

A WOMAN'S PLACE

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Professor Max Karlov has some controversial ideas about the role of women in society. Read this interview and find out: What message is Professor Karlov trying to give to the audience?



Interviewer: Congratulations, Professor Karlov, on your new book, *A Woman's Place*. I just finished reading it, and you really have strong ideas.

Professor Karlov: Yes. But my ideas are based on facts. **Societies all over the world are in trouble.** Now, you have to think, why are societies in trouble?

Interviewer: According to your book, Professor Karlov, you think the difficulties in today's world are caused by a change in the natural order. Could you explain that for our audience?

Professor Karlov: With pleasure. By a change in the natural order I mean the changes in our society in the roles and responsibilities of men and women. As everyone knows, what women do in society—their roles and responsibilities—has changed a great deal in the past 50 years.

Interviewer: OK, I think everyone would agree with that. But so what?

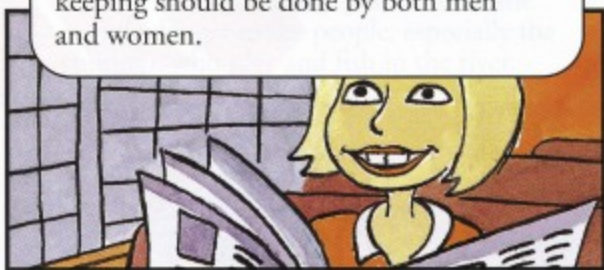
Professor Karlov: Women in many societies no longer stay at home and take care of children. They have jobs outside the home. This means they no longer have the time to take care of their children. In today's world, children grow up with so many problems. They drop out of school, they take drugs, they steal. Today's children are lazy and confused. They need the guidance, love and support that only mothers who are in the home can give. **Women should return to raising and educating children.** They are naturally suited to do so. **Men should continue to have the main responsibility for earning money for the family.** We know from history that men are suited for leadership and women are suited for raising children.

A woman's place is in the home, raising the children and keeping the home. A man's place is outside the home, working to support the family. I know this is an old-fashioned, or out-of-date, belief. But it is the one that fits the natural order.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What is your view of women's and men's roles?
Check the opinions you agree with.

I think raising children and house-keeping should be done by both men and women.



Men are naturally good at working outside the home and making money.



If women stayed home, society would be much better.



Women are naturally good at housekeeping and raising children.



Today, to support a family, both the husband and wife need jobs.



Now exchange your ideas with a classmate.

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LOOKING AT THE ISSUE

Here are some of Professor Karlov's ideas.
For each of them, state an opposite or different idea.

Professor Karlov's Idea	Opposite Idea
Societies are in trouble because women have jobs outside the home.	Men have caused much of society's problems because most leaders are men.
Women are naturally suited to raising children.	
Men are natural leaders.	
A man's place is outside the home, working to support the family.	
Children need the help, love and support that only mothers who are in the home can give.	