

Boys are from Mars, so Venus tries harder?



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The battle of the sexes is longer than the crusades, hundred year, seven year, and civil wars put together. As a matter of fact, the hostility between the "Adams" and the "Eves" has gone on since the beginning of time, and one of the many quarrels is who's "smarter."

Although boys typically score better than girls on IQ or achievement tests, the female persuasion tends to achieve better grades from Kindergarten through high school.

According to researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, one of the reasons behind this scholastic superiority is that girls have more self-control than boys.

The study, which was conducted in 2002, aimed to prove the hypothesis wrong by stating that girls maintain a better GPA because they take easier classes. However, from the research results, studies concluded that girls achieved

higher grades in math, English and social studies than boys did.

Even in a questionnaire given to students, teachers and parents, girls were overwhelmingly listed as having more self-control.

In addition to the survey, it was also observed by researchers that girls devoted an average of one hour per day to homework, which was nearly twice the amount of time that boys spent.

Aside from grades, the girls' self-control was also determined in a delay test, where students were given a dollar bill and asked if they wanted it right away or wanted to wait for twice the amount later on.

No surprises, the girls had much more patience than boys and I guess that means they earned more in the process.

In an ironical sense, the study through the Journal of Education shows that there is an under prediction of girls' GPA's by viewing their standardized test scores and an over prediction of boys' performance in the classroom based on their scores is attributed to the superior self-

discipline of girls.

Now comes the part where I step between the feuding genders and say to both sides, "Can't we all just get along?"

Obviously, these scientific results do not apply to everyone in a given gender because I have seen my share of slacker girls and attentive men.

There are also the girls who tackle the SAT like it's nothing and boys who could practically use "A" as an added middle initial.

Now I will tell all of you that you can do whatever you want to do as long as you put your mind to it...right? I mean come on, the world is your oyster!

However, science wants me to say otherwise. But, by and by we're all individuals who don't have to let our gender stereotypes stop us from doing an all around good job.

On the other hand, does this mean because I'm a guy I have many ideas but don't know how to apply many of them? What if I was a girl? Would I have an easier time finding my side of the story and sticking to it?

Nightly news overwhelmed with "celebutante" gossip



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I wake up in the morning and walk downstairs. I grab an Eggo and flip on the TV to see if today is capri weather or not, and I expect to have to sit through 20 minutes worth of world news first.

But, what's the first thing I see? Some new celebrity gossip rolls across the screen. As a reporter for the Utah Daily Chronical writes, "What's next-Tom Brokaw ending his newscasts with little tidbits on Justin Timberlake and Cameron Diaz?"

Celebutantes have taken over our lives. It seems like every day there is a new breakup, a new couple, or a new outfit that someone wore and now everyone needs.

And I'm not talking about the invasion of "People" or "E! News". I'm talking about CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News. Celebrity gossip has graced the covers of the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, and Newsweek.

Our lives have become images of Paris Hilton and Tinkerbell, and their new boyfriends of the week.

Our pants size is the our new IQ number.

Now, I'm not complaining. I like to keep up on the new shoe brand or celebrity hottie as much as anyone. I'll admit, I have subscriptions to Cosmo!Girl and Glamour.

I watch VH1's Best Night Ever on my iPod. But when Hugh Hefner takes precedence over the war in Iraq or the issues in Darfur, we realize that we have a problem.


Celebrity gossip is an important part of our culture, but there are a few reasons why we should pay attention to what we watch, especially on national news stations. When Bennifer is the most important thing on our agenda, we need to reevaluate.

There are so many global issues that are so much more worthy of our time than the Hottest Bachelor of the Year in "People".

Keeping up with celebrity news is perfectly fine, and as a matter of fact, I do it often.

But skinny models and crazy binge drinkers are our role models in society, and the younger generations should take this all with a grain of salt. We should model our lives after Nobel Peace Prize winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, and personal role models such as our parents. The Utah Daily Chronical reporter says, "Until Britney marries your little brother, you shouldn't give a crap."

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