

Comment by Michael C h Jones

Black women in America - that is a great caption. It draws the attention and is suggestive. It reminds me of Florida and Orlando and the lift to our hotel room when my son and I in about June 2004 found ourselves with the biggest women, black women, that I have ever seen - and they were fit aerobic types that simply enveloped the two relatively puny white men from Australia, and my son is six foot three and I six foot and then over 16 stone.

As the article states black women have been stereo-typed, in part because of the imagery of the past plantation or the present sporting field. No names no pack drill. However one feels that there is a degree of self-serving or whingeing in the comments of many interviewed, that their grips are little different from their white or Hispanic sisters in the USA - as women they all have a sense of entitlement, that they are hard done-by and should have progressed higher or quicker up the greasy pole of life. Somehow it is men to blame for their comparative failures to find life-partners. Anyway men are an irrelevance or a burden to their careers and self-fulfillment. I have a partner who is white, middle-class, career successful, does as she pleases etc who can conduct master classes in these subjects.

I suspect from the article this is in great part an American problem as well as a black woman problem.