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### INTRODUCTION

This issue of *New Male Studies: An International Journal* offers three refereed articles on fatherhood, a topical opinion piece on DEI, and two brief articles on literature and education.

The first of the refereed articles, Nate Juda’s “Fathers and delinquency,” looks at “the relationship between delinquent activity in young adolescent males” in three different “household structures”: a traditional biological male and female family, a family with a biological mother and a stepfather, and a single-mother family. Juda’s research suggests, “the presence of a father figure during adolescence is likely to have protective effects for males in curbing delinquent behavior” and finds “single-mother households to be significantly and positively associated with delinquent behavior in adolescent males.” He suggests that “an alternative to a biological father in the home may mitigate negative consequences associated with paternal absence.”

Muzamal Rehman and Gary Lee’s “A literature review of father-specific interventions on fathering self-efficacy” investigates ways fathers might increase their “self-efficacy”: their confidence in their “fathering abilities.” On the strength of their research findings, the authors recommend “developing father-specific measures for self-efficacy” and “exploring why males are often viewed as second class parents and how our view of fathers has tended to be corrupted by ideological assumptions about males and masculinity popular in contemporary culture.”

In research that “contributes to a deeper understanding of how family dynamics, including father absenteeism, shape individuals' vulnerability to extremist ideologies and involvement in terrorism,” Shane Satterley investigates “the nuanced relationship between father absenteeism and terrorism involvement” in his article, “Broken bonds: Father absenteeism and the path to violent extremism.” His research offers “valuable insights into the potential link between father absenteeism and susceptibility to radicalisation to violent extremism.” In addition, by “examining the influence of family dynamics, particularly the absence of fathers,” it contributes to a “deeper understanding of factors shaping individuals' vulnerability to extremist ideologies.”



The issue's analysis and opinion piece, Paul Nathanson's "DEI must DIE: Hatred as contagion," defines *DEI* as "a worldview that fosters the institutionalization of identity politics in general and of several closely related and politically aligned ideologies in particular." Nathanson observes, "DEI insists on racial or sexual diversity but rejects viewpoint diversity; moreover, it excludes those who hold disfavored viewpoints, using a basic dualistic structure (which identifies innately innocent victims with "us" and innately evil victimizers with "them")." He suggests, "to the extent that secularization has limited the influence of religion, it has removed the spiritual ballast that once discouraged the polarizing contagion of hatred that now afflicts us."

In his brief article, "1984 in 2023," Tim Goldich argues that "The predictions in George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* are unfolding in the realms of Feminism—evident in Political Correctness and the Woke." He explains, "like Big Brother in the novel, a feminist Big Sister now defines the terms." Goldich suggests, "perhaps Orwell is suggesting that when it comes to a certain style of controlling and suppressing both truth and sexuality, the feminine may be specially implicated."

In this issue's second brief article, "The miseducation of boys," Jerome Teelucksingh describes how he "conducted a simple social experiment in five kindergartens, or preschools, in Trinidad and Tobago (in Caribbean)" and discovered the type of male hostile "gender-stereotyping that occurs in childhood is prevalent" in those environments. He notes, "in all these kindergartens there was an absence of male teachers." Teelucksingh concludes, "If we do not embrace our boys, then the wrong persons will embrace them."

The opinions expressed by the authors in this issue do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Team. The articles published here are offered in a spirit of open, evidence-based dialogue regarding sex, gender, relationships, and issues related to the experience of males.

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