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# *Where are the male nudes*

To the Editor:

There's nothing obscene about naked human beings, but the comment I have regarding Church's photography exhibit is that it stereotypically is of the naked *female* body. I think women, (myself at least) would react less defensively, or angrily at a display of photographs if it didn't encourage the trend that it is the woman's body that is most sensuous and pleasing. This is certainly an image with which women have been detrimentally bombarded, and which the women's movement

still struggles to reverse because it can easily obscure the total and complex humanity of females. Our nakedness has been used for propaganda against our hearts and minds.

Men likewise, I think, would react differently if there were photographs of their sex, naked along with those women, signifying that all bodies can be sensually experienced and that men are whole beings as well.

The absence of male nudes in Church's exhibit says a lot.

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