

Chapter XIV

YOU'VE NOT COME A LONG WAY BABY

The phrase "You've come a long way baby" is a travesty of logic that has produced an enigma in the consciousness of this nation.

The phrase refers to the apparent progress that women have made in this century by no longer being under the influence of their husbands, at least as it regards the freedom to smoke cigarettes. They can now smoke as much as they want at will, and therefore have come a long way since the time when husbands restricted their smoking. Women now have an increasing incidence of lung cancer, and other smoking related illnesses, and their life spans are now shortening in relation to those of men. It would be appropriate if, after an examination for lung cancer the results are positive, the physician then advise the woman of the results by handing her a card from Virginia Slims which states "you've come a long way baby". When it's time for her funeral, a sticker should be placed on the coffin saying "farewell, you've come a long way baby", courtesy of Virginia Slims.

This advertising incongruity pertains not only to the smoking of cigarettes by women, but also to their freedom from all their suppressions, real or imagined. They now drink alcoholic beverages more than when they were under the watchful eye of their husbands, and having come a long way, now have an increasing incidence of cirrhosis of the liver.

Women are no longer under the sexual restraint of their husbands or fathers, and having come a long way, those with human papilloma virus and chlamydia now number in the millions. These are venereal diseases that can be quite painful to a woman and also inhibit pregnancy.

Women are no longer segregated from men in college dorms, and having come a long way now experience an incidence of rape on campus that, at some colleges has reached epidemic proportions.

Since there are no restraints on the vocation a woman may choose, and especially since we no longer have any activity known as sinful, having come a long way, more women are induced to participate in pornographic activity and prostitution, with the resultant physical, mental and psychic debilitation.

It is no longer considered necessary to be married to have children. Unwed motherhood is even encouraged by the government by its welfare policy. Having come a long way baby, 25% of the children of our nation are born out of wedlock and raised without a male role model. This eventually produces stress in the mother and the children, resulting in a multitude of personal and societal problems.

Having come a long way baby, mothers now pass on to the unborn fetus, substance addiction problems.

Having come a long way baby, more women live alone, have no masculine presence in their lives, are lonely and stressed out.

Having come a long way baby has produced a generation of women who are apprehensive about their safety, who are being harassed and raped, whose lungs, liver and wombs are rotting away, whose children's minds are stunted, and whose sons are being shot dead in the streets or sent off to jail.

Coming a long way baby has produced a social disaster of a magnitude that only the conquering enemy used to inflict. There is no amount of government regulation that will alter this

situation. There is only one species of human life that protects and cares for women and children. That species is called MAN. Until society recognizes the primary male role and supports it, the race will continue on its downward spiral.

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