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How Do Women Benefit from Patriarchy?

Patriarchy is defined as a social system in which males hold primary power and predominate in roles. The male is blessed with political leadership, moral authority, social privilege, and control of property, while the female’s role is to be a caregiver. The women are expected to cook, clean, look after all of their children, and make sure her husband is well taken care of, as well as to fulfill all of his needs. As feminism has increased, patriarchy has slowly decreased. However, some women heavily rely on their husband or boyfriend resulting in patriarchal systems becoming beneficial to them in many ways. Nowadays, some women can benefit from patriarchal systems by having somewhere to live, having money, and being able to somewhat feel loved.

In the same way, patriarchal systems can somewhat be beneficial. One of the reasons is simply because, as long as they rely on their husband or boyfriend they will have a place to stay. No matter how wrong the male may treat the female, she will most likely stay simply because of the fact that she cannot support herself and find a place to stay on her own. In return for the male giving her a place to stay, the female cooks, cleans the house, and is there to fulfill his sexual needs. Because of this, the male holds all of the power and is most likely the dominant one. Although this may be beneficial to some women, it can also be dangerous and harmful. In some cases, since the male has predominant roles and feel like a “King”, he will sometimes feel the need to abuse the women if she fails to do what she is expected to do. This is unhealthy and dangerous however, the female feels that she must put up with it because of the fact that her spouse put a roof over her head.

Similarly, women also benefit from patriarchy because of the money her spouse is bringing in. Nowadays, females heavily rely on the male to bring money into the household which makes him feel as if he is dominate. As long the male brings money into the household, the female is satisfied and will not complain. Not to mention, no matter how many times her husband may abuse her, as long as he offers her money to buy whatever she wants she will stay around a little longer. The more strength the female builds to move on, it is simply broken down once her spouse or boyfriend offers her money to treat herself and buy whatever she wants.

Likewise, most women most likely benefit from their husband being dominant simply because she feels loved. The female may come from a background of people abandoning her and not caring for her, so when she’s with her husband or boyfriend she feels loved. The husband may beat on her, force her to do things or even treat her like nothing, but once he says “I love you” she may forget all of the harm he has done. The female is simply blindsided and cannot see that her spouse or boyfriend does not really love her like he says he does. In the same way, the male will say those words to her female, not really meaning it, just to make her stay. Therefore, every time the spouse does something wrong, he knows just what to say and how to say it.

In conclusion, women tend to rely heavily on their spouse or boyfriend, which makes them feel dominant. In result, the male will start to become abusive or start to cheat because they feel as if you owe them for all they have done. In the same way, the women believe that she is benefiting from her husband being dominant. This is simply because the spouse either gave her a place to stay, gave her money, or made her feel as if she is loved. But in reality, the male is just using all of her weakness against her to get what he wants.