

What 'Good' Dads Get Away With

Division of labor in the home is one of the most important equity issues of our time. Yet at this rate it will be another 75 years before men do half the work.

When my husband and I became parents a decade ago, we were not prepared for the ways in which sexism was about to express itself in our relationship. Like me, he was enthralled by our daughters. Like him, I worked outside the home. And yet I was the one who found myself in charge of managing the details of our children's lives.

Too often I'd spend frantic days looking for spring break child care only to hear him ask, "Oh, there's no school tomorrow?" Or we'd arrive home late with two tired kids, and instead of spearheading their nighttime routine he'd disappear to brush his own teeth. Unless I pointed out these lapses (which he'll tell you I often did, and I'll tell you I often did not), he was unaware...

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