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## Women Are Always Trying to Gain Power

In any relationship, there's always an underlying power dynamic at play. This is part of the natural ebb and flow between two individuals. But when it comes to relationships with women, it's crucial to understand that **women are constantly testing the balance of power**—not because they're manipulative, but because it's part of how they assess their place in the relationship. By subtly testing and trying to shift the balance of power, women gauge your **strength, confidence**, and ability to lead.

When you grasp this dynamic, you can maintain control in the relationship while still allowing it to feel natural and balanced. In this section, we'll explore how women use subtle power moves and why **maintaining your frame** is essential for keeping the balance in your favor.

### Subtle Power Moves: How Women Shift the Power Dynamic

Women don't always overtly try to gain power in relationships—**subtlety** is key. These power moves are often so nuanced that they might go unnoticed if you're not paying close attention. From a woman's perspective, testing the power balance is not about domination but about **seeking security**. She wants to know if you're capable of holding your own in the relationship. If you give up power too easily or fail to maintain your frame, she may start to lose respect for you, even if it's on a subconscious level.

Here are a few **subtle power moves** that women use to test the balance of power in a relationship:

#### Example 1: Changing Plans at the Last Minute

One of the most common ways women test power is by **changing plans at the last minute**. This might seem like a harmless, casual adjustment, but it's often a subtle test. Imagine you've made plans to go out on a date, and she suddenly suggests doing something else or rescheduling. If you immediately agree without hesitation, it signals that you're willing to adjust your plans to suit her needs, and she gains a small amount of control in the relationship.

How to handle it: **Hold your frame**. A confident man doesn't instantly bend to changes in plans. If she wants to change something, weigh your options. If the change is reasonable, go

with it, but make sure it's clear that **you're still in control** of the decision. For instance, you could say, "We can adjust, but I'd prefer we stick to what we planned this time." This shows you're flexible, but not someone who will be easily swayed.

### **Example 2: Testing Boundaries with Complaints**

Another subtle power move is when women start **testing your boundaries** by making small complaints or criticisms. She might say something like, "Why do you always hang out with your friends so much?" or "I don't like that shirt you're wearing." These small criticisms are ways to see how you'll react. If you get defensive or try too hard to accommodate her opinions, you're giving away power.

How to handle it: Stay calm and **non-reactive**. A woman respects a man who isn't easily rattled by her comments. If she tests you with complaints, you can smile, brush it off, or even turn it into a playful moment. For example, if she complains about your shirt, you can say, "Well, good thing you're not wearing it." This shows that you're confident and comfortable with yourself, and that you won't let small comments shake you.

## **Maintaining Your Frame: The Importance of Control Without Being Controlling**

While it's important to maintain control in a relationship, you must avoid coming across as **controlling**. There's a fine line between **leading with confidence** and becoming overbearing. Women are naturally drawn to men who maintain their frame—those who lead without needing to dominate every situation.

Here's why **maintaining your frame** is crucial:

- **Emotional Stability:** Holding your frame demonstrates that you're emotionally stable and confident. Women test power dynamics because they want to know if you can handle pressure without losing control. If you remain calm and composed, no matter what tests or power moves she throws at you, it signals that you're a man she can rely on. Emotional stability is incredibly attractive because it makes her feel secure.
- **Non-Reactivity:** One of the keys to keeping control without being controlling is **non-reactivity**. When she tests you, whether through emotional outbursts, small complaints, or changes in plans, your ability to remain non-reactive is what keeps the balance of power in your favor. Reacting emotionally or defensively only gives her control over your emotional state, which can shift the power dynamic away from you.

### Example 3: The Silent Treatment

A classic example of a woman testing power is through the **silent treatment**. She may become distant or stop communicating for a while, hoping to see how you react. The silent treatment is a way for her to test whether you'll chase after her or try too hard to "fix" the situation. If you panic and start bombarding her with texts or asking what's wrong, you're giving her control of the emotional dynamic.

How to handle it: **Don't chase**. If she gives you the silent treatment, give her space, and don't feel the need to immediately fix things. Often, the best response is to wait for her to come back on her own terms. When she sees that her absence hasn't affected your emotional state, she'll realize that you're in control of your own emotions, and she'll come back with more respect for you.

### Example 4: Playing Hard to Get

Another way women test the balance of power is by **playing hard to get**. She may delay responding to texts, act disinterested, or pretend she's too busy for a date. While this can be frustrating, it's often just a way to see how much you'll pursue her and how secure you are in yourself.

How to handle it: Don't fall into the trap of over-pursuing. Maintain your **self-respect** and don't chase too hard. Show interest, but always let her come to you. When you remain calm and don't get flustered by her lack of enthusiasm, you demonstrate that you're not desperate. This makes you more attractive and maintains the power dynamic in your favor.

## The Balance of Power: Why It's Crucial in Relationships

Relationships are a **dance of power**. If the balance tips too far in either direction, it can create instability. If a woman feels like she has all the control, she may lose respect for you and become disinterested. On the other hand, if you try to dominate the relationship without giving her any input, she may feel trapped or resentful. The goal is to create a **balanced dynamic** where you maintain control without being controlling.

- **Power Through Respect:** A healthy relationship is one where the power dynamic is balanced through **mutual respect**. When a woman respects you, she'll naturally allow you to lead, without feeling the need to constantly test or challenge your authority. This respect comes from your ability to hold your frame, remain emotionally stable, and demonstrate that you can handle the ups and downs of the relationship.

- **Lead, Don't Control:** There's a big difference between **leading** and **controlling**. A leader guides the relationship with confidence, providing direction without stifling the other person. A controlling person, on the other hand, tries to micromanage every aspect of the relationship, which leads to resistance and resentment. Women want to feel like they're with a man who knows what he's doing, but they don't want to feel like they're being **dominated** or suffocated.

## Conclusion

Women are always testing the **power dynamics** in relationships, but that doesn't mean you have to lose control or fall into the trap of trying to dominate. By recognizing **subtle power moves**—like changing plans, testing boundaries, or playing hard to get—you can respond in a way that **maintains your frame** without becoming overbearing.

The key is to stay **calm, non-reactive, and emotionally stable**. When you hold your frame and lead with confidence, women will naturally follow your lead without feeling the need to constantly test the power balance. It's a delicate dance, but once you master it, you'll find that your relationships are smoother, more balanced, and built on mutual respect.

Next, we'll dive into **The Weapons Women Use Against You**, a critical section that will help you recognize the subtle and not-so-subtle tactics women use to test your strength and gain leverage in the relationship.