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[Personal attack on me by Barbara Bergmann]

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The WSJ, and the NYTimes editors are always eager to see evidence of an end to the sex role revolution, and a reversion of women to housewife status. Thus the Times in the last 15 years has had about 3 front page stories about highly paid women lawyers returning to the home (based on a maximum of 3 case histories. Some male lawyers also drop out, but they never get mentioned.)

The {miniscule} drop in young women's lfp may well be a statistical artifact, as BLS is playing around with the questions they ask on the monthly CPS. However when the WSJ editors see it, their mouths water. And when they find a
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to tell them that women are changing from wanting careers of their own, and instead now want to become the dependents of rich men, that puts the WSJers into seventh heaven.

I think that before we supply our enemies with fanciful and implausible theories that serve as ammunition against women's labor market aspirations, we had better be damn sure that these theories are in accord with the facts, and that some other explanation is not the true one. For example, one should check on the changes in women's school enrollment. Maybe they are in law school and medical school, instead of lolling around their swimming pools in teddies. GROW UP, SHOSHONA! TRY A

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LITTLE HARDER TO SHAKE THE DUST OF SEXIST CHICAGO FROM YOUR SHOES. On second thought, I doubt that even Gary Becker would put forth something like that.

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