

friend, states it extremely clearly, that “divorce was one of the best things that ever happened to her,” and that she was “just a nothing” before she got the divorce. (135) These two quotes only support the view presented in the introduction, and also clearly portrays feelings of women who find themselves in such a kind of a relationship. At one point, Sally also worries that she might be in a position Marylynn was, but she puts that idea aside, afraid that it might be true.

Ed and Sally’s dialog provides an example of a remarkably unbalanced relationship between the two genders in late 50’s. Sadly, men did not feel the importance of expressing their feelings to women, or even valuing women equally, and rather focused on strengthening their position in the family and society in general. Media also greatly affected the society’s viewpoint, portraying a woman with not a care in the world except her children and her husband. This, however, resulted in a low self-esteem and frustration on the women’s side, and set a scene for the following decades, in which women were treated differently than men, and had to undergo a long path of proving themselves equal to obtain the same rights men have.

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