

The Rise Of Female Violence

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Contrary to what you might perceive from the media, society is growing less rather than more violent, the bad news is that women are catching up with men. The BBC programme *The Rise Of Female Violence* tackles this issue head on; presenter Alys Harte travels from Portsmouth to Newcastle via Leeds meeting a young woman who has put her violent past behind her, another who could start a fight in an empty room, and a man who was stabbed by his wife.

This latter nearly died from his injuries, which were made by a kitchen knife to his upper arm, but for prompt action, he would have bled to death. Although she was cleared of the most serious charge of attempted murder, Crystal Smith received a nine year sentence. Not mentioned in this programme is the fact that she was granted bail prior to her trial. This and the lenient treatment often received by women in comparison with men has led

some men's rights activists to bleat about **feminist brainwashing**. While they do have a point, third wave feminism has little or nothing to do with the rise of female violence, indeed one of the women in this programme was convicted of sending threatening messages to a self-styled feminist journalist via Twitter.

Two of the major problems are alcohol and gang violence; while women should be held accountable for their actions the same way men should, there is surely something to be said for trying to save especially young women from entering a downward spiral. Age is as much a factor here as sex; like older men, older women commit fewer violent crimes. Whatever, there are clearly no simple solutions, although for inveterate brawler Isabella Sorley, keeping her away from the booze is a good starting point.

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