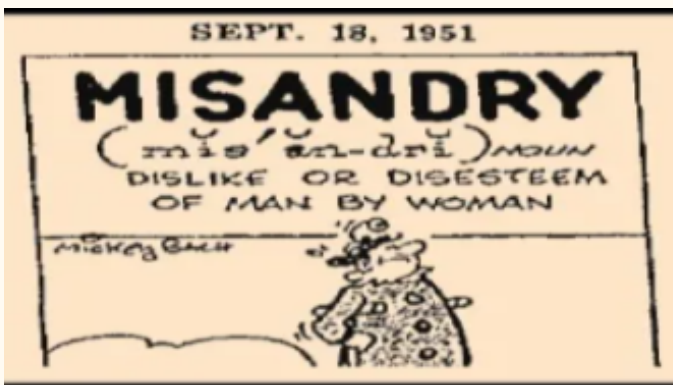


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Misogyny and Misandry

Misogyny

Misogyny, rooted in male-dominated systems, leads to unfair treatment and undervaluing of women. It shows up in biases and discrimination, keeping women from equal opportunities. This bias is seen in things like women getting paid less and having fewer healthcare options.

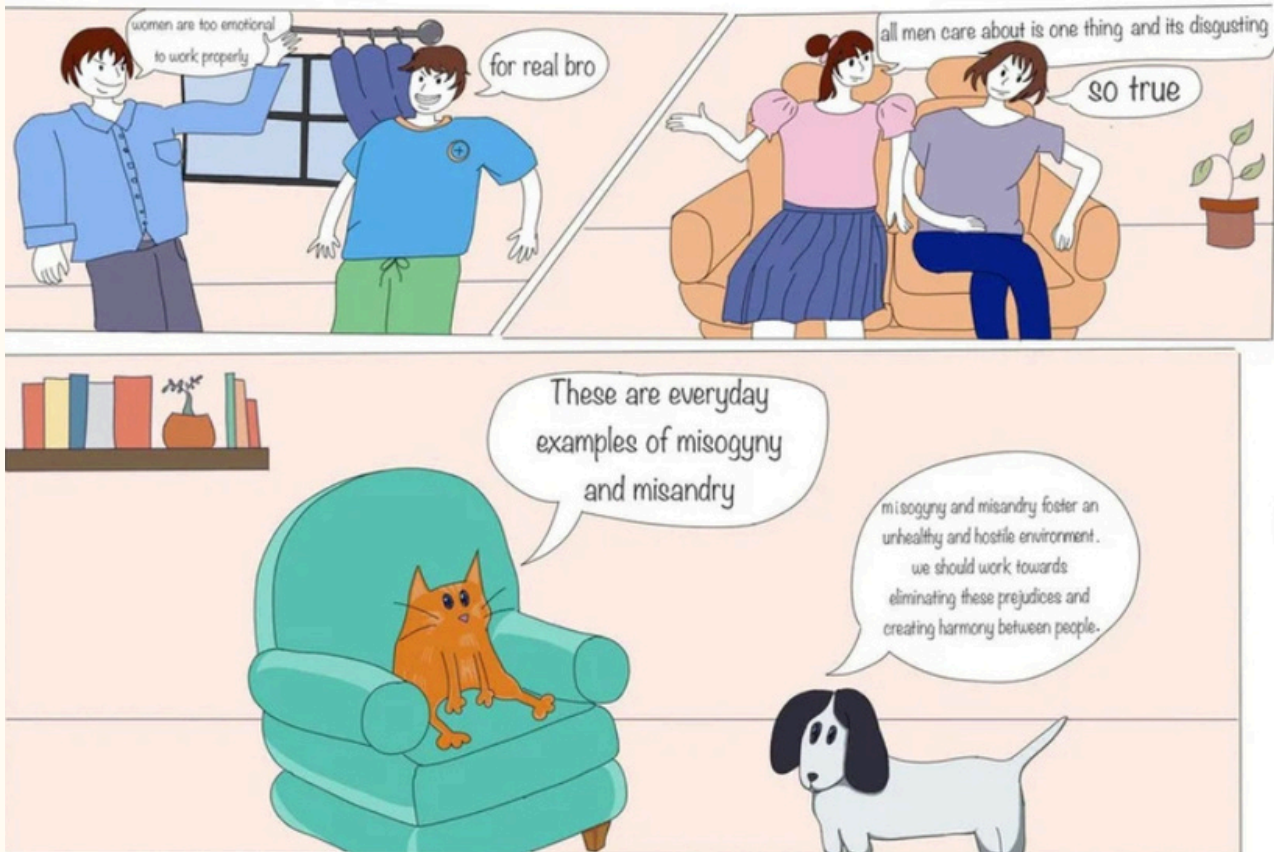


Misandry

Misandry is bias against men. It intersects with other biases, especially affecting marginalized men. Cultural depictions reinforce harmful stereotypes. Institutional practices, like family law, reflect and sustain misandry.

“Misogyny is oppression, Misandry is response.”

The deeper we dive into the topic, one thing becomes increasingly clear: the root cause of both these forms of sexism is none other than patriarchy. Now what, exactly, is patriarchy? Simply put, it's a social system in which positions of dominance and privilege are held by men. Patriarchy, meaning a male-centred, male-identified, and male-dominated social system, is the source of continuing inequality between women and men. Thus, it becomes essential to combat the undertones of patriarchy that still exist to this date. To do this, it is essential to address and challenge the underlying structures and beliefs that perpetuate gender inequality.



Case Study: Misogyny in the Rap Industry

The emergence of misogyny in rap music coincided with the rise of gangsta rap in the 1980s, despite rap's origins in the 1970s among African Americans and Caribbean immigrants in the Bronx (NYC).

Misogyny in rap is perpetuated through various means, including blaming women to express dissatisfaction and promoting the notion that women should be responsible for men's actions. These themes are often intertwined with the sexual objectification of women and the hypersexuality of Black men depicted in lyrics, reinforcing long standing stereotypes about Black sexuality rooted in colonialism and slavery.

More recently, Kanye West's album 'Vultures 1', featuring Ty Dolla Sign, has drawn attention for its increased level of misogyny. While there was once a sense of irony in his music, it appears to be fading, with recent lyrics containing extremely misogynistic remarks.

Unfortunately, this trend extends beyond Kanye to much of the rap industry, influencing the ideologies of millions of listeners and raising concerns.

Female rappers are actively challenging male domination and striving to empower women in their music. However, even songs by female artists today can contain a mix of themes that both challenges yet perpetuate misogynistic ideas.

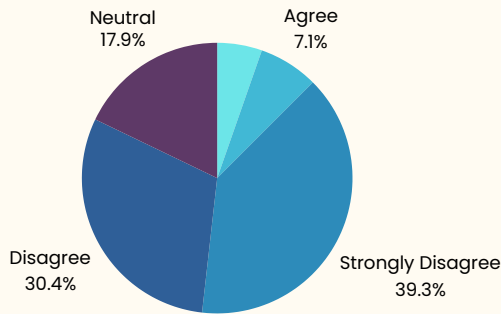
Addressing the portrayal of women in rap music necessitates addressing the underlying conditions in which it is created. These conditions intersect with socio-economic disadvantages and associated gender relations in local communities, the material interests of the record industry, and broader cultural norms of hegemonic masculinity and the objectification of women.

(Hegamonic: dominant or controlling influence)

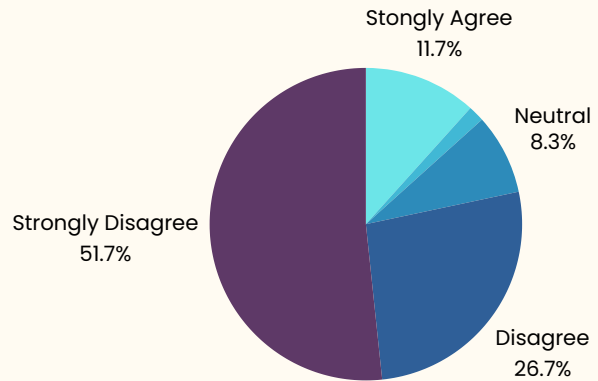
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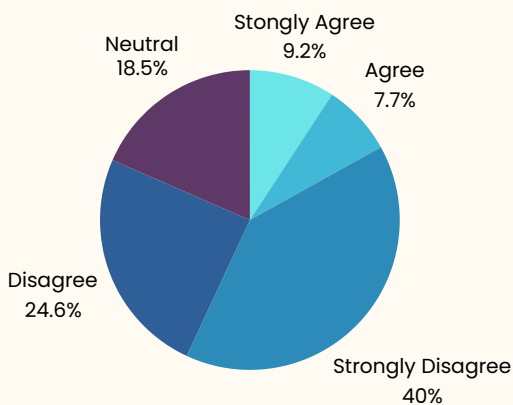
I. "The cultural concept of masculinity that encourages males to not portray all emotions freely, be strong, dominant and adhere to certain rules." This is my idea of masculinity.



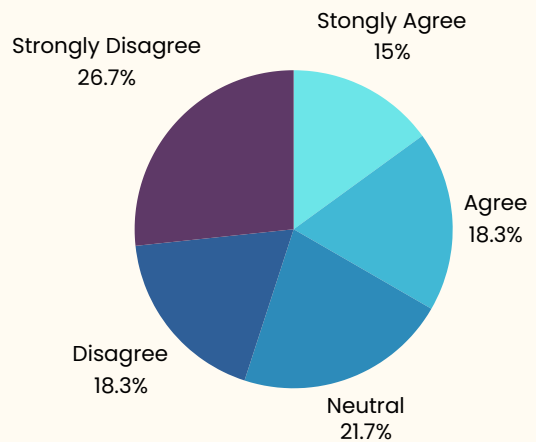
IV. My male peers at school are more likely to get higher marks than my female peers in subjects such as physics, math and computer science.



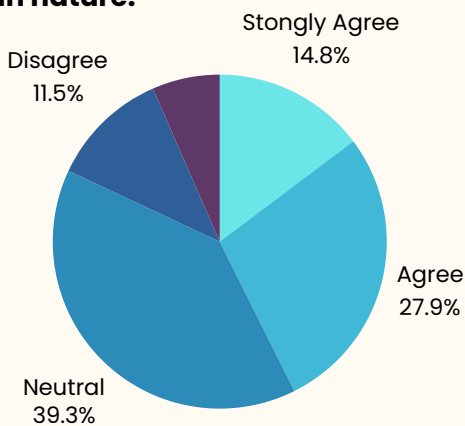
II. "Set of attributes associated with females such as being gentle, submissive, attaining certain beauty standards." This is my idea of femininity.



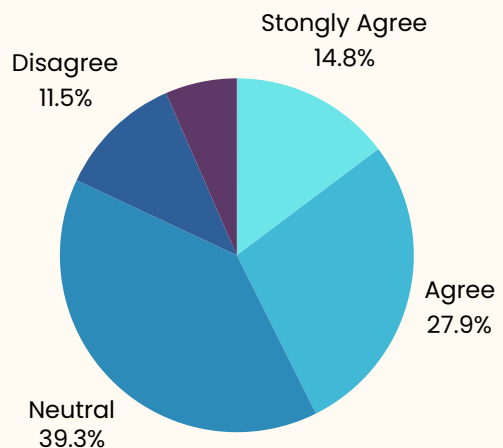
V. If things were not categorized as feminine or masculine, I would definitely be a different person.



III. Media (social media, TV shows, movies, etc) perpetuates beliefs that are misogynist or misandrist in nature.



VI. Do you think reservations for women in professional and academic institutions is fair towards people of all genders?



Significance of this Topic

DISCUSSING MISOGYNY AND MISANDRY IS CRUCIAL!

In today's world, shedding light on misogyny and misandry is crucial. These forms of gender-based hatred can deeply impact individuals and society, and more than often, go unnoticed or internalized. By discussing them, we can promote self-awareness and a more inclusive society.

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

A hate crime refers to crimes or offensive acts which are perceived as attacks based on prejudices against the victim's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, trans-gender identity or such other aspects.

An ongoing debate in the British parliament has been about making misogyny a hate crime.

Critics of this appeal say that if misogyny gets to become a hate crime, why shouldn't misandry as well.

Hatred against men in society is prevalent, but the incidences of the same and the magnitude, as has been seen throughout history is nowhere near the same for the abuse women have faced.

EXAMPLES OF TOXIC FEMININITY

- "Women who only support other women when it's convenient for their image."
- "You have to shave your armpits and legs to be feminine."
- "Assuming that a woman is on her period if she is upset about something."

EXAMPLES OF TOXIC MASCULINITY

- *When men actively avoid vulnerability*
- *Ignoring personal traumas*
- *Exhibit prejudice in behaviours against women*



Internet and Social Media



WHY SHOULD IT BE ADDRESSED

Children and others face a barrage of sexist media messages, shaping their perceptions and limiting life choices. These messages reinforce gender stereotypes, depicting men as holders of power and knowledge while reducing women to objects, encouraging unwarranted comments on their appearance. Online sexism exacerbates these issues, driving women away from online spaces and inflicting real harm. The digital nature of online abuse creates a lasting impact, as abusive or mocking behavior leaves a permanent digital footprint that is challenging to erase and can be easily disseminated.

EXAMPLES OF SEXISM IN MEDIA

A sexualised depiction of women in the media. An all-male TV show. Media reporting on violence against women which blames the victim. Journalists, most often women, receiving comments on social media based on their appearance instead of the issues they discuss. Internet applications sending some job adverts to men only because algorithms are built in a discriminatory way.

A few steps each one of us can take

- CHALLENGE GENDER STEREOTYPES: QUESTION GENDER ROLES AND STEREOTYPES THAT REINFORCE GENDER NORMS. ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AUTHENTICALLY REGARDLESS OF SOCIETAL EXPECTATIONS.
- REFLECT ON OUR OWN ACTIONS: TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO EXAMINE YOUR OWN LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOR TOO - REFLECT ON THE IMPACT OF THE WORDS YOU USE AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES.
- EDUCATION AND AWARENESS: EDUCATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS ABOUT THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF THE PATRIARCHY, UNDERSTANDING ITS ORIGINS AND HOW IT MANIFESTS IN SOCIETY IS CRUCIAL FOR CREATING CHANGE.
- ADDRESS SEXIST JOKES: WHEN A PEER MAKES A SEXIST JOKE, CALL THEM OUT ON IT. DON'T BE AFRAID TO TELL THEM IF IT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE AND EXPLAIN WHY SUCH JOKES CONTRIBUTE TO A CULTURE OF SEXISM.

