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## “Communication Gaps Between the Sexes Explained!”

**David Loy:** Hi and welcome to *In the Loop* with Andy Andrews, I’m your host David Loy. And Andy, you’re sitting across the table from me once again, I’m so glad.

**Andy Andrews:** Yes, I am. I’m excited about doing this. I love doing this. This is one of my favorite things. So have we got any questions today? I hope somebody’s listening.

**David:** I have tons of questions for you. Hello listener, Seattle, do we have any questions out there? Anybody?

That’s funny. That reminds me of, well this is stupid, that’s a tangent, but anyway, remember the movie, I can’t think of a name. Billy Crystal.

**Andy:** Sleepless in Takoma.

**David:** No, no. Billy Crystal.

**Andy:** Sleepless in Spokane.

**David:** No, no, he’s not in sleepless, Billy Crystal, Jack Palance, they go on a cowboy train thing.

**Andy:** Yeah, the cowboy thing, the one thing, I can’t remember.

**David:** Yeah, what is the name. City Slickers. Matt helped me with that. City Slickers. At the beginning of the movie.

**Andy:** It's funny, Matt over here, behind me go, City Slickers, City Slickers. Yeah, ok Matt, we heard you. We know you know all the movies.

**David:** At the beginning of the movie, remember what prompts him to go on this trip is that he is a rough patch in a life and not thrilled at where he's at. And he is talking to his kids, bring your parent to work day, bring your parent to school day, where the parents talk about what they do for a job. And he is describing his job as a radio commercial salesman. And it's just this long depressing monologues about how terrible his career is and then in essence he says, I sale air. It's just a great, a great little bit. And I don't know why but that just reminded me of that, for some reason. Apparently your ADD is rubbing off on me.

**Andy:** Well thank you David. There you go baby.

**David:** Ok, let's get to today's question. This is another email, Andy let me read you this for you and we'll get going here. Andy I work in a more computer and technically based field. I've noticed that a lot of the people.

**Andy:** A smart person.

**David:** AKA a smart person. I've noticed that a lot of the people working these kinds of jobs, myself included, have a different style of communication. They function more like a computer. Meaning it seems communication only comes easy when someone has requested specific information from him or her. How much of this has to do with how they were raised whereas how their brain was designed to work? That comes from Jonathan. Andy that is an interesting question. We've all

encounter people that kind of have that mind set or have that natural tendency to communicate in that way.

**Andy:** Yeah, I'm laughing because my brother in law is like, Steve is like the smartest human on the planet. I mean, Steve is legitimately brilliant. Now, privately, I call him a genius, but I would not embarrass him, I would not embarrass my brother in law by going on the air here

**David:** Yeah, we'd never do that, in front of all that people.

**Andy:** Even though he really is. But I mean, this guy, how he makes a living? He makes a living, you know, it's enough to know how to work a computer. I'm amazed that I know enough just to be able to like go to files and write stuff and go find them again. But then there are some people like my assistant, you know Sandy, S.B. She, man if I get stuck, B. this is not doing something and she knows, I mean, she could walk me through it on the phone or she'll call me and go, click, click, click, ok, buddy there you go. I mean, she's unbelievable. Ok, but then there's another level I suppose where somebody, you know, like creates that stuff. And then there's another level, somebody like will click letters in and pictures will come up. They're coded or something. And then there's somebody who invented the whole darn thing. Well Steve is like, he's like the computer God or something. For a living he travels all over the world and he will invent things that they use with computers. I mean, I don't even know what he does. And so we're talking about communication, right.

**David:** Yes, so.

**Andy:** Here's what I was laughing about.

**David:** Ok.

**Andy:** I know you, God, you can take 30 seconds turn into a longest story. I know, that's why we're doing, that 24-hour podcast is coming up.

**David:** There you go, that's still an idea.

**Andy:** Ok, but I was laughing, when you said that about the different ways people communicate and these people with computers. So my brother in law, Steve is my go to guy. I call Christy, my sister, and I said, this just happen yesterday. You know, we're gonna have to get a new television, because our television which honestly David, I don't know really how to turn it on. Well I know how to turn it on I just don't know how to do anything else on it, ok. But I don't care because I don't watch TV any way. If I watch it with the boys or Polly but if I'm by myself, I don't turn it on in a hotel room. But we're talking about this communication thing and he brought up how computer people, communicate. So our TV evidently, it's too old. Because there are things that you're supposed to be able to, like put Apple this on it or put something from the computer on it, and play this from this company or Netflix, you know, I don't know. And evidently our television is too old, it won't do this stuff.

Now to me, it ain't that old but it is like 12 years old, ok. And so, it's flat, it's a flat screen. But so anyway Polly and the boys say, we got to get a new TV so I'm the guy who does this stuff. I mean, I go buy it and so somebody else puts the stuff in. But now I look, our next-door neighbor Bob has a TV and boy it is beautiful. And so I saw, it's a Vizio. So I'm like, oh, ok, Vizio, that's what I got to do, got to go to Vizio, because it's beautiful. And then I go and I see, ok, there's Vizio and ok, well is this many inches? Well that many inches? But there's like, there's different kinds of that many inches in Vizio. And like, I don't have any clue. So I call Christy.

And I say, Christy, may I talk to Steve? I said, Steve, I tell him just what I told you. I said, I need to know, I need you to just tell me what to get, ok. Will you tell me what to get. If you don't mind sending that in an email and then I'll have the email. Well so I get the email. So here's the email, and I'll read this to you. Here's the email I get from my brother in law who's sending it to me. So this is supposed to tell me exactly what to do.

He said, hey Andy, just took a look at Vizio TVs. Wow the technology is advancing so fast. Here's my take. Forget the E series, especially since you're so close to the TV in your sitting room. I'd opt for the P series, if you can get a CAT5 cable run directly to the TV. You'll notice the two specs that are visually oriented, there in the sitting room, you'll have the active LED zones and clear action, which are high on a P series. As much as you all watch movies or sports, you'd probably see the difference, but the one thing that's sell me was the AIDO 1.11 AC WiFi, that's the next generation internet specs. And if you want to stream shows and content like YouTube, there's a great advantage. You wanna upgrade your router, about a 150 dollars but you'll be glad you did. I'm not sure what kind of broadband packaging you have but you wanna fast connection. I'd get 50meg option from media comp. Be best to get it right from the hub when you do the switch, run a CAT5 cable directly to TV. If you can't get the CAT5 cable, you might wanna think about the M series. Let me know if you have any questions.

Are you kidding me? Here's what I sent back to Steve. Just so that you know. I said, hey thanks, I think. You definitely figured out what I need, now if I could figure out what you told me to do, I'd be set. I think I'll have to get you and S.B. together because I don't know what the crap any of that is. But I'm darn glad that you do. Otherwise I'd probably be watching slides of the Grand Canyon on a view master for the rest of my life. Ok, well I'm home this weekend. So let's take a breath and we'll go after this. Thank you very much.

**David:** Unbelievable. I would've thought you're joking, except that you have just pulled out your computer and you're really reading this, the mail.

**Andy:** Well I mean, the guy's speaking English. I mean, it's English.

**David:** Ok, so this addresses Jonathan's question perfectly. So that style of communication, that Steve just sent to you in an email, is that something, how did Jonathan say it, he said, is that something that, is that how they were raised or is that just how their brain was designed to work? And if it's how their brain was designed to work, can it be changed or should be changed?

**Andy:** You know, that's an extreme example, I think. I probably read that to be funny, because the truth there is, probably, that Steve's really smart and I'm stupid. I mean, that's probably the truth.

**David:** Steve's sitting somewhere and nodding his head right now.

**Andy:** Yeah, but when you get down to the communication and the way people communicate, there are so many differences, there really are. I mean, there are differences in boys and girls. You know, I'll never forget a friend and his wife, they have two boys and two girls. And so, a friend and his wife were at our house one day and I'd come into a room and it's about dinnertime, and Polly says to me, a little bit exasperated, she says, will you go get the boys? They're in there, watching something on TV in the playroom. I have called them twice. Tell them to come to dinner now. So now I'm like, wow, what is this?

**David:** They're going to miss you yes.

**Andy:** Yeah, we're not minding, what's? So I lay my head in and I said, hey guys, we have company here, your mother has called you twice and you haven't come in. Get in here now. That's what I said. And I see their face, I see them look at each other and as I'm waiting for them to get up and get in there, they said, dad, she didn't call us. They're looking at each other, did she call us? Dad, she didn't call us. She didn't call us. So I'm like, what? So I go in and we all go in there, and I said, hey guys, you washed your hands? No sir. Go wash your hands. So they go wash their hands. So now it's just Polly, me and our friends in there. And I said, hey dear, um, they said that you never called them. And her eyebrows go up. And Liz and then Bob, laughs. He said, oh that's just a guy thing. And I said, what? And Bob said, well we have two boys and two girls. And do we see the difference Liz? And Liz said, oh absolutely. She said, I can say, if all four of them are watching TV, I can say, time for dinner and the girls will get up immediately and walk right in. And the guys will just totally sit there. And she said, I have to go and I have to kind of get in front and I have to do this, (clapping hands), in front of their face. Guys, hey guys, hey time for dinner. And they go, oh, oh, ok, alright. And so, Bob said, it's just that it's a focus difference that you see in boys and girls. And Bob said, I'm kind of like that, because in my office, Bob said, that I've had situations where something happen and I told my assistant, why didn't you tell me this? And she said, Bob, I did tell you this. And he's like, there's no way you did. She said, Bob I told you such and such. And Bob said, well did I say anything? She said, well I don't remember but I told you. And so Bob said, I had to have a new rule. And my new rule was, if I don't acknowledge yes I heard you, yes I will do that, yes I will prepare for that or yes I'll write that. If I don't acknowledge you, please do not consider me told.

**David:** Say that again. Write it again, whatever.

**Andy:** Yeah. And so there are so many different ways and even with our boys. You know, Austin is very, Austin has been 40 years old ever since he was six. And so Austin's a rule follower, Austin is a, he wants to have every t crossed, every I dotted, he wants to have that. And Adam is more, he's just like, he's like his poor dad. He's kind of crazy, all over the place. And so we have to talk to them in a different way. And so, one day we're probably do a podcast in some of the different ways we communicate with different people. But he didn't ask us to go into those ways, he just said, are there differences? And the answer is, yes.

**David:** Yes, there are differences.

**Andy:** Thank you for joining us.

**David:** To be continued on the 24-hour marathon, the Andy Andrews podcast, at some point. Wow that's great. Andy thanks for your thoughts. Jonathan thanks for another strong question. We love getting these, keep sending them at [intheloop@andyandrews.com](mailto:intheloop@andyandrews.com). Call us, leave us a voicemail 1800 726 Andy, that's 1800 726 2639. Leave us your name, where you're calling from and your question. And we will address that on a future episode. Andy are there any parting, what was the one?

**Andy:** Well here's one thing I do wanna say. As we leave, we said before, the whole reason we do this podcast is to create value in the lives of other people. And so I want you to know that I'm very serious about that. And so if, you know, as I listen to myself or as I listen to what we do here, I listen to you, I am always asking that question. Now if you're ever confused and you've certainly might be confused about today's episode, say, what the heck value could that have? I'll tell you exactly the value that it would have. There are families that don't communicate well. And there are people who have children that they think of this or they think



something's wrong. Or that we've got two boys and this one does the right thing and this one always does the wrong. And it's just not true. And so, even though we're not giving you more specific examples today, what we want to provide for you is perspective, we want to provide for you with today's episode, that it is a normal thing for people to communicate differently. And just because people don't communicate exactly like you do, you don't have to worry that they're being disrespectful. Or you don't have to worry that something's wrong with your children or your spouse or your mother. You know, we are different and we just need to learn to communicate differently. Now some of us, you know, when you get to my brother in law and me, he's just flat out smarter than I am. And it just shows up in a huge way. But other than that, we can usually gather the ways to communicate. So just, we can be calm about it.

**David:** That's great. Well Andy thanks for your time, for your thoughts, for your perspective. And we will talk to you next week.

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