

Two Thought Experiments Concerning Rape

Hi,

This is a short video by the International False Rape Timeline brought to you by a one-off donation from Mr E from A Voice For Men Forum.

In July 2014, Richard Dawkins opined: “Date rape is bad. Stranger rape at knifepoint is worse. If you think that’s an endorsement of date rape, go away and learn how to think.”

We won’t concern ourselves here with the question of date rape, like does it ever actually happen? Instead we will concentrate on real, unambiguous rape. According to the usual suspects, rape is just about the worst thing that could ever happen to a woman, physically, and even more so psychologically. Well, I beg to differ, and in this connection I’m going to show you two short clips, then ask you two rhetorical questions.

The first is an excerpt from the conviction of Daniel Holtzclaw. If that name means nothing to you, he was the Oklahoma City police officer who was convicted of 18 sexual offences against women, including rape and oral rape. He received a total of 263 years in prison.

The second is a very brief clip of Bethany Hamilton, who at the age of 13 had her left arm torn off by a shark, and though I hesitate to use the word lucky in that connection, she was lucky. To survive.

Here is the first clip.

And here is the second.

Now here is the first question, imagine you were convicted of 18 sex offences, falsely unlike Holtzclaw, in Saudia Arabia where rape is capital. The judge says to you, normally you would be beheaded for committing such outrage, but we also have restorative justice, I have consulted with the victims, and they say an eye for an eye. You will be detained in Al-Hair prison for the next 54 weeks, during which time you will be sodomised once a week, a total of three times for every indignity you perpetrated on your victims. Then you will be deported.

Okay, the choice is yours: execution, 263 years in prison, or a fate worse than death 54 weeks in a row.

You know the answer. You also know the second question, and the answer to that: which fate would you rather suffer: rape, including anal rape, or having your arm ripped off by a shark?

Yes, rape is a horrible experience, both physically and psychologically, but that doesn’t mean we should demonise it. It doesn’t mean we should believe any and every accuser uncritically, however thin or non-existent the evidence. And it certainly doesn’t mean we should erode due process in order to increase the supposedly scandalously low conviction rate.

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