

Would You Push Her?

Would you push your daughter around?

Would you push your girlfriend around?

Would you push your wife around?

There is a difference between a good guy who is able to differentiate whether he would push a woman or girl around or not, and a not-so-safe-guy.

Story

My daughter places her feet on the counter. I tell her, don't put your feet on the table please.

She listens at first. Then a few days later, I see her again and she has her feet on the table.

My wife usually cleans. Sometimes my wife puts her feet on the table, and I think that is where my daughter picked up the habit. Regardless, my wife pays the bills and keeps the home beautiful. She is Mom, my wife, and so I don't care. But with my daughter, I would like her to respect when I ask her not to do things.

So after many times of asking her not to put her feet on the table, I made the decision. I said, okay, you are not allowed to eat at the table anymore. You can sit in the living room and eat your food there.

My daughter got p*ssed, naturally, but she moved. It gave my wife and me a little space to eat dinner in peace.

My wife wasn't upset at all, and I feel like I got the point across to my daughter. Eventually she joined us back at the table and stopped putting her feet up. My wife, out of courtesy for my daughter and I, decided not to put her feet up at the table again.

They both still put their feet up in the living room, and so do I. It was a great family compromise. I learned how to set a boundary with my daughter, and my daughter chose to respect our family table after that.

vs.

- I chose to push my daughter's legs down and yell at her. I told her she was no longer allowed to be in the house. She packed her bags and left to go to her boyfriends.
- I chose to push my wife's legs down and yell at her. I told her she was no longer allowed to be in the house. She packed her bags and left to go to her sisters.

There is a difference between a good man and an abusive man,
and whether she feels safe, and chooses to stay.

Not A Good Guy → Not A Safe Person → Not A Good Man → Women and Girls Leave

A Good Guy → A Safe Person → A Good Man → Women and Girls Stay