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# Caring Masculinities

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## Abstract

Caring masculinities, as explored by Elliott, interweaves feminist care ethics with research on men and masculinities to investigate masculinities that offer a very different subject position for men to the one offered by the hegemonic norm. Elliott's consideration of the concept rests on two pillars: embracing care and rejecting domination. Much work within critical studies on men and masculinities that engages with masculinities and care focuses on care, yet sidelines non-domination. While the question of which men care is, in theory, an open one, most research in the field to date on the topic has focused on white, middle-class men in the Global North who carry out care work (often childcare). This narrow focus on a very specific masculine caring subject (and on only particular caring practices) risks calcifying the concept of caring masculinities as one attached to privileged men of the Global North. In this paper, Prattes discusses findings from a study examining the experiences of marginalized men undertaking low-paid care work in Australia in roles such as personal care assistants and disability carers. I explore the men's successes and challenges in this care work, and the ways their experiences can be brought to bear upon a more encompassing concept of caring masculinities that recognizes care carried out by more marginalized groups in society.