

The Taboo of Husbandry in America

(Finance is male , Fiancee is female)

I hate how women get all the pre-wedding attention in American culture. What about the men? The men are getting married too.

Women get congratulated, men get silent treatment mostly. Maybe that's why guys don't propose as much as they should. Maybe they feel more relevant as boyfriends than as fiances and husbands.

The boyfriend is the source of suspense, the one with the power, holding the girlfriend's future status in the balance. He's the exciting one, the one who can change her life! He's a hero waiting to happen!

The fiance is treated like the dummy who doesn't see the suffering coming. He doesn't get a pre-wedding ornament to remind him that he too has a big day coming up. No one knows he's engaged, so he walks around looking single, even though he's as engaged as his fiancee is.

Does he need an engagement ring? I don't know, but he deserves as much momentum, activity and enjoyment as his fiancee. Afterall, his decision to propose is the reason the beginning of the whole wedding process is even possible. Is his proposal the beginning and end of his involvement in the wedding and marriage?

Maybe by the time the wedding comes, some grooms feel so invisible that they eventually behave that way emotionally, physically, verbally. Maybe not.

Husbands are depicted as their wives' victims. 'Happy wife, happy life' is translated as "forfeit your manhood if you want peace in your house."

The husband is seen as the loser, the one who has surrendered and now is at the mercy of the wife. In this culture, engagement is seen as death row for the husband. Wedding is equal to the ER/Funeral in American minds.

Marriage is seen as a life sentence, a semi-death, or a punchline. (Joke's on the husband).

Is this why so many men avoid marriage or hurry to escape it?

Marriage is not celebrated for men as it should be in American culture. A future groom will be treated like a fool and a failure rather than like a serious man. He's not treated like a man who has made up his mind about someone and something. He's treated like he's given up, rather than like he's giving himself and his fiancee a chance to be happy together. He's looked upon as

a bystander who volunteered to be a bystander by requesting a marriage, which, by the way, is a two-person lifestyle.

In other words, the husband "character" isn't appreciated, concentrated on or celebrated like the boyfriend person or the fiance guy. The boyfriend gets the respect, consideration and admiration that the fiance and eventual husband should get.

So, why get engaged or married when boyfriends are treated more like men than fiances and husbands?