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The Tradwife Trend Is a Risky Throwback

The recent social media trend of promoting “tradwives” and “stay-at-home girlfriends” worries me.

Whether the message comes from influencers, politicians, or even a kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, convincing young women to forgo¹ employment and focus on the domestic sphere is a dangerous proposition for them—and not so great for the men in their lives, either.

[...] In addition, what is now referred to as the “tradwife” harks back² to the 1950s male-breadwinner, female-home-maker model of middle-class, white households. It is not, in fact, “traditional,” in the sense that it hasn’t represented most households for most of human history. In the United States, for example, working-class women and women of color typically have always had to work outside their own homes.

As a feminist, I’m disheartened³ by this trend, which undermines the strides⁴ women have taken to become financially independent.

[...] The truth is that most families require more than one income to stay afloat⁵, regardless of how much one might want to stay home. Social media’s obsession with women in the home isn’t a “how to,” but yet another fantasy. Influencers present a lifestyle of financial security with an emphasis on material consumption and pampering.

Akin to⁶ our fascination with celebrities, it’s fun to day-dream about not working, eating at expensive restaurants, and indulging in spa time. But if such content leads young women to choose to forgo education and labor market skill-building, they are setting themselves up for a profoundly disappointing reality and considerable risk to their emotional and financial well-being. My message to young women? We’ve already been in the kitchen. Trust me: there was a reason we wanted out.

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QUESTIONS

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Explain in your own words what the “tradwife” trend consists in.

3 pts
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Why does the author say that the tradwife model is historically inaccurate?

4 pts

3 How does the author contrast the image of tradwives on social media with reality?

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4 What are the possible long-term consequences for young women who follow this trend?

4 pts

5 Explain the author's message in the last paragraph.

5 pts



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Write a post on social media to react to the “tradwife” trend. Explain why this lifestyle may seem attractive but can also be a risky throwback. [120 words]

20 pts



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