

If You Really Want to Know

Come one come all! As I take you on a trip deep into the last frontier known to man; the male psyche. For years women have been trying to crack the "complicated" code to get inside the male brain. But, the mistake that the majority of women make is that they give men too much credit. Its all quite simple once you take the time to truly analyze their actions, so get out your pens and take notes as I explain the reasoning and logic behind a set of actions that all fall under the same category...the "approach".

Power in Numbers:

The first tactic I'll shed light upon is the grouping tactic. I'm sure many of you have seen this before. A group of young men, no greater than twelve no less four, gather and holla at women. Let me take the time to explain the term "holla". It is somewhat like courting, but with less effort and planning. It usually happens in the spur of the moment, when a male is surprised by a female's beauty, and may also involve actual hollering at the female in pursuit. For example, the juvenile males will lick their lips, to add appeal to the source of vocalization. The more dominant alpha males will of course be in the front of the pack while the followers peek and pile over others shoulders, co-signing to every spoken word. Then, like monkeys, the young males jump up and down, wave their arms, and make noises, trying to gain attention and favor from the female. The grouping tactic usually targets one woman at a time. So the question arises? Why would one choose a 1/12 chance of

getting a girl over talking to her alone? The reasoning behind all of this can be summed up in one word...fear. Guys would rather gather in a group to perform their mating calls in view of the rest of the animal kingdom because there is power in numbers. But, not only is there power, there's comfort. Comfort in knowing that getting dissed (turned down by a female) as a group is less painful and less embarrassing than getting dissed individually. But what guys overlook is that this tactic is also less effective. The majority of the time the women are not amused and walk away thinking a little less of men every time.

The Mannequin:

The second tactic I'll be covering might actually be more comedic than the first. The "mannequin" tactic involves, once again, a group of guys standing in front of a building, usually one that experiences heavy traffic from the opposite sex, putting themselves on display...like a mannequin. Sounds funny enough already right? Well it gets better! Turns out the guys just stand there. No talking, no hollering, no movement. There is barely any acknowledgement of the women in pursuit. Like a game of red light green light, the young males are active and vocal with each other. We will call this the "green light" stage. But, once an attractive female comes along, the males go into what we will call the "red light" stage. They stop everything until they are out of the sight of the female. Once again fear plays a big role in this tactic. When men do this, they are taking the path of least resistance. Actually going out and talking to a woman would be too much work and comes with a high risk of failure and an even higher risk of embarrassment, depending on ones

environment. This tactic does produce more results than the grouping tactic, but it's usually not the crème of the crop. Its kind of like knowing you can get an A+ in class, but you only do enough work to get a C-. it turns out that the A+ girls like to be pursued by men in appose to chasing them. But those C- girls, they take whatever they can get!

The Awkward Turtle:

The last tactic I'll be covering with you actually contains more than one part, but as a whole we'll just call it the awkward turtle. Really any awkward, creeper-like, activity can be put into this category. Like, guys trying too hard to make repetitive eye contact with a girl...don't do. Trying to be everywhere she is, around every corner...don't do. Trying to make small talk without the slightest plan, or more importantly, a back up plan...don't do. The logic behind these actions is that the guys simply "think" they know what they're doing. They've had enough of being invisible and they decide its time to take some action! Though their hearts are in the right place, its just the wrong kind of action. A lot of their misguided information comes from movies. The drastic measures taken by the friendly nerd to win the heart of the prom queen USUALLY don't work, and end up wasting a lot of time and money. They think that by having the "wow" factor, they can instantly win the heart of the lady of their dreams.

The Creep and Grind:

The title of this tactic leaves a lot of room for the imagination to run, but allow me to clarify. Imagine, if you will, that you're a young woman in a dark club or party. You're dancing with your friends, having a good time, then all of a sudden you feel the presence of a ominous figure behind you, but by then its too late. Without your permission the figure has pressed himself upon you as he performs his best imitation of the latest dance craze. Congratulations. You have just fallen victim to the "creep and grind". Responsible for countless slapped faces, sore groins, hurt egos, and the occasional drunk hook up, the creep and grind has plagued party-going women for years. The explanation for this tactic isn't too complicated. Clubs and parties a dark, and this levels the playing field for the guys who aren't so....easy on the eyes. With this newfound confidence, the young males revert back to their primal instincts as the track and stalk their female of choice around the room. Like a lion watching its prey, the young male picks the opportune time to pounce. I'm sure you're wondering, "What is going through these guys heads?" Well, he figures that since its dark, and since she's already having a good time, maybe, just maybe, she won't mind him joining in. This tactic is simply luck of the draw, it all depends on what type of mood the girl is in at the time. And if you're the guy "jumping" girls in the club...you better hope they're in a damn good mood pal.

The Facebook Stalker:

The title of this tactic speaks for it's self. I personally have no experience facebook stalking, but I have seen it's affects, and guys, it's not a real good look for us. For those who haven't experienced the thrill of being facebook stalked, allow me to explain exactly what it is. An over eager male will get on facebook, find a girl he likes, and he'll send her a message. Sounds innocent enough rite? Well it is, but it turns bad when this young man doesn't receive a reply. This is what triggers his "stalker mode", and he proceeds to send message after message saying things like, "hey", "hey", "are you there", "you look good lil moma", "can I get yo numba?", "are you there?". All these messages, one after the other with no reply. The signs seem easy enough to read right? No reply means she doesn't want to talk to you, in any way, shape, or form. But no, because the majority of young males are illiterate to the language of subtlety, or anything concerning women for that matter. So in his head, the over eager male is thinking, "maybe she didn't get my last 7 messages?", " maybe her computer is messed up?", "maybe MY computer is messed up?", "maybe I should message her one more time..." And ladies it gets worse. Due to new developments in technology, facebook now has something called "chat". This lets everyone know who all on their friend list is online at the time...even the stalkers. This allows a guy to track when a girl is online, and gives way to more endless streams of messages, but this time they appear in the girls chat box, in appose to her inbox. It is still unclear why young males thing these females want to be bombarded with pop up messages every five seconds. The subject is still under review, but allow me to say, women can be facebook stalkers too.

The Mall Walkers:

No, I am not talking about the little old ladies in their 1980's wind suits with the matching Reebok classics racing laps around the mall like it's the Daytona 500. Nah, I'm talking about the guys traveling the malls in packs, hanging out in front of Victoria Secret, Lady Foot Locker, Wet Seal, and any other store without a men's section. Now the description of this tactic may sound familiar, but unlike the "power in numbers" tactic, the "mall walkers" are VERY active. They have the stamina to follow a single female around the mall all day if need be. Like scavengers following a sick animal, waiting for it to give up on life, the mall walkers will follow a female(s) around, waiting for her to give up, give in and give them a number. Ladies beware, this group of young men are much more confident than any of the ones I've covered before. The high levels of confidence and testosterone can make a dangerous and aggressive combination. Upon being denied by the female in pursuit, the group as whole may commence to yelling colorful obscenities to compensate for their freshly abused egos. Why, you might ask? It's all about showing the other males in the pack who the so called "man" is. The mall walking juvenile men revert back to their Neanderthal days get all, "rah rah! I'm a man! I stand up when I pee! I can take whatever I want without asking!" But due to the bluntness of women today, these confused males quickly find themselves back in the 21 century.

As an 18 year old heterosexual male, I don't find pleasure in bashing a social category I belong to. But, because so many of young men make these mistakes everyday, I easily become stereotyped into one, if not more, of these categories. Being one of the few guys who actually "get it", I find it more a necessity than a

responsibility to educate other guys in the art of understanding women. I mean, more education, in this sense, leads to more procreation, and isn't that what we all really want anyway?

