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## Lunartic Rants: Gender Roles

## Pic o' the Day

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Ford Peer Pressured Into Recalling 2.2 Million Cars

By Nathan "Invincible" Miller  
~ Daily Bull~

Ford Motor Company announced Tuesday that after an extensive period of bullying by rivals Toyota and GM, it would be recalling 2.2 million Taurus and Mustang passenger cars due to faulty windshield stabilizer strut assemblies.

"We're not even sure what windshield stabilizer strut assemblies are, but if we want any hope of seeing the light of day again, by golly, we'll make sure they're fixed," says Alan Mulally, President and CEO of the wussiest car manufacturer in the world. "Everybody else is doing it, and they told us it was for our own good that we did it. It's a win-win situation, or something."

Coming close on the heels of Toyota's recall of over 8  
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Do this, do that. Be a man, be a woman. I'm tired of it. Is there really a point to it anymore?

Gender roles, for those few of you who stick bananas in your ears and start screaming whenever anyone tries to have an intelligent conversation about gender philosophy, means the little norms we follow every day with respect to what gender you are. If you're a boy, you play with trucks. If you're a girl, you play with barbie dolls. If you're a boy and you play with barbies, you're called a sissy and all the other boys are told to laugh at you so as to coerce you into following the trend. Girls get the same treatment if they play with trucks. And if either gender plays with a truck-driving barbie then parents call a priest to exorcize you out of fear that you'll sprout genitals of both genders.

I hated that priest. I mean seriously, so what if I want to play make-pretend in the shoes of a fine young lady who appreciates an eight-cylinder engine?

These little rules, while they might seem kinda the norm and the thing to do, can actually really get in the way of what people really want. Don't

By Lunartic ~ Daily Bull

believe me? Think of these roles: guys are always touted as the gender that's always wanting sex and supposed to be mindlessly pursuing it at all costs; if you can't get any, then you fail as a man, so say these rules.

Women, on the other hand, are touted as the gender that wants to get married, have 2.8 kids, and then maybe put out after all of that if prince charming has really behaved himself – ignore the logical fallacy of having sex only after having children.

Now, both of you, think about what this is doing. Girls are being told they're not allowed to want sex or they're sluts and guys are told they're not allowed to want sex or they still want it (somehow) but are too ugly/inept to get it. And if you want it with the same gender then hoo boy are you in for some crude looks. Think about what this is doing. For those of you who want to have sex with someone of the opposite gender, you're being blocked by these rules, whether by the backlash that women face when they're "too easy", or the guys who also get denied this activity when girls deny it to themselves because they don't want to be judged a slut. And if you don't want it, then why  
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million vehicles worldwide, Ford's recall, according to its larger competitor, "is just a drop in the bucket of awesome compared to us." With a long slog to the top, Ford has wasted no time in finding excuses to get vehicles off the road and into shops for seemingly useless repairs.

In addition to the faulty windshield stabilizer strut assemblies which could cause the roof to peel away banana-style, Ford has warned owners of rear tail lights that spontaneously went out after 10 years of constant driving, driver side floor mats incorrectly installed on the passenger side after routine maintenance, and a small spot of rust on the back bumper that was known to develop in humid climates.

"Our worst fear is that someone dies in an accident stemming from a burned out tail light," Mulally explained nervously while biting his fingernails. "The Toyota reps told us

it'd be game over if that happens. Heaven forbid they start dishing out knuckle sandwiches to our plant managers."

Ford union workers also has been ordered to help pay Toyota's record \$16.4 million fine, donating their lunch money to the cause. Eiji Toyoda, founder of the 'Toyota Way,' claimed it would build character in Ford's workers if they chipped in to help pay off Toyota's fines.

"We all get stuck in a rut sometimes, and we double-dog dare promise that we'll be there for Ford if they need it," the elder advisor explained proudly, nudging Mulally on the shoulder like old chums. "They just have to follow the rules like the rest of us. It's give and take, but everyone wins in the end. Right, ol' buddy?"

As of press time, nobody wants to be friends with Chrysler, who has been swinging by itself over on the playground since 2007. 🌱

### .. if the dress fits from front

are you being pressured to waste all that time and effort when you've got classes to not fail? Is there any reason for these double-standard rules? Someone once said that "It's like a lock and key - if it's a key that opens many locks, it's a master key. If it's a lock that's opened by many keys, it's a shitty lock." REALLY? THE PURPOSE OF VAGINA IS TO KEEP YOU OUT?

I mean really, why does any of this matter? Am I less of a man if I have stuffed animals or talk about my feelings? Will my balls fall off and evaporate in a puff of glitter? Am I less of a woman if I play sports, video games, or stand up for myself? Will my breasts pop back into my chest and my vagina suddenly fill in with gelled testosterone?

Here's what I really think. Ignore gender roles. Don't go out of your way to break them, but don't go out of your way to obey them either. If a certain kind of clothing fits you, doesn't matter if it's in the boys or girls section. If you want to have a certain kind of

toy, don't listen if people tell you that "boys/girls don't have those!" If the way you feel completely follows how normal gender roles go, then yippee for you. If the way you feel completely defies them in every way, also yippee for you. As long as you're being true to yourself, then why give a damn if someone tells you it's for one gender or the other? 🌱

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## Ruben Rants: The Death of Modern Teacher-ing

By Ruben Garcia ~ Daily Bull

Michigan Tech, I have some bad news. I think there is a conspiracy against good teachers. Earlier today I learned that one of my favorite teachers was being... let go.

Every first week of a new semester, before the first day of classes, all us student-folk go and play the Russian Roulette that is Rate-Your-Professor. This teacher-Bible tells us if we have to look forward to a semester of a barely English-speaking, techno-babble-spewing old professor from hell or a professor that actually knows what they are doing.

As such, when we hit one that dosen't have a rating of "DEAR SWEET GOD STAY AWAY!" it's like a diamond in the rough. Now, the teacher in question, who shall remain nameless, has a rating of 4.6... OUT OF 5! What are you doing, Tech?

Now, I am probably going to fail the two classes that I have taken with him this semester, but I would take them again! This guy actually cares about what he teaches, a quality that sometimes feels forgotten. Hell, I have sat in on a few of my friends' classes, and some of these teachers should also get those 4.0+! It's the likes of Joel Tuoriniemi, David Olson, Bill Siever, and Beth Reed who should get millions of dollars of cocaine and hookers / any other viable option of payment!

I will not point fingers, but you know who you are, teachers who just teach because. The people above, they teach for understanding, not for knowledge regurgitation. This is not favoritism... well... okay, so maybe it is. But I have had plenty a teacher who just don't jive with me. English, do you speak it? It's more like Undergraduate, do you speak it? 🌱



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