

Strange Things of America - Episode #26: The Left-Handed Conundrum

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Maya: Hello, hello, and welcome back to “Strange Things of America!” I am your host, Maya Sushkin, how are we all doing today? ... Great, great. Anyways, today we have a special guest, Heidi Rodriguez. How are you today, Heidi?

Heidi: I am doing well, thank you.

Maya: Great, great. Alright, let’s get started. So, Heidi, you’re part of the few that are actually left-handed, or “lefty” for short?

Heidi: Yeah, it’s not that big of a deal, though.

Maya: Yeah, yeah, lovely. Being a lefty comes with its fair share of difficulties, no?

Heidi: I mean yeah, it does. The world was made with “righties” in mind. I mean, because they are 90% of the population, a lot of the stuff we have today is made specifically for them and completely neglects lefties. **When it comes to opening fridges, smudges from writing, notebooks, scissors, baseball gloves, and even sitting next to righties, it’s a problem.**

Maya: Wow! I didn’t know any of that! You know, I’ve had this idea for a while now, but listening to all of this just emphasizes my point: we should get rid of being lefty!

Heidi: Wait, what?

Maya: Think about it, wouldn’t it just be easier if we got rid of left-handedness?

Heidi: No! That’s not what I m-

Maya: But you said so yourself. **Lefties struggle with everything!**

Heidi: That doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t exist, though.

Maya: No, no, no, think about it. Look at this source: [totallylegitwebsite.com](#) says that only .001% of the world is left-handed. That's like ten people! Why should we have to accommodate them? It is just as simple as telling them not to be left-handed. It's crazy how people haven't thought of it before.

Heidy: But, like, it's not, though, I mean, according to [sciencealert.com](#), lefties actually make up 10% of the population.

Maya: Yeah, no.

Heidy: Listen, being a lefty isn't that big of a deal. It makes it harder in terms of the items we use, but it's not something to fuss over. Things like having a hard time finding baseball gloves are just my problem, okay, it barely makes it hard to use them.

Maya: Okay, Heidy, just be honest, we all know it's hard. We all know it's difficult. You've already given us a few examples, so please indulge yourself! This is a podcast to share the truth!

Heidy: Okay, okay, of course, it's a problem. For example, imagine you're buying baseball gloves at the store. Do you know how long you have to look just to find a proper one that fits you? And then, on the very high chance that you don't find one, you'd have to use a righty glove. Do you know how much of a pain that is? Imagine trying to squish 4 of your fingers into the thumb part of the glove. Yeah, that's difficult, but I mean, other types of gloves don't need a dominant hand. There are ways to work around it. Sure, it's difficult, but still isn't terrible.

Maya: Right. So wouldn't it be easier to just stop the issue? Because there are like 10 lefties in the world, it wouldn't even be that big of a deal to just switch. Then bam, no more baseball gloves that are hard to find, and no more having to squish your fingers into gloves.

Heidy: Okay, suppose you do this and convince others to be righties instead. How would you even go about doing this?

Maya: You know what? That's not the point. The point is that we as Americans have a civic duty to eliminate laborious strife in our society. And that is my mission. You poor lefties are having to struggle constantly due to having to adapt to the righty lifestyle. It's absolutely terrible.

Heidy: Right! So that's why we should make it easier for lefties...

Maya: Exactly! By just changing their dominant hand. It's really not that hard.

Heidy: Listen, even learning to write on your dominant hand takes years, so just changing it isn't reasonable at all.

Maya: No, I don't think so.

Heidy: Yeah, I think so.

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Heidy: Okay, you know what, what if the righties just change their dominant hand? It really isn't that hard, right?

Maya: *dramatic gasp* No! It'll take hundreds of millions of years for righties to change their dominant hand! No way.

Heidy: Then why are you making the lefties switch?

Maya: Because righties are just better! They make up the majority, why would we switch when there are only 10 lefties in the world? It is just stupid to think of such a thing! I can't imagine how we would even go about it! Let the dumber people with fewer brain cells do it!

Heidy: What in the world? You can take your dumb podcast and your right-handedness and throw it away because that's where it belongs: the trash! I'm leaving.

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Insults in the script were made for humorous purposes; We do not believe that lefties are dumb or that they have fewer brain cells than righties