dress for success. Older men have always been the target of ridicule for the younger lady syndrome. Time to stop. New world order. You can't have your cake and eat it too.

You dress well and show the pride in your bodies – we will look. The reverse is also true. Look. Have a ball. But leave your double standard at home.

## She Said...

Yes we do like to show off our attributes. Should we apologize for it? No, I think not. Since I am certain that you like that we want to show it off. However, there is

a difference between men who look and men who ogle. Cat calls aside, we like being noticed. And yes, you are right; if we didn't want you to look we wouldn't dress as we do. I recently viewed a Dave Chapelle stand up routine which made a point that I find hard to dispute. He mentions a girl walking into a bar with a dress so short that nothing was left to the imagination and a push up bra so prominent that her boobs were poking out of her turtle-neck. He made a somewhat rude comment about what he would like to do to her. She turned around and told him in no uncertain terms to get lost. He claimed it was false advertising. He said it would be no different than if he was standing at the corner in a police officer's uniform and suddenly someone came to him for assistance and he said...no I'm not really a cop...I just look like one. So he says if you're not a cop don't dress like one and if you're not a slut don't dress like one either.

Maybe if men could take the time to notice us for us and not for what is popping out of our turtlenecks we wouldn't be forced to dress provocatively. Put us in a local venue sitting at the bar, hoping to meet Mr. Right, and one small problem can occur: a little thing called "competition."

Women can be brutal. Yes, I said it. When a bunch of single women head out for a night on the town and they know that there will be a bunch of other single women all vying for the attention of the few acceptable men who wouldn't embarrass us in front of our friends and family, we have to pull out all the stops. Lower the neckline and raise the hemline and we can finally get you to say hello to us. So maybe you might just find out that behind the push up bra and Spanx is a woman with a brain. Yes – a Brain. Not just breasts...We don't actually mind you looking, we would just like to have you listen once in a while. I suppose what most women don't get is that not only is the cute guy at the bar with the nice butt gonna look, but so is the elderly janitor sitting in the corner, or the friend of our father who we run into on our way to the latest trendy spot. So can we control who looks? No, but it doesn't mean we have to like it. There are times and places for the skimpy outfits, perhaps a trip to the mall with our two-year old isn't it. But, then you do know that Mr. Right might just be cruising through the mall at the exact same time we are. If we were frumpy Mr. Right might walk right past us, but not if the cleavage was low and the hemline was high. So do you really want to play the odds? Oh, and the younger man thing...Yes who wouldn't be flattered to have a younger man interested in us? And if that is the fish we are looking to attract we are forced to use the necessary bait. Does that make us evil? I think not. Men use what they think they have to attract younger women...enter the mid life crisis cars and the Rolex watches, and let's not forget the Toupees - which make us all giggle just a little. Men think it is money that attracts younger women, and maybe it is, women know it is breasts that attract not only the young men but any man with a heartbeat. So you use your weapons and we will use ours.



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