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The author of this article is trying to analyze the gender gap between boys and girls.

The author received her education from Wellesley college and a graduate for Harvard, this makes her a renowned personality. She begins her article by pointing out that very few educated men will be candidates for marriage for women in the coming years. I feel everyone has problems, but her focus in this article is directed towards men. We now live in a generation where the gap between men and women is becoming less significant. I can assume as time goes on that woman will be giving the same equal opportunities as men. This is something that should be applauded and not criticized. However, I feel this author is using this gender gap closure as a tool to criticize men. After doing some research with her team she came to conclusion that men are having setbacks in their educational lives due to low school achievement, high suicide rates, the gender gap in college attendance. High suicide rates and the gender gap in college attendance are the major reasons why boys suffer setbacks in their educational lives. The author utilizes logos by pointing out the reasons why men suffer setbacks in their education. The gap is something that should be less concerned about.

The author furthers her research by asking this question “Why are young women surging into college while young men are stagnating?” It is believed that in the late 1970’s more females began to enroll in college. The author uses logos by inserting the date in which more women began to enroll in college. It could be assumed that it was from there that the gap between boys and girls began to close. According to a report released in 2003 by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics, the college gender gap is expected to increase. Even in white upper income homes (incomes above $70,000), according to a 2003 study by the American Council of Education, young women aged 24 years or younger outnumber young men in college enrollment. The author utilizes logos by inserting statistics on the gaps between men and women into her article.

It is believed that this gap difference has serious consequences in the economy. As time goes on more educated people are required for highly skilled jobs. Unfortunately, there are areas in which men lag behind and more women excel in. Men prefer to study business administration, criminal justice and politics. This leads to them earning less due to not being highly educated. This continues to give her reasons with reference to “Sheena” and her two brothers, “Tom and Dave.” The author uses this as a good example to assert her point and views. The parents of the three siblings were all surprised to why only “Sheena” was more interested in going to school compared to the other boys. All siblings had the same equal opportunity, but “Sheena” made use of her’s well. So, the reasons one of her brothers Dave could not go to college was due to him suffering from a disability. Males are far more apt to have neurological and other developmental problems than females, a biological phenomenon that leads to about twice as many males in special education classes. The author utilizes logos by inserting statistics to why more males suffer disabilities than females. Sheena felt she wanted to achieve more in life and felt this was the perfect opportunity for her to utilize her educational resources. She worked hard in school and got good grades. She never let anything, or anyone discouraged her from her goals. She knew college would lead to a good job and a more fruitful life. The author utilizes Kairos by trying to point out the perfect opportunity for Sheena after graduating high school.

Sheena’s other brother Tom felt he doesn’t need college to be successful and happy. After he graduated from high school, he cared less about furthering his education and continuing as a pizza delivery boy. He wanted to hang out and have fun with his friends than to live a boring college life. The author held interviews with several high school kids regarding college education. Some discoveries she made were that women of all backgrounds see a college degree as a vital educational investment while many men do not. One of the main reasons for this is due to the world becoming more modern and civilized resulting in women preferring to be independent from their husbands. To achieve this more women study and work hard so as to get good jobs that could accommodate their needs and lifestyle. Most women believe that 50 percent of marriages end in divorce. The author utilizes logos by inserting the percentage of divorces that occur. Most of their parents are either divorced or still single, because of this, more women feel they need earn a college education. The author uses pathos to insight emotion in the reader.

Some reasons why men care less about education is because they feel they have a variety of opportunities such as joining the military. We can assume that men have it all figured out. What’s crucial for men to understand is that as time goes on the world is progressing into an age of technology whereby making their skills less useful compared to the middle age. Another reason why men aren’t as devoted to receiving college education is because a portion of young men have distorted beliefs about the labor market and the incomes, they can earn without a college education. A majority of men believe that economic opportunities are greater without a college degree which is indeed true. However, what is crucial to understand is that skills are not created in college but developed in college. One may not realize their talent till they get into college, where competition for the top spot truly begins. It is easy to assume that colleges are a waste of time, however, today colleges are the backbone to a successful career path.

Another reasons why men do not like to further their education is because Some young men feel intimidated by smart, persistent young women and chose economic arenas where they don’t have to compete with them. Many men feel intimidated because women continue to prove that they can achieve anything that men can achieved. They continue to fight back as to not allow men dominating them. The author is also trying to point out that most young men have given up on higher levels of education. It is assumed that some men are lazy and easily give up without trying, and without trying they have already lost the battle. I feel that men shouldn’t have to go through the stress.

The gender gap in college attendance is a symptom of a deeper malice that is affecting many young men. It could be assumed that because men have seen themselves as superior to girls in major aspect of the society such as decision making, politics and many more influential positions in modern society. They tend to be lazy but that is not the case as more women fight for equal rights and opportunity. Very soon we will be looking at a society dominated by women and less competition from the men. The view on gender roles has altered dramatically nowadays, the biggest change from this phenomenon is that men are less interested in pursuing higher levels of education.

I feel one thing the author has done is inculcating the belief that the gender gap keeps widening. She makes the audience that all boys care less about education. I feel she uses pathos more often to make the readers believe that after all the hardship and suffering women face in the society this is their way of proving themselves. She makes us assume that boys are afraid of competing with women. For instance, out of the top billionaires in the world majority are men. Only 1% are women. it is indeed true that the gap is widening but men till date keep dominating and proving themselves to the society. Women have always complained of not getting equal opportunities, but I feel when the opportunity is given to them, they complain about it being to easy. So, I can assume that women do not know what they want. If they are concerned about educated men to marry, they can train a man educate him and marry him. They are jobs for everyone. Everyone can be satisfied. The author has made me assume that most boys care less about their education which I find untrue and inaccurate.

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