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## What Guys Think

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With so much free time in retirement there is ample opportunity to sit around with the guys more than usual and chew the fat, or is it share the skinny, on what's happening. And, surprisingly, the subjects of our conversations are not always what you of the female personhood out there might think it is. Most of us guys are more in touch with our feminine side than we're given credit for and I think it highly insulting that we're not recognized for being the soft and gentler breed that we are.

To see a group of machos like us sitting around the lounge table at the golf club, a pitcher of beer in front of us, with frosted mugs all around, one would naturally suspect the topic of our conversation would be how best to get more backspin on our ball, or drop the ball within two feet of the pin out of a soggy sand trap. Unfortunately, you would be totally off the mark. Don't get me wrong, we do pepper our talk with a few well chosen phrases such as, *"How 'bout dem' Bears,"* or *"Don't you think Dale, Jr. would look better in black to accent his red hair,"* but our true interest lies far a field from such mundane chatter.

Let me share with you some isolated comments from a couple of the fellows from our last get together after an exhilarating round on the links. There was Bob saying, *"Does this shirt look wet...it doesn't does it? Would you believe I've been sweating like a pig for the last 2 hours and you can't see the sweat can you? It's this new material that doesn't show wet areas... the whole shirt just soaks up the sweat and spreads it around. That way the whole shirt looks dry... isn't that fantastic? I'm going to buy several more of different colors."*

Then Wayne brought up the subject of women who get in a grocery check out line with more than the minimum 20 items in her basket... *"Can you imagine? Here I am standing in line with only two cases of Diet Dr. Pepper, some chips and dip, and some Dove chocolate, when this lady pushes her cart in front of mine. At first I don't say nothin' cause I want to be a gentleman and all, but then I see she's got that cart loaded to the gills with all kinds of stuff stickin' above the top of the cart. Well, I catch her eye and then I look up at the sign saying "20 Items or Less" and then back at her cart, and then right in her eyes again. She looks me right back and says, "So, what's your problem Mister? You gotta problem with your eye or something?"*

Wayne went on, *"Well, miss... I let you in front of me but then I saw your cart has far more than the mandated 20 item minimum and think you might want to move to another aisle."* *"What do you mean more than 20 items? I've only got 5 items in my basket. Any fool can see that."*

*"Now miss, if I'm not mistaken you've got 4 cases of Miller Lite, bags of potatoes, carrots, onions, bell peppers, cucumbers and broccoli. Plus, you've got a loaf of home baked bread, a package of frozen*

*biscuits, two packages of brown 'n serve rolls, and a Giant loaf of Merita Sandwich bread. On top of that you've got apples, Bing cherries, seedless grapes, plus a bag of lemons. Then there are the 4 cans of peaches, 2 cans of green beans, 2 cans of lima beans, 5 cans of Campbell's tomato soup and 2 cans of shredded coconut. Then under your basket you've got two large bundles of paper towels and the large bundle of Ultra, extra soft, toilet tissue with padded pockets. All those things come up to 37 items. That's 17 items above the limit."*

*"Then this woman had the audacity to tell me, 'Listen, you moron... they ought not to allow men in these stores 'cause you don't know anything about shopping. I've got beverages, bread, fruit, canned goods, and paper goods... that's only five items. Now mind your own business or I'm goin' to hit you in the head with a can of soup.' Guys, how can women be so insensitive to the rules and the feelings of others?"*

Well, that's all I can share with you ladies reading this right now but let this be a lesson to all of you not to pre-judge those of us of the male personhood types. We are a sensitive bunch and should be treated accordingly.

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