

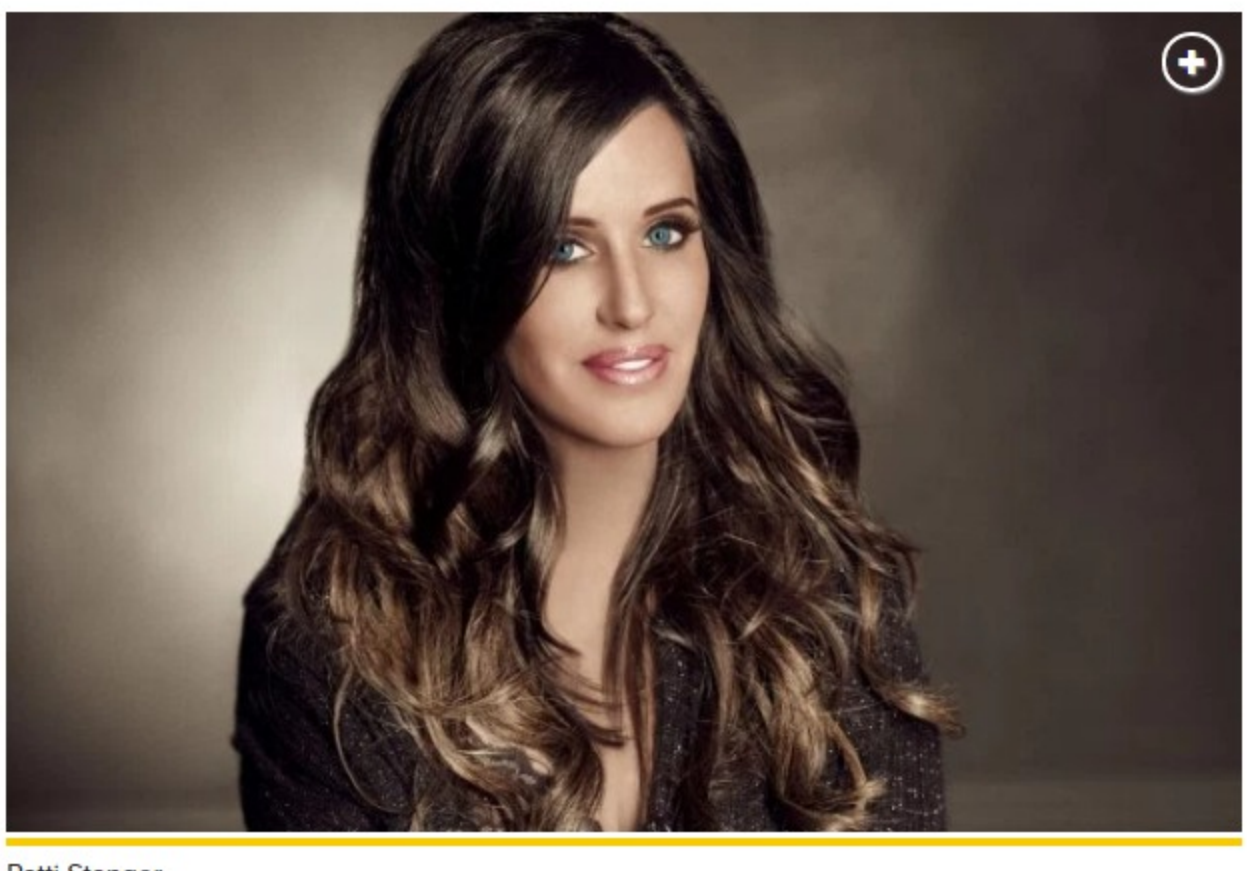


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# Patti Stanger thinks NYC is a 'cesspool'

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Love guru and matchmaking expert **Patti Stanger** knows firsthand how hard the dating scene is — especially in New York City.

"In the male world, they scan you and go, 'Not my f—king type,' but when it's their type, they go slow. They won't hit it and quit it," the 56-year-old **"Million Dollar Matchmaker"** host told Page Six exclusively. "They know the value in you. New York City is a cesspool. It's worse than LA to date because there aren't enough men and we're zip-code snobs."

Only adding to the problem are dating apps, though Stanger admitted she's currently using Bumble to check out the dating pool because she eventually wants to develop her own dating app.

"They're getting their love tank filled up by the attention on the apps, so they don't even feel like they need to take you out to dinner, and it's very different now," she told us. "Men are just not men."

Women, Stanger said, have a harder time than ever these days because "childish" men are becoming too "intimidated" by female success.

"When it trickles down to dating, it's even worse because now you're blaming us that we're not only taking care of the kids, we're paying the bills, we got an education but now we're too smart and now you feel intimidated," she explained. "Get the f—k out of here. Grow the f—k up. It takes three incomes to make it, not two. Now they're blaming us. They're like children, and all they want to do is sit at home and watch Netflix."

Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule. Stanger cited **Amal Clooney** as a prime example of a successful woman who figured it all out.

"We all need to take classes from Amal. We need to go to the school of Amal," Stanger said. "We have to learn how to rope the man in, how to get babies when they're too old and they don't want them. I mean, I want to talk to her. She's my hero, and she has a fabulous career. I think she's awesome."

Stanger also revealed that her favorite Hollywood couple is **Mila Kunis** and **Ashton Kutcher**, but she said she worries about **Jessica Simpson** and **Eric Johnson**.

"I think she was going up and down trying to be skinny and doing everything she can, and I just hope they don't get divorced," Stanger said. "She made so much money so fast. She did such a fabulous job with her career [on] the branding side. I would just hate to see that happen because of the volatility."

In terms of divorce, however, Stanger noted that the **Brad Pitt–Angelina Jolie** split was enough divorce news for a while.

"I think we had enough for the next five years with Angelina and Brad," she quipped. "He's got to earn the trust back, but at least he got help. You've got to love him for going to rehab. He said **he was 'numbing himself'** his whole life with drugs and alcohol, but amen to him for getting help."

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