

He Works, She Works, but What Different Impressions They Make

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Have you ever found yourself up against the old double standard at work? Then you know how annoying it can be and how alone you can feel. Supervisors and coworkers still judge us by old stereotypes that say women are emotional, disorganized, and inefficient. Here are some of the most glaring examples of the typical office double standard.

The family picture is on HIS desk: Ah, a solid, responsible family man

HIS desk is cluttered: He's obviously a hard worker and busy man

HE'S talking with coworkers: He must be discussing the latest deal

HE'S not at his desk: He must be at a meeting

HE'S having lunch with the boss: He's on his way up

HE'S getting married: He'll get more settled

HE'S having a baby: He'll need a raise

HE'S leaving for a better job: HE recognizes a good opportunity

HE'S aggressive

HE'S careful

HE loses his temper

HE'S depressed

HE follows through

HE'S firm

HE makes wise judgments

HE is a man of the world

HE isn't afraid to say what he thinks

HE exercises authority

HE'S discreet

HE'S a stern taskmaster

The family picture is on HER desk: Hmm, her family will come before her career

HER desk is cluttered: She's obviously a disorganized scatterbrain

SHE'S talking with coworkers: She must be gossiping

SHE'S not at her desk: She must be in the ladies' room

SHE'S having lunch with the boss: They must be having an affair

SHE'S getting married: She'll get pregnant and leave

SHE'S having a baby: She'll cost the company money in maternity benefits

SHE'S leaving for a better job: Women are undependable

SHE'S pushy

SHE'S picky

SHE'S bitchy

SHE'S moody

SHE doesn't know when to quit

SHE'S stubborn

SHE reveals her prejudices

SHE'S been around

SHE'S opinionated

SHE'S tyrannical

SHE'S secretive

SHE'S difficult to work for