

THE RISE OF THE LONGHOUSE

The Bewitching of the West

Just as C. S. Lewis's Experiment House was ruled by a hysterical female Head who called brave children "fascists" and lived happily ever after in Parliament, so the Longhouse now rules the West, paddle in hand. Feminism has sought to snuff out the bright Sun that rode high over the greatest civilization ever to be, plunging us into the eternal night of Underland and robbing us of our sanity through dark spells and saccharine incantations. But how was the spell cast? Were we always so bewitched?

Until 1960, America was a largely patriarchal society in which White Christian men were the dominant culture-shaping force both economically and politically. As recently as 1950, for example, 90% of the population was comprised of White European stock. Over 95% identified as Christian. By 1960, Whites had decreased as a percentage of the population only slightly, down to 88.6%.[1] This was the age of the WASP, when White Anglo-

1. U.S. Census Bureau, *1960 Census of Population: Race of the Population of the United States, by States, PC(S1)-10* (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1961).

Saxon Protestant hegemony in America reached its zenith. Men, who were the primary breadwinners in 1960, had a labor force participation rate of around 86.4%, while women were in the 33% range.[2] Likewise, 84% of married women with children stayed at home.[3] It was an era in which White Christian men were still the clear leaders in the home, economy, and political realm.

What has happened since then has been nothing short of cataclysmic at every level of American society. In the 1960s, the leftist progressive agenda of Marxist egalitarianism—of which feminism is a vital part—enjoyed a series of pivotal legal breakthroughs: Abortion was fully legalized in 1973 with *Roe v. Wade*; the Civil Rights Act of 1964 marked the transition from the first constitutional era to a second and functionally destroyed the First Amendment right to freedom of assembly;[4] John F. Kennedy issued an affirmative action order for hiring in 1961; led by Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, and others, feminism marched through the institutions; the Sexual Revolution emancipated women from children, home, and Christian moral constraints; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act sent women into the workforce en masse; the Hart-Celler Act of 1965 opened the floodgates of multiculturalism with Third World immigration; and the birth control pill was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1960, allowing women to have sex without the life-altering consequence of pregnancy, which roughly 300 million women worldwide have done since its introduction.[5] The tectonic cultural changes that followed

2. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Changes in Men's and Women's Labor Force Participation Rates," *The Economics Daily*, January 10, 2007, bls.gov/opub/ted/2007/jan/wk2/art03.htm.

3. Kelsey Sobel, "Back to Work," *Red Hook Star-Revue*, March 18, 2025, star-revue.com/back-to-work-by-kelsey-sobel.

4. See Christopher Caldwell, *The Age of Entitlement: America Since the Sixties* (Simon & Schuster, 2020).

5. Audiey Kao, "History of Oral Contraception," *AMA Journal of Ethics* 2, no. 6 (2000): 55–56, journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/history-oral-contraception/2000-06.

in American society—the destruction of the family, children born out of wedlock, the mass rejection of Protestant Christianity—all stand downstream from these legal and political changes.

Today, the White share of the American population has shrunk to just 59.8%; it is projected to become a minority population by 2045.[6] Marriage as an institution has fallen out of vogue: In 1960, roughly 70% of adult women were married, whereas today it is only 46%. The median age of marriage for women in 1960 was 20; today it is 28.[7] Women have entered the workforce en masse, and just 29% of mothers stay at home today (as compared to 84% in 1950).[8] Dearborn, Michigan, where Henry Ford once built a remarkable museum to commemorate his family legacy, is symptomatic of the destruction unfolding in many small towns across the country: White Christians are being replaced by non-Christian foreigners. In Dearborn, Arabs make up roughly 54.5% of the population, a majority of whom are Muslims.[9] Minneapolis, Minnesota has over 100,000 Somalis, most of whom are also Muslim. Mayor Jacob Frey, a Jew born near Washington, DC, has welcomed this population transformation and gladly addressed the new foreign demographic at press conferences, not only in English but also in Somali.[10] These are but a few instances of the

6. William H. Frey, "The US Will Become 'Minority White' in 2045, Census Projects," *Brookings Institution*, March 14, 2018, brookings.edu/articles/the-us-will-become-minority-white-in-2045-census-projects.

7. Valerie J. Schweizer, "Marriage: More than a Century of Change, 1900–2018," Family Profile No. 21, National Center for Family & Marriage Research, 2020, bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family-profiles/schweizer-marriage-century-change-1900-2018-fp-20-21.html.

8. Jacob Galley, "Stay-at-Home Mothers through the Years," *Monthly Labor Review*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2014, bls.gov/opub/mlr/2014/beyond-bls/stay-at-home-mothers-through-the-years.htm.

9. Niraj Warikoo, "Census: Arab Americans Now a Majority in Dearborn as Middle Eastern Michiganders Top 300k," *Detroit Free Press*, April 3, 2024, freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/wayne/2023/09/26/arab-americans-now-a-majority-in-dearborn-new-census-data-shows/70929525007.

10. Kyeland Jackson, "Minnesota Hosts the Nation's Largest Somali Population. What Brought Them Here?," *Minnesota Star Tribune*, December 3, 2025,

tragic way in which Anglo-Protestant culture and identity went from being *the* moral framework and glue for society in 1950 to a fading memory, with currently just 60% of Americans claiming to be Christian.[11] Consequently, church attendance has also plummeted: In 1960, 73% of Americans attended; in 2020, just 50%; and by 2023, just 26%.[12] No, that last drop, from 2020 to 2023, is not a typo. Sadly, it appears the country is losing its religion.

It's not just Christians or pastors who have noticed these trends, either. Take, for example, Hanna Rosin, a Jewish woman from New York who emigrated from Israel and serves as a senior editor at *The Atlantic*. Even as she celebrates what has happened to our economy and nation as a landslide feminist victory, she does so with an almost awkward awareness that men have been displaced and that middle-class families are being obliterated. In her 2010 article "The End of Men," expanded three years later in her book *The End of Men: And the Rise of Women*, Rosin discussed the ways in which women have far outpaced men in the modern economy, along with their societal consequences.[13] One of these consequences? The natural hierarchy of the family has been completely uprooted, as women rather than men are now the dominant force in American social life. Rosin noted that "the most distinctive change is probably the emergence of an American matriarchy, where the younger men especially are unmoored, and closer than at any other time in history to being obsolete."[14]

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startribune.com/why-minnesota-has-largest-somali-population-refugee-resettlement-economic-opportunity/601538629.

11. Gallup, "How Religious Are Americans?," *Gallup News*, March 29, 2024, news.gallup.com/poll/358364/religious-americans.aspx.

12. Tobin Grant, "The Great Decline: 60 Years of Religion in One Graph," *Religion News Service*, January 27, 2014, religionnews.com/2014/01/27/great-decline-religion-united-states-one-graph.

13. Hanna Rosin, "The End of Men," *The Atlantic*, July/August 2010, theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/07/the-end-of-men/308135.

14. Hanna Rosin, *The End of Men: And the Rise of Women* (Riverhead Books, 2012), 82.

In other words, the Longhouse has replaced the patriarchy, and young men have paid a steep price.

This drastic change in the fabric of social order has startling implications for marriage, sex, children, the nature of the workforce, and politics. As the economy shifts away from male-dominant professions like manufacturing and construction and toward a service-based economy—which includes healthcare, food services, education, childcare, and social services industries—women have greater opportunity to outearn, and therefore exert more influence on cultural institutions than, men. This new pink-collar economy has commoditized whole industries to replace what women used to do in the home: birth, feed, educate, and care for their people.

As Rosin points out, by 2009 women had become roughly 50% of the US workforce and attended and graduated from colleges at far higher rates than men. Women make up 60% of undergraduate enrollment. Women are more likely to graduate than men and, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, hold about 51.4% of managerial and professional jobs. Eighty percent of women ages 25 to 54 work for some form of pay outside the home.[15] Because they no longer need to depend on the traditional biblical household structure—a household ordered around a *paterfamilias*, or a male head of household who provides for, orders, and protects those under his care—women are far more likely to initiate divorce than men. In fact, women initiate divorce roughly 70% of the time. If they are college educated, that number rises to 90%.[16] When a woman doesn't rely on her husband for provision, after all, isn't he somewhat disposable? The resounding answer of college-educated, financially empowered women is *yes*.

15. Hanna Rosin, *End of Men*, 117.

16. "Women More Likely Than Men to Initiate Divorces, But Not Non-Marital Breakups," American Sociological Association, August 22, 2015, asanet.org/women-more-likely-men-initiate-divorces-not-non-marital-breakups.