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Re: Boy's performance in education

I look back at over 30 years of giving adult education courses in science, arranged first by the University of Sydney, later by the WEA Sydney and then U3A Throughout I have been particularly concerned with evolutionary developments from the first living organisms, some 3.5 By ago to the evolution of hominids from apes, over 3 My ago until the coming and evolution of Homo sapiens 80 to 100,000 y ago, here relevant facts as shown below.

Unless your Committee is prepared to carefully study the why and how of Darwinian evolution and in particular hominid evolution you will be unable to arrive at a report which could lead to useful results about the subject referred to above. Here I can only give you a brief summary and leave it to you to arrange for the verification of my statements.

Concentrating on mammalian species, only hominids came to be upright (some 1.5 My ago) and exchanged natural defences (jaws, fur, muscles etc) for a large brain, three to four times the ape brain which could happen because evolution had caused hominids to walk upright.

To survive without natural defences hominids developed weapons and tools and also, substantial differences between men and women which optimised survival chances in a hostile environment. On average, women evolved physically and psychologically to look after children while men evolved to optimise fitness for defence and the hunt. That this remains so to the present can be verified by anyone who cares to look and studies relevant statistics

Given these relatively very large differences men and women never got on too well with each other as told in mythology and literature. However, in the hunting-gathering stage (comprising over 95 percent of hominid existence plus 100 percent existence of earlier species), and even until just a few hundred years ago men and women had to get on with each other because they could not have survived without each other. Here we have the reasons for the low divorce rate in earlier times (in addition to averagely low life expectancy).

However, scientific-technological developments aided by recent social policies have changed all that, permitting and encouraging women to compete against men instead of cooperating as they used to do to ensure mutual survival. Governments, not least your government, have facilitated the entry of women into well paid jobs where dependence on a husband is no longer essential but is, evidently, increasingly seen as a burden, particularly so during middle age. Hence the near 50 percent divorce rate which is a social catastrophe albeit little talked about. Women are being encouraged even to join the army and navy and during the past 20 years received preferred promotion in government services, even in the physical sciences regardless of their actual contributions. .

This is the background against which your problem should be viewed. Boys can see very clearly - especially in the poorer classes - that their prospects to be able to have and maintain a family have been gravely undermined. I trust your Committee is aware of the fact that for the large majority of the population work is not done to achieve a career (a meaningless nonsense for 95+ percent of the population), but in accordance with the evolutionary implanted drive to have and maintain a family.

The feminist policies embraced by your and earlier governments have all but robbed the average boy of his prospects in life and so of the incentive to work for a future which is no future. Is it then surprising that they react as they do??

The situation is bad enough as it is with worse to come since governments and educational "authorities" everywhere made sure that there can be no way back.

Yours faithfully

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See also copy of attached letter to the Premier of NSW. Points 2,3 of letter are directly relevant to your enquiry

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The Honourable Bob Carr,
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Dear Premier,

re: NSW public service conduct

I enclose the copy of a letter I had to write to the Managing Director. of the Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales. The matters I raised are of direct concern to the Government of this State and I trust they will receive your close attention.

(1) Your Government boasts about your care and concern for old citizens. Yet you permit and, seemingly encourage your public servants to treat old citizens like school children.

(2) It is the sworn duty of your Government to protect the married state not only in reality, that goes without saying, but equally in appearance. Yet your officials address married couples just like co-habitants. Furthermore, the uncalled-for use of given names instead of courtesy titles (Mr., Mrs), now de rigeur, also ignores the married state so helping to undermine it.

(3) In encouraging officialdom to take marriage lightly you contribute to the near 50 percent (!!!) divorce rate with its catastrophic social consequences, notably the criminally large percentage of neglected children. Marriage is undermined also by encouraging women into well-paid positions when they compete against their husbands with indifference to divorce instead of contributing to a healthy family life.

Yours (faithfully)

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