

## Sissy = coward?

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Is a sissy a coward? The traditional definition of the word "sissy" still includes this association and the ironic thing is women often accept this definition without ever batting an eyelash. What many of these women fail to understand is that the sissy = coward concept comes from the idea that women are in fact cowardly. This is something I do not agree with. I know many ladies who are strong, determined and down right heroic without having to shed their femininity, and still these very same women may view a sissy or effeminate male with this stereotype.

The truth is they don't understand why this stereotype is associated with sissies. It has less to do with the fact that effeminate men are cowardly and more to do with the fact that women are traditionally thought of as non-confrontational, meek, or simply put "cowardly". I firmly believe that if more women realized that this stereotype is just as detrimental to women as it is to effeminate men they would be outraged by the concept that just because men poses effeminate characteristics they are in fact cowards.

Of course this would beg the question as to whether or not sissies are in fact cowards. Do sissies lack courage in their daily life? In my opinion sissies who are out are much more heroic than their more masculine counterparts. It takes a lot of courage to be out as a sissy because there is no reason, save being true to oneself, to do so. Unlike homosexuality where being closeted can interfere with being able to find a partner sissies and other crossdressers out themselves because they are tired of hiding who they are. This requires a tremendous amount of courage in our society where effeminate men are looked upon with nothing less than disdain by our culture.

Yet we are at the forefront of an awakening. With the advent of the internet and social networking it is becoming increasingly apparent that there are literally millions of us, and even these are just the individuals who are comfortable enough to show themselves on the web.

The truth of the matter is that all men are sissies to a degree. It is only the social stigma that cause these men to barry any femininity that may be part of their personality. The stronger men are willing to not succumb to the fear of public scrutiny and express their feminine side openly.

But keep in mind that just as with the gay rights movement there are those that we truly terrify. These individuals are so conflicted and have such a hollow sense of self that some will truly respond with violence and hatred to the personification of male femininity. These are the true cowards. I do not say this because I am a sissy. It has been clinically proven that homophobic men are more aroused by homosexual porn than non-homophobic straight men. This rage that is expressed outwardly toward homosexuals by the homophobe is actually created from anxiety about their own sexual identity. When confronted with a homosexual the homophobe is actually forced to confront their own feelings and desires about sexuality. This increases their anxiety causing them to want to lash out at what they believe is causing this discomfort the homosexual. Ironically this form of psychological constructed has been known for many years and is termed "projection".

Much in the same way do some people react to sissies and transgendered individuals. The stronger they react to male feminization the weaker their male identity really is. The traditional male gender role is not a whole lot of fun. As many members of sissy prep can attest to. Men are not supposed to be interested in such things as love, affection, caring, tenderness, sensitivity, attractiveness, and pretty much any feeling save anger.

The courageous are those who realize that even though at one time in our history men ACTUALLY HAD TO BE THIS WAY this time has long since past. At one time if men were not strong and hardened the family would not survive. Today men are able to express their true selves. No longer do most of us need to defend our families or wives. We no longer have to fight to survive. This has begun a slow movement toward the acceptance of the effeminate male.

So even though some sissies enjoy the humiliation aspect of this connection with cowardness the actual definition of sissy should definitely be readdressed. I myself often enjoy some forms of humiliation play involving backing down from a female bully only to be dressed and teased in my general gender identity I am a fairly effeminate male who is very driven, outgoing and down right courageous in my pursuits. And even though at times I wish that I too could be a more conventional male I realize now that a conventional male is a male who is incapable of being true to the feminine aspects of his person and boy how I love those feminine aspects.

So in general the definition of sissy came about at the same time as the definition of tomboy and over the years "tomboy" has lost its pejorative meaning. In the future I foresee "sissy" losing its association with cowardice and simply being a male with strong feminine characteristics...

As Ms Demonica would say... "I love that boy... he is such a sissy" - and believe me that is a compliment.