

“Equal Rights for Men and Women”

A talk given at Cambridge University on 24.5.19 by Mike Buchanan, party leader, Justice for Men & Boys (J4MB).¹



Elizabeth Hobson (with sunglasses) surveys the Cambridge University Noisy Twats Society

This talk took place despite a campaign of lies and misrepresentation by feminists at the university intended to stop Mike Buchanan’s talk going ahead, as well as that of Elizabeth Hobson, Director of Communications, “The History of Feminism”. A mob of howling students tried unsuccessfully to disrupt the talks by blocking the entrance to the building, chanting, banging on saucepans lids etc.

Mike’s talk is available to watch on the party’s YouTube channel.²

Elizabeth’s talk is on the same channel.³ A transcript is available.⁴

Four hours before Mike rose to speak, a feminist threw milkshake over him. A J4MB supporter, Natty, chased after and apprehended the (alleged) assailant, and (alleged) photographer of the incident.⁵

Mike’s talk:

¹ <https://j4mb.org.uk>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4P7ZxdfwqnA>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IFD4rQIX68>

⁴ <https://j4mb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2019/05/190524-transcript-of-Elizabeth-Hobsons-talk-at-Cambridge-Uni.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5epds6bs4M>

Elizabeth, thank you. And thank you ALL for taking the time to be here tonight. We're here despite a determined and cynical campaign by feminists to stop our talks going ahead, a campaign based on lies and misinformation. We thank Cambridge university for providing a platform for Elizabeth and I to talk to you tonight.

I'll be talking about 18 areas where the human rights of men and boys are assaulted by the state's actions and inactions in the UK today. The same issues can be seen in many other countries, but like Elizabeth what I have to say is particularly relevant to the English-speaking world. This banner is the one we placed next to the 20 speakers at an event we hosted at Excel London last July, the fourth International Conference on Men's Issues.⁶ People attended that conference from 24 countries, from as far afield as New Zealand.

I was originally going to deliver this talk three months ago at the University of Winchester, in an event at which William Collins, an important blogger on gender issues, was also going to speak. We were invited by Eric Anderson, a very publicly gay American professor who works there. He gave a talk at the last London conference, titled, "A non-feminist approach to Masculinities", the video's on our YouTube channel. Feminists at the university tried to have our talks cancelled with a campaign of lies and misinformation – as they did here in Cambridge – and in the end we cancelled the talks ourselves, to spare Eric Anderson any more stress.

I'd like to say a few words about William Collins's website, "The illustrated Empathy Gap".⁷ In my view, and in the view of many Men's Rights Activists – MRAs – around the world, the website is the gold standard among websites covering gender issues from a non-feminist perspective. The site currently contains around 170 articles. He has a book being published in the next month or two, titled, *The Empathy Gap*. It's almost 700 pages long. The empathy gap is behind so many of the problems facing men and boys today. Put simply, society cares about women and girls as a class, and cares little or nothing about men and boys as a class. It explains why states can assault the human rights of men and boys as a class with utter impunity, often at the behest of feminists, as they do.

My talk will challenge feminism and feminists, for the simple reason that most of the issues facing men and boys in the UK today are the consequence of feminists' activities, or at least made worse by them. The Fawcett Society is a radical feminist campaigning organization. It commissioned a survey in 2016 which found that only 9 per cent of women in Britain self-identify as feminists, and only 4 per cent of men.⁸ Feminists have no legitimacy to speak on behalf of women as a class.

My aim in this talk is simple, yet ambitious – to give you a sense of the extent to which the human rights of men and boys are assaulted by the state's actions and inactions in the UK today, almost always to privilege women and girls. Feminists claim they're fighting for gender equality. To achieve gender equality, women and girls would have to give up many privileges, and I don't see feminists fighting for THAT.

In 2013 I launched the political party Justice for Men & Boys.⁹ It remains the only party in the English-speaking world campaigning for the human rights of men and boys, on many fronts. It's also the only anti-feminist party in the English-speaking world. We've been anti-feminist from day one, and it's good to see some other political parties in Europe starting to challenge feminism.

⁶ <http://icmi2018.icmi.info>

⁷ <http://empathygap.uk>

⁸ <https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=a9a69875-749a-4482-9a8b-5bffaafe3ee7>

⁹ <https://j4mb.org.uk>

A few words about the leading events in the global Men's Rights Movement. In 2014 the first International Conference on Men's Issues was held, in Detroit.¹⁰ Our party hosted conferences in London in 2016¹¹ and 2018.¹² In 2017 there was an excellent conference in Gold Coast, Australia.¹³

The fifth conference in the series will be held in Chicago in August.¹⁴ The key hosts will be Karen Straughan and Alison Tieman, Canadian women who've been prominent anti-feminists and MRAs for a decade. The keynote speaker will be Professor Janice Fiamengo, another Canadian anti-feminist and MRA, and the creator of a remarkable video series, The Fiamengo Files.¹⁵ I'll be giving a talk in Chicago, as will Elizabeth, along with Philip Davies, a Tory MP who also spoke at our 2016 conference.

In our 2015 general election manifesto, which is downloadable from our website,¹⁶ we explored 20 areas where the human rights of men and boys are assaulted by the state's actions or inactions, almost always to privilege women or girls. On this banner we have 18 of those areas. There are no areas in the UK today, where the human rights of women or girls SPECIFICALLY are assaulted by the actions and inactions of the state. NONE. When it comes to human rights violations, men and boys in the UK today beat women and girls 20 to nil.

The state privileges one class – women and girls – so the rights of the other class – men and boys – MUST be assaulted, to enable that privilege. This IS a zero-sum game. How could it not be? For men and boys to enjoy equal rights as women and girls INEVITABLY means that women and girls will have to lose privileges, or men and boys gain more rights, or a combination of the two.

For the past four years our party's #1 campaigning objective has been to end the non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors – Male Genital Mutilation, or MGM – in the UK. MGM is carried out on male minors – some of them babies – in Jewish and Muslim families. Our YouTube channel¹⁷ contains a playlist of over 90 video and audio pieces on MGM,¹⁸ including some videos of our campaigning on the issue at Speakers' Corner. The materials we promote include the Jewish case against circumcision,¹⁹ as well as the Muslim case.²⁰

A few words on MGM. Firstly, contrary to popular assumptions, MGM is ALWAYS highly injurious. William Collins has posted four excellent pieces on MGM on his blog, "The Illustrated Empathy Gap". The first one pointed out that over 90% of the nerve cells – specifically, Meissner's Corpuscles – which give men pleasure during sex are contained in the foreskin, which is removed during MGM.²¹ In an adult male, the skin removed during MGM would be the size of a five pound note. The objective of MGM is to reduce the pleasure men enjoy during sex. In his other three articles on MGM, Collins William debunked the claimed medical benefits.^{22,23,24}

¹⁰ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHLREeMe4S0OmV_BYAfWNWi0qQzu2FWzK

¹¹ <http://icmi2016.icmi.info>

¹² <http://icmi2018.icmi.info>

¹³ <http://icmi2017.icmi.info>

¹⁴ <http://icmi2019.icmi.info>

¹⁵ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHt1Hh27h4Bs3gYpWa5qAu_kOChBKDIaw

¹⁶ <http://tinyurl.com/V10manifesto>

¹⁷ <http://tinyurl.com/J4MBYouTube>

¹⁸ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjMsc0TpRqgDT--hnKe3XOKXypbM_R2K

¹⁹ <http://tinyurl.com/JAC2017>

²⁰ <http://tinyurl.com/QP2017>

²¹ <http://empathygap.uk/?p=519>

²² <http://empathygap.uk/?p=1604>

²³ <http://empathygap.uk/?p=1655>

²⁴ <http://empathygap.uk/?p=1675>

There's a specific Act criminalising Female Genital Mutilation, FGM, it was passed in 1985. The state has expended HUGE resources on ending FGM since at least that time, but only recently was the first person, a black Ugandan woman, successfully prosecuted under the Act, for her conspiracy to have FGM performed on her daughter.

It's a little-known fact that prior to the 1985 Act, carrying out FGM was – in common with MGM – ALREADY a criminal offence, by virtue of it being at least Actual Bodily Harm, and almost certainly Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. Balvinder Mehat, a Nottingham-based doctor, was arrested in 2017 in relation to the circumcision of a five-month-old boy, allegedly without the mother's consent, five years earlier. The proposed charge was Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Predictably, the Crown Prosecution Service refused to bring a prosecution, so I lodged papers at Nottingham Magistrates' Court for a private prosecution of Dr Mehat.²⁵ A judge refused me leave to bring that prosecution. One of his reasons was that there has never been a successful prosecution for MGM under the 1861 Act, ignoring the obvious fact that no private prosecution has been permitted to take place.

Every second Sunday we campaign at Speakers' Corner, in London, sometimes on the issue of MGM.²⁶ People are often astonished to learn that MGM is illegal in the UK, they understandably assume that the lack of prosecutions is evidence of legality. It isn't. A substantial body of case law makes it very clear that no exemptions to the law of the land are permitted on religious or cultural grounds. It would require a parliamentary override for MGM to be legal, and that has never existed.

The UK government recently announced grants totalling £50 million for initiatives aimed at ending FGM in Africa.²⁷ At the same time it receives income taxes from the criminals carrying out MGM. The double standard is OUTRAGEOUS, and stark evidence of the empathy gender gap.

I'm now going to take you on a whistle-stop tour of many men's and boys' issues – the 18 on this banner, to be precise. You'll find evidence to back up almost everything I have to say about these issues, in our last election manifesto, which you can find on our website. I've already said a few things about genital mutilation, so I'll start with...

FATHERLESSNESS

If I had to choose just one area where men and women should enjoy equal rights, it would be parenting. Denying children access to their fathers is child abuse, and emotional abuse of men. The state is deeply complicit in that abuse.

Warren Farrell, in his book *The Boy Crisis*, cites a 2016 survey of social workers, the report on which included this conclusion. "Social workers tend to consider the children's wishes as long as their preference is for maternal custody. When children express a paternal preference, their wishes carry no weight". End of quotation.

Germaine Greer wrote the following in 1970, almost half a century ago:

²⁵ <https://j4mb.org.uk/2018/12/15/mike-buchanan-hands-in-papers-for-a-private-prosecution-of-balvinder-mehat-a-nottingham-doctor/>

²⁶ <https://j4mb.org.uk/2019/02/24/speakers-corner-london-where-mens-rights-activists-mras-and-other-anti-feminists-meet-join-us-there-sunday-10-march/>

²⁷ <https://j4mb.org.uk/2018/11/24/uk-pledges-50m-to-help-end-fgm-across-africa-by-2030-meanwhile-who-unaims-are-mutilating-the-genitals-of-20-million-sub-saharan-males/>

“Women's liberation, if it abolishes the patriarchal family, will abolish a necessary substructure of the authoritarian state, and once that withers away Marx will have come true willy-nilly, so let's get on with it.” End of quotation.

In the past 50 years the entire institution of the family, underpinned by a lifelong commitment to marriage, has been overturned. This was driven by feminist politicians such as Harriet Harman and Patricia Hewitt, who wrote in a report in 1992, ‘It cannot be assumed that men are bound to be an asset to family life, or that the presence of fathers in families is necessarily a means to social cohesion’. End of quotation.

The impact on young adults – of both sexes – of growing up not living with their biological fathers is well documented. Those adults:

- Are less likely to attain qualifications
- Are more likely to experience unemployment
- Are more likely to have low incomes
- Are more likely to be on income support
- Are more likely to offend and go to jail
- Are more likely to suffer from long term emotional and psychological problems
- Are more likely to have children outside marriage or outside any partnership, perpetuating the problems.

The carnage wrought by fatherlessness is obvious to anyone willing to see it. The knife crime epidemic among black boys and young men in our cities is largely driven by fatherlessness. Boys and young men without fathers are obviously at a higher risk of drifting into gangs.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

In this area, women have rights, but only the responsibilities they choose. Men, in contrast, have no rights, only responsibilities. So if a woman becomes pregnant, perhaps without the prior agreement of her partner, for example if she fails to take the contraceptive pill without him knowing – a form of paternity fraud – she can have her unborn child killed at taxpayers’ expense, the father has no say in the matter. She can have the child and put it up for adoption, again the father has no say. Or she can demand that he financially support for 20 years the child he never agreed to be responsible for.

EDUCATION

There was virtually no education gender gap prior to the 1987/88 academic year. That was the year when ‘O’ levels were replaced by GCSEs, in order to give effect to the pro-girl bias of teachers, to raise girls’ grades relative to boys’ grades. That gender gap has been with us ever since, William Collins wrote a very good article on the matter.²⁸

About 60% of university students in the UK today are women. Because government thinking on all matters is influenced or dictated by feminist politicians, the educational failure of males isn’t seen as a problem. The worst-performing cohort of boys is that of white working-class boys. The two Education Secretaries before the current one were both feminists – Nicky Morgan and Justine

²⁸ <http://empathygap.uk/?p=121>

Greening. They didn't even PRETEND to be bothered about the educational under-achievement of boys. Seen through a feminist lens, boys' under-achievement is something to be celebrated.

Sadly I don't have time to go into the obscene taxpayer-funded initiatives to drive up the proportion of women studying STEM subjects, or women being appointed ahead of better-qualified men as a result of the Athena Swan initiative, which leads to a lack of research funding for departments which wish to make appointments based on merit alone. William Collins has written 16 excellent articles on education.²⁹

EMPLOYMENT

I'll start with research carried out by Dr Catherine Hakim, a renowned sociologist, who published a paper on what she termed "Preference Theory" in 2000. She investigated the orientation of men and women towards paid employment, and found that while four in seven British men are work-centred, only one in seven British women is. On those grounds alone, we might expect 80% of the people working in demanding professions, or at senior levels which require strong commitment, to be men. Yet the state, driven by feminist ideology, is in utter denial about gender differences in work orientation, and does all it can to drive women into the world of work, and away from caring for children and others.

Feminists demand an increase in the proportion of women in well-paid roles, in prestigious roles, in roles where flexible working is available, in office jobs, and in roles entailing little or no risk to life and limb. They see no need to increase the proportion of women in poorly-paid roles, or in dirty and dangerous roles, such as those that account for 97% of workplace-related deaths being of men, or in roles requiring a lot of time spent away from home, such as long-distance lorry driving, or working on oil platforms, or fishing trawlers. No, that would be totally the WRONG sort of equality, so feminists aren't campaigning for those things.

I turn to the feminist scam of "equal pay for work of equal value". Major retailers are currently facing demands that they pay their checkout staff (mainly women) more, to match their warehouse workers (mainly men). Of course the obvious thing for a checkout worker wanting more money would be to apply for a job as a warehouse worker. The notion they're equivalent jobs is laughable. Claims of "equal value" always ignore the things that disincline women from certain lines of work, for example physical effort, unsocial hours, lengthy commutes to work, unpleasant working environments, risk to life and limb.

HEALTHCARE PROVISION

Healthcare provision for men is poor compared with that for women, but I'll limit myself in this talk to cancer. In 2013 Cancer Research UK published a report titled, 'Excess Cancer Burden in Men'. Men are 35% more likely to die from cancer than women. When sex-specific forms of the disease are excluded, such as prostate, testicular and ovarian cancer, the gender gap is even wider, with men 67% more likely to die. When only working age people are looked at, men under 65 have a 58% greater chance of dying than women of the same age.

More men die from prostate cancer than women die from breast cancer. The state spends around £250 million of its total expenditure of £350 million p.a. on national cancer screening programmes for women – cervical cancer (£150 million) and breast cancer (£100 million). The balance is spent on screening for a non-gendered cancer, bowel cancer (£100 million).

²⁹ http://empathygap.uk/?page_id=2244

It hardly needs pointing out, hopefully, that there's no national screening programme for prostate cancer, and no plans for one. And provision of treatment for prostate cancer is woefully inadequate and under-funded.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On our YouTube channel we have a playlist of 50 audio and video files on this issue.³⁰

The mainstream media frequently report or imply that the vast majority of domestic violence is perpetrated by men, against women. This must surely be the most discredited of all feminist myths. It's been discredited many times by researchers in the field, over decades.

Martin Fiebert is a psychologist, since 1978 a psychology professor at California State University, Long Beach. In 2013 he published a paper titled, "References examining assaults by women on their spouses or male partners: an updated annotated bibliography" The full Abstract of that paper is this:³¹

"This annotated bibliography describes 343 scholarly investigations (270 empirical studies and 73 reviews) demonstrating that women are as physically aggressive as men (or more) in their relationships with their spouses or opposite-sex partners. The aggregate sample size in the reviewed studies exceeds 440,850 people." End of Abstract.

The highest rates of violence are found in lesbian couples. Feminist "academics" have to date been unable to explain how the patriarchy causes this. In most heterosexual couples where domestic violence occurs, it's reciprocal in nature – the men and women are at different times perpetrators and victims. In the minority of heterosexual couples where the violence is one-directional, the perpetrator is slightly more than TWICE as likely to be the woman, rather than the man.

Researchers have known all this for a very long time, and reporting it in their papers. So why is it that the British government is in utter denial about the nature of domestic violence, as are governments in other countries? In part it's because there's a huge domestic violence industry, now almost 50 years old, largely controlled by feminist organizations such as Women's Aid and Refuge. The result is virtually no provision of support for male victims of domestic violence, nor their children. Indeed, if a man goes to his council and explains his partner is battering him, and he needs to leave his house, he'll be told that if he does so, he'll be making himself intentionally homeless. He'll end up on the streets, and rough sleeping reduces life expectancy by around 30 years.

DIVORCE SETTLEMENTS

How can it be that in 2019, decades after women have had the same opportunities in paid employment, women can still use divorce for personal enrichment? It's OBSCENE. 70 per cent of divorces are filed by women. Men are responding in a number of ways, including going MGTOW – "Men Going Their Own Way". These men, some of them young men, are very disinclined to have intimate relationships with women, and in particular they avoid marriage like the plague. Ten years ago I wrote a book on the institution of marriage, *The Fraud of the Rings*. One of my websites is titled, "Men Shouldn't Marry".³² This is all I'll say this evening about marriage. Not a big fan.

³⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjMscr0TpRqimxy8tlKrou5Y8sIny08RV>

³¹ <https://j4mb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2014/03/140901-martin-s-fiebert-bibliography.pdf>

³² <http://menshouldntmarry.wordpress.com>

FATHERS' ACCESS TO CHILDREN AFTER FAMILY BREAKDOWNS

The other side of the coin to fatherlessness. Around one in four children lose contact permanently with their fathers following family breakdowns, mainly due to the failure of the family court system to ensure them reasonable access. This is emotional abuse of children, fathers, grandparents and others. Countless fathers who've been denied access to their children tell of fabricated allegations of abuse to keep them away from their children, and of family courts which won't punish women who flout contact orders. Women routinely flout the orders with utter impunity.

Lawyers are making fortunes from the misery of fathers denied access to their kids. I'll be touching on suicide shortly, I'll just say here that the male suicide rate rises very sharply following divorce. We wouldn't be surprised if mothers were killing themselves in huge numbers if denied access to their kids, but it's fathers who are killing themselves, so who cares? Certainly not politicians. The empathy gap strikes again.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Few women are held accountable for sex offences, including women who sexually abuse children. It's known from a major American survey – from the Centres for Disease Control, the CDC – that over a quarter of sex offences between men and women are committed by women against men. On that basis, all else being equal, the ratio of men to women charged with sex offences should be under 3:1. In the UK, in 2013, the ratio was 146:1.

Women can suffer because of the failure to hold female sex offenders to account. In 1984 two American researchers, Petrovich & Timpler, reported that of a sample of 89 convicted rapists in a California prison, 59% had been sexually abused as children, by one or more women, sometimes their own mothers. At the last Male Psychology conference in the UK, Naomi Murphy, lead forensic psychologist at Whitemoor prison, talked about her work with male sex offenders there.³³ 54% of the men had a history of being sexually abused as children by women. There is a clear correlation between female sex offending and male sex offending.

HOMELESSNESS

About 90% of rough sleepers are men, and street homelessness reduces life expectancy by an average of 30 years. In 2013 a report estimated that three-quarters of rough sleepers had some issue with alcohol, drugs, or mental health. Some estimates indicate that 30-40% of the London sex trade is made up of men, and many homeless men expose themselves to the risk of sexually transmitted diseases when they are forced to sell their bodies for money or shelter. Studies in the London area indicate that around half of all rough sleepers had previously lived in state-funded institutions, whether through being in care as children, or later in the military, or prison.

SUICIDE

Suicide is the #1 cause of death of men under 45 in the UK, in all age bands. Very often this is attributed to men not talking about their emotions when they're in distress, as women are likely to do. This is victim-blaming. If a man is suicidal because he's been denied access to the children he loves, what's the point of him talking about it? It won't give him access to the kids, and just remind him of the cruel injustice being done against him – it will ADD to his distress, not reduce it. Likewise talking about being

³³ <https://i4mb.org.uk/2018/06/29/male-psychology-conference-2018/>

homeless, or the victim of domestic violence. If you're a woman, and talk about your problems, you'll get help. If you're a man, you won't. And THAT'S why men often don't seek help in times of crisis.

The government likes to talk about male suicide as being a mental health issue, but that doesn't make sense. The male suicide rate has been fairly stable in the UK over the past 30 years, while the female suicide rate has roughly halved. Nobody, in government or elsewhere, is claiming there has been a major improvement in women's mental health over that period. Indeed studies tell us that women have been suffering MORE mental health issues over that period.

PRISON SENTENCING

The prison population in the UK is around 84,000. Over 80,000, or 95% of the total, are men. In 2014 William Collins published a blog piece titled, 'UK prisoners: the genders compared'.³⁴ It ends with the following conclusion:

"Men are subject to massive gender discrimination in the criminal justice system. If male offenders were treated in the same way as female offenders, there would be only one-sixth of the number of men in prison. About 68,000 men would not be in prison if they were female, leaving a male prison population of only 13,000." End of conclusion.

So gender equality in prison sentencing terms would quickly sort out the prison overcrowding problem, and save huge sums of taxpayers' money. Yet I've never heard of feminists calling for women to be treated as men are in prison sentencing terms. Again, that would be totally the WRONG sort of equality. Feminists are instead demanding the closure of women's prisons, and as always, politicians are bowing to their demands.

PATERNITY FRAUD

Paternity fraud is an egregious assault on men's human rights. There are a number of forms of paternity fraud, but with the time available I'll limit myself to just one of them – a woman leading a man to believe he's the biological father of children, when he's not. Perhaps because the man is the woman's husband or boyfriend, that kind of thing. Call me old-fashioned.

Some years ago we learned from a Freedom of Information Act enquiry we made, that the Child Support Agency has for many years known of over 500 cases annually of paternity fraud, after women agreed to men's requests to have paternity tests carried out, and the men were found not to be the fathers of the children in question. None of these women have ever been charged for those crimes, indeed the Crown has never prosecuted a woman under The Fraud Act for paternity fraud.

We're calling for compulsory paternity testing of babies shortly after they're born. It would cost very little, and would give men the choice to decide whether or not to work for 20 years to raise other men's children.

ARMED FORCES VETERANS' MEDICAL CARE

The Ministry of Defence has no responsibility for the mental health of veterans, who often struggle with anxiety disorders such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and an over-stretched NHS is ill-equipped to deal with them. Male veterans in particular, struggling to cope with their mental health issues, frequently turn to alcohol to cope, and this presents a problem. Alcohol is a depressant, and it

³⁴ <http://empathygap.uk/?p=215>

requires more resources to treat someone with possible mental health issues and an alcohol dependency – this is known as a ‘dual diagnosis’.

Provision of support for these people tends to be poor, although it’s known that treatment for people with a dual diagnosis is likely to be effective. Veterans with this dual diagnosis are told to remain ‘dry’ for a lengthy period – often six months or more – before becoming eligible for treatment. Many veterans commit suicide while they wait for treatment, sometimes after their problems have reached the point of leaving them homeless.

ANONYMITY FOR SUSPECTED SEXUAL OFFENDERS

In May 2010 the coalition government agreement committed to reintroducing legislation to protect the anonymity of suspected sexual offenders, until and unless convicted, but later reneged on the commitment, following lobbying by feminist MPs and women’s groups. The existing law is nothing less than a charter for malicious women to make false sexual offence allegations, thereby ruining innocent men’s lives, at little or no risk to themselves, because the women are afforded lifelong anonymity. Many male suicides have been attributed to allegations, false or otherwise.

For many years the police and the CPS have conspired to pervert the course of justice, by seeking to drive up the number of convictions of men for sexual offences. Men without the money to afford expensive legal representation are treated in the most brutal and cavalier manner. The result has been many well-reported miscarriages of justice, and some estimate there are hundreds, possibly thousands, of men in British prisons today, the victims of false accusations. We have on our YouTube channel talks at our 2016 and 2018 London conferences given by men who were the victims of false allegations, Mark Pearson³⁵ and Patrick Graham.³⁶

POLITICAL REPRESENTATION

I worked as a consultant for the Conservative party between 2006 and 2008. In 2008 the party chairperson was Caroline Spelman MP. In a radio interview years later, she admitted that when she was the chair of the party, men outnumbered women applying to be prospective parliamentary candidates – PPCs – by a ratio of 10 to 1. I doubt the ratio is much different today. The fact that over 25% of MPs today are women reflects enormous preferencing for women over men when it comes to selecting PPCs.

The Labour party – or the Labia party, as we usually refer to it – has long had all-women shortlists. The lists were found to be in conflict with the Equality Act, so legislation was passed to permit them. Vince Cable, leader of the Lib Dems, is on record as saying all-women shortlists will be used for selecting candidates for winnable seats. The party will be preferencing men for UNwinnable seats. Almost all the major parties preference women over men in becoming PPCs, whether overtly or covertly.

The preferencing of any group in selection or promotion terms is by definition an attack on meritocracy. All-women shortlists have given us MPs such as Jess Phillips, the Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley, who sought to block Philip Davies’s application for the first debate commemorating International Men’s Day in 2015, a debate planned to be mainly about male suicide. She came close to succeeding. I remind you that suicide is the leading cause of death for men under 45, in all age bands. The video of her intervention is on our YouTube channel.³⁷ Jess Phillips’s majority

³⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaDswx3KRmU>

³⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H0eQ1jEOAQ>

³⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z60LUV3V0E>

at the 2017 general election was considerably higher than at the 2015 election, proving that men are turkeys, and vote enthusiastically for Xmas. Likewise all the other men who vote for feminist MPs.

Philip Davies is the Conservative MP for Shipley in Yorkshire, and the only politician in the world prepared to talk about men's issues with any regularity. He spoke at our 2016 conference about the justice gender gap,³⁸ and he'll be speaking at the Chicago conference in August.

The gender of an MP should be of no consequence. MPs are elected to represent ALL their constituents. The demand by women that more MPs be female is simply self-serving. When the overwhelming majority of MPs were men, before the modern era, they didn't pass legislation to privilege men over women. In the modern era, with the majority of MPs still men, if there's a gender preference in legislation, it's always in favour of women. ALWAYS.

Yet many female MPs have been very open about the driving force behind them entering politics being their wish to focus on women's issues, which in practice means they scheme to extend female privilege ever further, not caring a jot about the impact of their actions on men and boys.

So there you have it. 18 areas where the human rights of men and boys in Britain today are assaulted by the state's actions and inactions, almost always to privilege women and girls. I remind you that the human rights of women and girls SPECIFICALLY are assaulted by the British state in no areas. NONE. Yet there is no government minister for men. There is however, a government minister for women and equalities. There's also a minister for women, and a minister for equalities. Needless to say, all three of these ministers are women.

The claim of feminists that they're seeking gender equality is DEMONSTRABLY ludicrous, and I hope I've demonstrated it tonight. Feminists seek ever more privilege for women and girls, regardless of the cost to men and boys, and wider society.

I remind you that in the UK in 2016, 91 per cent of women and 96 per cent of men didn't self-identify as feminists. At the conference last July we announced The Non-Feminist Declaration, a document to which both Elizabeth and I contributed, as well as others. It's available online³⁹ and we have a couple of placards with the text here today.

Thank you for listening, and for upholding the noble tradition of free speech at the University of Cambridge. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have, whether now, or later.

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³⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VoFdG4cSAM>

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