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Parents, Peers, & Gender Roles

I believe that people in general have a huge affect on the development of our gender roles. I do believe that parents play a late roll in this. In my case, my father left my family while I was at a young age. I feel like I play the role of a man just fine having grown up without him, though. In my time of high school I have had 3 girlfriends. The first one was too fast to list any experiences.

The second one was with a girl named Elly. She cheated on me. One of the first things I noticed about her was her ability to take care of children and her family. That influenced me to want to become a better father when I grew up and had a family of my own. The next girlfriend, my current girlfriend, has also had an influence on me. We both grew up pretty similar, but she had the same gender parent to look to for a role-model. Being with her (I've never been happier has reminded me of what I WILL NOT do to my kids and future family. I will take responsibility and consult my problems and actions with my wife, or person of justice, if I make some bad decisions.