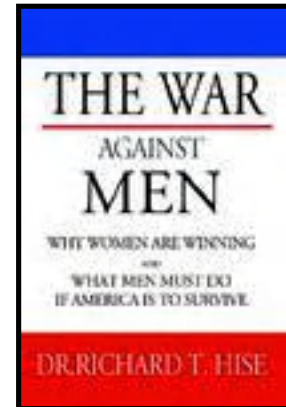


## Preface

*The War against Men* by Dr. Richard T. Hise

The title of the book, and perhaps the content, is undoubtedly provocative. To suggest a war without the tangible signs of war seems alarmist and exaggerated; but before either of us – or any of us – jump to conclusions, let's explore what the book has to offer. **We both might be very surprised, alarmed, and even appalled...not of distortions and hyperbole, but instead, of traceable and tangible evidence...**



As a preface is designed, each chapter is abstracted or introduced in building interest and consensus to the title and claims.

- **Chapter 1 – *What in the world is going on?*** Sets the stage for the subject, the claims and the content of the book. Personal accounts, research and analysis, and the programs and paradigms that have been underway in America leading toward the general reduction of men as valued members of their family and society.
- **Chapter 2 – *What's it like being a man today?*** Seems like appropriate question in view of the social statistics regarding fatherless homes, divorce, and male suicide in our country. Here, he examines the family and other participants in a man – husband and father...
- **Chapter 3 – *Are Women and Men the same?*** Continuing in the pattern of a general question, the immediate answer might be, “of course not”. Still, one has to wonder in view of Gloria Steinem’s charge that women can become the man they always wanted marry... “Homogeneity” is the key word in the promotion to blur and then banish the differences and, in turn, to draw out the feminine nature of all us...
- **Chapter 4 – *Women and Power.*** So now we change from a question to a topic; power is one of the principle pursuits of man – but what about women? What power has been pursued and to what end is that power being used – are still more latent questions of this topic. Turning to “copious date”, the author begins to unravel the web of power that has been...and is...
- **Chapter 5 – *The Ultimate Weapon: Discrimination.*** This word, “discrimination” is not new to our society and, as little as we may know, the connotation is usually not good – or well received. Perhaps some would argue that some men deserve discrimination – as payback for the historically, predominate position; but before we put ourselves in the position of judge, let's see what he has to say...

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- **Chapter 6 – *What hath Women Wrought?*** Still, more general questions that leave the reader with the basic desire to proceed – if just to get the author’s intent and meaning. If statistics can be trusted – above hyperbole and rhetoric – then the author does have a point that our culture is in decline in virtually every area of family, community and civic duties. Some of the areas of concentration include: health, mental health, education, crime, military and, “more importantly, in our homes.”
- **Chapter 7 – *Why?*** Well, if it wasn’t bad enough, the most general question in the world. More specifically, he is asking the question: what is the intent or purpose in the changes or trends described in the downfall of men? His answer: “Some of the reasons presented are female hatred of men; the liberal, pro-female, anti-male media...”; and, finally, a decline in the Christian model for marriage and family.
- **Chapter 8 – *Political Counter-Attack Strategies*.** If it’s declared “war”, then I guess you must have strategies – otherwise, you keep losing...and dying. In this chapter, the author offers what he calls strategies to address such areas as the legal system, taxes, drugs, and health care.
- **Chapter 9 – *Personal Counter-Attack Strategies*.** Perhaps suggesting a two-pronged approach to the war, the author offers the more emotional and personable pointers ranging from hygiene and health to the selection process for choosing a mate and marriage. Personally, I think his general intent here is good – as it helps prepare young folk for the future...

Concluding the preface with a list of resources – both individuals and literature – Dr. Richard Hise makes it clear that his basis begins as “a husband, father, brother...and man.”

**This book is a vanguard** in the long-developing downgrading of men through the media, the courts, and even the personal elements of our society. It may seem obtuse by title and even intent, but the basic *battle cry* is true to trends and developments on our cultural setting.

**It’s true; that men and boys are in “decline”** – as talk-radio host, Glenn Sacks, describes in an article published today. From his Website, [www.glennsacks.com](http://www.glennsacks.com), some *talking points* of the article entitled: “Mysterious Decline – Where Are Men on Campus?”

- Drawing from the work of Christina Hoff Sommers’ book, *The War against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men*; women are surpassing men (and boys) in virtually every area of education in terms of enrollment, graduation, etc.

...let us begin.

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