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## Nice guys...

always finish last. I'm sure you've heard this expression many times. The sad part of it is that in most cases, it's true. Read any [dating site](#) and the first thing these "relationship experts" tell you is that women are looking for the "bad boys." Generally, a "bad boy" is defined as being somewhat (but not too much) of a jerk, and ignoring the woman in just enough ways so that she doesn't decide to move on.

If you don't believe it's true, watch [The Amazing Race](#), my favorite TV show. Now, keeping in mind that the producers choose the biggest \$\$\$es they can to keep the fireworks flying, it's still unbelievable to see a couple like John and Victoria. John treats her like trash and is constantly demanding something unreasonable. Victoria cries sometimes and feels bad, but in the end she always brightens up as soon as John becomes happy again. Let's not consider people already married, for a moment. What is it that could possibly motivate a woman to actively seek out guys like that while rejecting the nice ones that approach her? The dating sites would tell you it's about a "lack of confidence," although I hardly see this kind of behavior as confident.

On a different note, I was at the Olive Garden the day before New Year's Eve with my family. As we were leaving and I was waiting in the lobby while my mother used the lavatory, I noticed a woman about my age standing a few feet away talking to a guy. I ignored the conversation until the guy left and this woman went to gossip to her friend. She complained that she "couldn't wait to get rid of that guy" and expressed general disgust at his hitting on her.

Why do almost all the girls I know despise guys who attempt to get to know them? I know that if somebody approached me, I would be flattered, even if the person was the least attractive in the world. Even if she were repulsive, I certainly wouldn't outright put her down for doing such a courageous thing.

The only person I've found recently who doesn't conform to this belief is [Libertarian Girl](#), who posted a comment here yesterday. She runs a blog that has pretty enlightened opinions on politics, and I would encourage you to check it out even if you don't agree with her views. What's relevant to her, however, is that one of her posts talked about a new year's eve party where she was being hit on by some "muscular guy who acted like a frat boy."

Judging by the thought put into the posts in her blog, she must be pretty intelligent. Likewise, quite a few people would say that I performed above average in that area (of course, I can't say this myself; this is just what they said.) I would go so far as to bet that, being intelligent, she, like me, has trouble with finding decent people to date. I know that women, at least, always say they want a "smart" guy, but again, this is just what they say, not what they do. Comments welcome.

If you're wondering how I found her blog, I performed an Internet search to see if this topic was already saturated. I came across a lot of the I-can't-get-a-date blogs. One, [Quigley's Online Dating Blog](#), includes the following:

*"If there is one girl blogger I'd like to meet, it's Libertarian Girl. Damn, what an incredible looking babe! I guess everyone else thinks so too, her blog is only like a day old and she already has way more traffic than my blog has."*

I would put my picture in the upper right corner of the page, but I don't think it would lead to the desired effect.

Posted by Steve in Attraction at 21:37