

# [***Shakira's Comment About Barbie Movie Sparks Celebration From Conservatives***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BP9-9J81-JBR6-9000-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The pop star said her sons, ages 9 and 11, "hated" the film and thought it was "emasculating."

**Body**

Conservatives celebrated on social media on Monday after Colombian pop star Shakira said that her young sons felt that last year's hit movie ***Barbie*** was "emasculating."

In an interview published by *Allure* magazine on Monday, Shakira said her sons, ages 9 and 11, "hated" the film and suggested that she thought the movie was "robbing men of their possibility to be men."

"My sons absolutely hated it," she said. "They felt that it was emasculating. And I agree, to a certain extent. I'm raising two boys. I want 'em to feel powerful too [while] respecting women."

The singer added: "I like pop culture when it attempts to empower women without robbing men of their possibility to be men, to also protect and provide. I think that men have a purpose in society and women have another purpose as well."

Despite becoming a culture war topic due to its feminist message, ***Barbie*** was the highest-grossing film of 2023 and one of the top 20 biggest money makers of all-time, earning more than $1.4 billion.

Republicans and conservatives quickly took to X, formerly [*Twitter*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/twitter?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), to praise Shakira's assessment about the film.

"Shakira nailed the ***Barbie*** movie," conservative influencer and former GOP congressional candidate Robby Starbuck wrote. "She'll probably now face pressure to apologize for this but she shouldn't. Civilizations die when you emasculate men.

"#Shakira point of view re #***Barbie*** movie comes very natural to Hispanic women," wrote [*Fox News*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/fox-news?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) personality Rachel Campos-Duffy. "We are a culture of confident, hard-working women who fully embrace their femininity & maternal role (largest % of stay at home moms) while loving men & desiring for them to flourish within their masculinity and provide for their families. The sexes were designed by God to be complimentary."

"Never apologize for your beliefs stay strong and stay true," wrote X user @Twitermytweet. "Don't let the enemy win a.k.a. the devil."

"Hurrah for @shakira- finally, a high-profile woman prepared to stand up for men being men. [three applause emojis]," British TV host Piers Morgan commented.

"Shakira is 100% right," wrote the "End Wokeness" account.

"Shakira isn't wrong and shouldn't apologize for her beliefs," X user @TheGeneral\_0 posted.

*Newsweek* has reached out for comment to Shakira's representative via email on Monday.

Others reacted to Shakira's opinion on the film far less favorably, with some denouncing the pop star.

"Oh you know it's bad when Piers Morgan is agreeing with what you said Shakira," X user @steventphoto wrote.

"Out of all the awful ***barbie*** takes shakira being the worst one was not something i ever imagined," wrote user @Targ\_Nation.

"Shakira you know damn well your sons done know what 'emasculated' means," @LillyImaan commented. "They're 9 & 10."

"Finding out Shakira is an idiot is not what I had on the cards for 2024," posted @Erinma\_2809.

During the same *Allure* interview, Shakira also offered a harsh critique of the Biblical story of Eve and said, "Eve was a story created by misogynists to put women in the little box where we have to remain silent, not speak our minds, and not be a catalyst for change. To keep things as they are."

The conservatives who praised the pop star for her ***Barbie*** remarks, many of whom are self-professed Christians, had largely not weighed in on her Bible take.

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Shakira ***Barbie*** Republicans Conservatives Film Culture War

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Pop star Shakira is pictured in Miami Gardens, Florida on March 31, 2024. Republicans celebrated on Monday after Shakira said that her young sons felt the movie "***Barbie***" was "emasculating."

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