

LEFT OR RIGHT

We left-handed people tend to lack pride (1) means that we rarely complain about having to live in a “right-handed” world. We make (2) demands and we avoid a fuss. I used to say whenever someone watched me sign my name and remarked that they were also left-handed: “You, and me and Leonardo da Vinci!” That was a weak joke, (3) it contained my often-unconscious desire to belong to the Left Pride, a social movement that (4) far doesn’t exist but I hope may one day come. There are many false stories about left-handed people (5) circulation: for example, a few decades ago someone wrote that Picasso was left-handed, and many kept repeating it, but the proof is all (6) the contrary. The great genius, Einstein, (7) often still claimed as one of ours, also (8) proof. And, sadly, there is also no truth (9) the myth that the left-handed tend to be smarter or more creative. (10) the great amount of research that has been carried out, researchers in the field find it hard to decide precisely what we mean (11) left-handed. Apparently a third of those (12) write with their left hand throw a ball with their right. (13) those who use their right hand for writing rarely throw with their left. The skill of writing is one that becomes crucial at the most impressionable age and defines (14) you will call yourself. I have never used scissors, baseball bat, hockey stick or computer mouse with anything but my right. (15) So, I still regard myself as left-handed as (16) everyone else.