





The Plight ofa Lefty

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Right-handed world causes daily headach

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and millions of other people in the world are oppressed. No laws exist to aid us in our plight for equality. No special admittance policy granted me admission to Texas A&M. I am a member of a silent group of exploited people — I am left-handed.

Those of you fortunate enough to be born into the privileged

world of the right-handed do not understand the hours of pain and suffering we "southpaws" must endure. Go ahead and laugh at the notion. Call it ludicrous, but because of my hand dominance, I feel like the world is against me.

As I sit and type on this computer, I cannot help but glance longingly at the mouse lying close to my right hand. This device was meant to make our world easier but has segregated the population into two factions.

Trying to manipulate the mouse with my right hand, I notice I am not as nimble as I would be if it were on my left. Insensitive, unfeeling people say, "Move the mouse to the other side, you freak of nature!

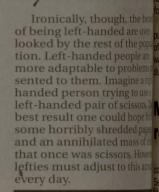
Alas, I can move the mouse and

try to double-click with the left button, and I undergo vertigo. The monitor becomes a blur of images, the keyboard seems written in the Cyrillic alphabet and I cannot tell the left button from the right. Do not ask me to explain – just try it and feel the agony of the left-handed. Junior political science The woe of being genetically cursed as a

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left-handed person is not a modern phenomenon. The prejudice against the "right-brain dominant" has existed for centuries. In medieval times, left-handed people were accused of being witches and burned at the stake. While this punishment may seem extreme, it is nothing compared to the torture of watching handwriting become smudged as the left hand plows over freshly-inked words.

I am sick of walking into sporting goods store and not being able to find a left-handed baseball glove. I am sick of having to turn on a water fountain with my right hand. I am nauseated every time I have to grab a can opener upside down to open a can of Spaghetti-O's.



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Call it ludicrous, b because of my hand dominance, I feel lik the world is againstn

Also, lefties are just pla smarter than right-hand But you do not have to ta word for it — just ask any will reply honestly with, your meager mental abil Incidentally, in the pa

presidential elections, a didates have been left-Clinton, George Bush, R and Bob Dole all have gift of left-handedness

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