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ABSTRACT

The Thesis investigates online collective discourse identities in digital media platforms, focusing on discussions of feminism on Reddit and X. The study applies the comparative analysis method, which allows to conduct a comprehensive study of linguistic components and computermediated communication modalities constituting the collective identity on chosen threads from both platforms. The empirical part shows that linguistic components are predominant in composing online discourse. These include references, slang, language expressions, features of verbal communication, abbreviations, *etc.* The findings also reveal a relatively rare variety of occurrences of computer-mediated modalities except for emoticons, which are widespread on X, but not Reddit. Despite Reddit having no limits on word count per comment, it has the smallest number of occurrences of language expressions. The overall setting of both platforms leans towards negativity, manifested by a remarkable presence of vulgar language, crude expressions, and profanity.

Keywords: collective identity, computer-mediated communication, online discourse, X, Reddit, feminism, social networking

INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, with the huge plummet of the Internet and the high rise of demand for digital platforms, the communication between people presumably occurs in the virtually constructed environment. In this context, the topic of feminism was selected since gender, social, and economic inequality remain relevant in the contemporary world. Consequently, the research aims to provide insights into what people write about this subject, and how they respond to certain criticism in the online environment. The Thesis also focuses on developing a comprehensive analysis of the construction of the online collective discourse identity.

The **aim** of the present Thesis is to conduct a comparative analysis of the construction of online collective discourse identities on Reddit and X in the comment section on the topic of feminism. The dimension of feminism has been selected due to its relevance among the netizens, as demonstrated by active engagement and a high number of threads/comments. In order to achieve the aim, the following **objectives** have been set:

- 1. To review scientific literature on online discourse, computer-mediated communication, and collective identity;
- 2. To categorize the collected data according to their linguistic and computer-mediated communication (CMC) features, characteristic of online discourses;
- 3. To compare online collective discourse identities of the selected two digital media platforms.

The theoretical part of the Thesis will overview previous relevant research studies on social and collective identities. Theories on discourse studies, the correlation between social and collective identities were implemented to the Thesis that are outlined by Jacquelien Van Stekelenburg (2013), alongside with the foundations of collective identity in discourse, described by Alexander David Brown (2006). Reddit and X (formerly Twitter) [July 23, 2023] were chosen as primary digital media platforms because these two platforms provide a space for netizens to freely voice their opinions about social, economic, political, cultural, and other subjects. These platforms also give a possibility for users to create communities within the platforms, which implies that the discourse of each community may vary depending on the topic it focuses on. Followingly, the language use in the community is unique and is highly influenced by media

language itself that forms through *Computer-Mediated Communication* (CMC), which has been highlighted in research on metalinguistic discourse by British linguist David Crystal (2001) and Janis Androutsopoulos (2006). Consequently, the specific discourse nuances may be revealed through analysis, as, for instance, has been shown in studies devoted to examination of practices on social networking platforms by Anthony Longo (2023) and Michele Zapavigna (2012).

Thereupon, the practical part of the Thesis seeks to examine and compare the linguistic aspects language expressions, abbreviations, slang, newly generated words, spelling, punctuation, and more. As well it will examine computer-mediated modes, such as emoticons, multimodality, visual elements, in the discourse of netizens in the comment sections of the selected digital platforms by applying Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis (CMDA) outlined by Susan Herring (2004). Sequentially, these aspects collectively contribute to the construction of the online collective discourse identity in digital media platforms.

The results are hoped to provide insights on the impact of language choices on the formation of an online collective discourse identity from a comparative perspective. To date, studies on feminism on the Internet have mostly focused on the influence of misogyny, women's abuse, harassment, and more in the digital sphere. For instance, Alichie (2020) investigates the correlation between gender and online representations of misogyny. Rowe and Wiper (2017) examine attacks on feminists on online discourse. The existing studies by various scholars in the field of CMC emphasize the significance of examining both linguistic and CMC choices forming online discourse identities. This is why the present Thesis centres on a linguistic perspective of digital feminism discourse, seeking to identify aspects which build collective discourse identity of users on general feminism-related topics. Consequently, this study aims to underscore the importance of examining linguistic diversity in discussions of feminism, which plays a pivotal role in shaping the online discourse identities of specific social networking platforms. Moreover, considering the established online discourse identities on Reddit and X, the research hopes to unveil the tendencies of shaping online discourse identity within the digital platforms. The Thesis seeks to contribute to a deeper understanding and further analysis of online discourse identities. Henceforth, the following **hypothesis** for the Thesis has been posited:

The predominant online collective discourse identities identified within discussions on feminism on Reddit and X will carry a negative connotation, which will be communicated through

the language and computed-mediated communication (CMC) features applied in the online environment.

The Thesis consists of four parts, a summary, a reference list, and two appendices. Part I, *Insights into online discourse, computer-mediated communication, and collective identity* develops the theoretical framework for the concepts needed for analysis as outlined in the Introduction. Part II, *Methodology*, lays out the framework and criteria for data collection and analysis. In Part III, *Data analysis data of the established collective discourse identities in the social platforms Reddit and X*, the analysis of the two social networking platforms is developed. In particular, the section explores specific linguistic features and properties of the CMC on each of the platforms and then compares them in between. Part IV, *Conclusions*, summarize the results of the study. A summary in Lithuanian, a reference List and two appendices conclude the Thesis.

INSIGHTS INTO ONLINE COLLECTIVITY, ONLINE DISCOURSE, COMPUTER-MEDIATED COMMUNICATION, AND COLLECTIVE IDENTITY

This part develops the theoretical framework for the analysis of discussions of feminism on the social networking platforms X and Reddit. First, it examines the following core notions of the chosen phenomena: computer-mediated communication, online collectivity, and online discourse. Then it will discuss the notion of social media from a linguistic perspective and will overview previous analyses of feminist topics in the virtual space.

1.1. Computer-Mediated Communication (CMC)

In the modern world, where communication in different spheres of life most of the time happens in digitally generated environment, the communication itself differs from the face-to-face interactions. British linguist David Crystal, who made a great contribution to the Internet discourse studies, defines the language of *Computer-Mediated Communication* (CMC) as a full of variety of linguistic features, including acronyms, emoticons and other variations of modalities of spoken and written elements (2001, p.155). To Crystal (2006, p. 55), serving as a bond between spoken and written discourses, CMC presents a "third medium" that is composed of hybrid elements of oral and textual communication.

The idea that modes of CMC are tightly linked to imitate a spoken conversation is further explored by Androutsopoulos (2006). He points out that in an online environment, CMC functions as a tool that substitutes spoken discourse and transforms it into a written one in a digital sphere, utilizing linguistic features, such as code switching, style shifting, and many more. This leads to the formation of progressive trends in online discourse, which alludes to the growth of digitally generated devices in the networked interaction that are maintained in a written form and, additionally to that, incorporate spoken linguistic features.

Nevertheless, digital environment is not only a place where people of all ages, religions and genders gather, but also a realm where anonymity is especially evident. Indeed, it is difficult to reveal the identity of the person with whom one has a conversation. Thus, for instance, the initial utilisation of CMC modes cannot distinguish between genders. Consequently, digital environment offers perfect settings for masking one's identity and provides a limited number of physical clues to facilitate the identification process of an online user (Danet 1998). Zelenkauskaite and Herring (2006) highlight the significance of typography and orthography, which operate as key elements

of CMC online users, revealing their "physical" identity. For instance, referring to users' ways of self-expression, researchers provide examples of irregular typographic equivalents for such non-vocal situations as emotions. These emotions are most often manifested through emoticons, their volume of speech indicated by a specific writing style where repetition of one letter or a sign is excessive (Zelenkauskaite and Herring 2006, p.1.).

1.1.1. Features of Internet language

As David Crystal (2001, p.3) outlined computer-mediated communication became a novel medium that sparked a "linguistic revolution" among with social and technological ones. This significant language shift in online environment brought innovative modalities of human communication practices *alias* features of language on the Internet that Crystal named *Netspeak* (2001, p.3). According to Crystal (2001) Netspeak captures the emerging forms of expressing narrative in digital platforms and adapts "features of speech and of writing to suit new medium" by employing features like emoticons, new vocabulary, animation, and more (p.4). Based on these features above, the classification of CMC modalities develops into two main categories. The first category includes variations of *linguistic features*, such as slang, acronyms, abbreviations, and non-standard writing practices (Squires 2010, p.470). The second category consists of *non-linguistic features* also called *visuals* (Wilson 2005), such as emoticons, GIFs, pictures, and videos.

1.1.1.1. Linguistic features

Computer-mediated communication incorporates linguistic features that are attributed to present in a written form a mix of informal language use as well with formally composed, and realtime communication (Rheingold 2000, p.51). To begin with, acronyms or abbreviations are elements that efficiently traverse with writing and informality as they reduce the number of letters by shortening the word or replacing letters with numbers (Squires 2010; McCulloch 2019). McCulloch (2019) provides an example of "I dunno" and "idk" being efficient in speech and efficient in writing respectively. This element is mostly used to save time and space as some digital platforms may have characters limitations on delivering a comment.

1.1.1.2. Non-linguistic features

CMC features are also represented by visuals, one of the first ones are emoticons. Emoticons convey a non-linguistic information through facial expression that first was illustrated as a smiley face in 1982 (Dresner & Herring 2010, p.249). Accordingly, through time the number of symbols

got bigger, and variations of emoticons also called emojis from facial expressions to illustrating day to day objects such as house or sun only enlarged. Moreover, the global usage enabled classification of emojis into Western emoticons written horizontally (e.g. ": -)"), and Japanese emoticons written vertically (e.g. "^__^") which are called *kaomoji* (ibid., p.250). Nevertheless, the initial usage of this global visual feature lays on enabling online users to present and express themselves in the online environment rather than depicting the world around them (McCulloch 2019). Similarly with GIFs - short repetitive on loop videos express online user's reaction or describe user's actions. By selecting a GIF or short on loop animations of animal, human, celebrity, or a cartoon character user is evoking it as a depiction of their own body in the given context. (McCulloch 2019).

1.2. Communities of Practice on the Internet

Belonging to the community has always been a longstanding aspect of every individual identity, as individuals constantly participate and engage in various communal connections encompassing professional, familial, academic, athletic, hobby-based and other spheres. The notion *communities of practice* (CofP), first presented by Wenger (1998, p. 2), describes the purpose of people in the context of a community, given that all people, in one way or another, are members of a community and are subconsciously unaware of belonging to one. Communities vary in size, formality, and places they are held, for instance, online or offline environment (Wenger-Trayner and Wenger-Trayner 2015, p.3). However, with the digital outbreak, the notion of face-to-face communities has changed as new, *digital formatted communities*, started to emerge in the digital space (Androutsopoulos 2006, p.422). Despite the fact that digital communities and those that exist offline are different in terms of place, activities, members, and structure, they are united by three main key aspects which apply to all types of communities: *a joint enterprise, a mutual engagement*, and *a shared repertoire* (Wenger 1998, p.2). All these three aspects play huge role in keeping communities up to date, collective, and constantly active.

The *joint enterprise* or "common interest" within the community serves as the main reason why the person is in that community. For instance, it might be a shared domain that brings various people from different places together. For instance, both in offline and online environments this domain can focus on a profession, sport, hobby, or a domain of political party supporters.

Mutual engagement unveils the community's activities. These vary from discussions, sending emails, calling, and answering messages, to replying to comments reposting threads, and many more. These activities are referred to as practices that are nurtured and diligently employed by the participants in a given community.

Lastly, the shared repertoire stands for the community's framework that enables the community to create or demonstrate their own new meanings, structure, and style. It is assumed that shared repertoire is generated through linguistic as well as CMC, or, non-linguistic, features, the latter also including pictorial, or sonic features. Accordingly, shared repertoire demands a routine where participants of the community develop through the time. Newly generated words, phrases, punctuation, or a particular style of writing are perceived as relatable to the community and gradually become a norm (Wenger 1998, p.2). In essence, it can be asserted that shared repertoire in the online community of practice consists of CMC features comprised of linguistic and non-linguistic attributes, which act as the main identification point of the given community and segregate it from other communities whether it be an offline or online community. The correlation of shared repertoire and identity was examined by Zhen and Watts (2008) who conducted a case study exploring online community through the concepts of practice and identity. Their findings reveal that a shared repertoire in the online environment formed of a set of digital discourse features developed over time by participants influences the development of a participant's discourse identity while shaping a collective discourse identity in the formation of a joint enterprise which represents a common interest (2008, p.55). Hence, it can be observed that shared repertoire is closely related to the internal structure of communication on the online environment, which points to the possibility of this structure forming online discourse identity of the community.

1.3. Identity and anonymity in the digital space

As stated above, the shared repertoire of CofP is a dominant aspect that represents identity of online communities through implying CMC modalities, the latter comprising both linguistic and non-linguistic features. However, can it be expected that the shared repertoire will reveal the essence of the community, and in particular, its linguistic identity? Before delving into the exploration of an online discourse identity, the notion of identity on the Internet in general should be investigated. With the implementation of the Internet, the identity of an online participant has come to be structured by completely different factors compared to real-life constructed identities which require physical presence, face-to-face interactions, where anonymity is not possible. Even though online identity involves presenting oneself in the digital realm, it possesses some peculiarities that vary from real-life constructed identities. According to Zhao et al. (2008):

"(...) in face-to-face interactions, identity is constructed under a unique set of constraints. The presence of the corporal body in social encounters prevents people from claiming identities that are inconsistent with the visible part of their physical characteristics (e.g., sex, race, and looks), and the shared knowledge of each other's social background and personality attributes renders it difficult for an individual to pretend to be what he or she is not" (p. 1817).

In fundamental terms, offline space provides a set where an individual is exposed to face-toface interactions, which a priori carries the main information about a person, such as gender, race, preliminary age, and, undoubtedly, appearance. In contrast, social media platforms usually encourage the creation of an account, which is in charge of constructing identity. Without a doubt, by creating an account, participants have a choice of creating a profile which represents their real selves (by providing information, such as name, surname, age, gender, location, and additional information demanded by the social media platform). Alternatively, participants may choose anonymity by refraining from sharing such personal details. Besides, there is a range of options how users can create an account. Some users might provide their real profile pictures, while others opt for fictional ones; some users provide their real names, while others choose nicknames. Meanwhile, anonymity offers a possibility of reshaping one's life story and real-life identity, which allows and simplifies the process of presenting online users differently. For instance, in the online environment, someone can assume different gender, a nerd can portray themselves as an athlete, and an introvert can be an extravert (Zhao et al. 2008, p.1818). This leads to the fact that Internet plays a crucial role in fostering one's identity, sometimes creating obstacles and preventing the smooth and comprehended functioning, which is the primary purpose of an online identity.

Likewise, the initial purpose behind creating an anonymous account may not be to pose a risk to others; rather, it can also serve to protect individual's data and preserve online privacy (Hoang & Pishva 2014, p.37). Nonetheless, in the online anonymous environment there is a visible absence of "accountability", "true" selves reveal themselves simultaneously by providing

stigmatized and controversial identities (Zhao et al. 2008, p.1819). Without the possibility to verify the given data, other online users are advised to approach anonymous accounts with caution and scepticism.

1.3.1. Collective online discourse identity

As mentioned in the preceding section, the intentions behind creating online accounts always vary in digital environment. Some users seek to create accounts for active engagement in the provided by certain social media activities, while others create them with the intention of expressing negative reflections about certain topics. Additionally, there are also users who opt for an incognito presence, abstaining from direct participation in the discussions and actions, yet remaining in the centre of the news and ongoing events.

In the online environment, incorporating an online identity into themselves by being part of a given community, all participants, begin to share their *social and personal identities* with other participants of this community since their beliefs and points of view converge (Deaux 1993, p.6). This suggests that the conceptualization of these two identities demonstrates the complexities of identity formation and integration, additionally emphasising the process of identity development in different realms (Jones & McEwen 2000, p.411).

As regards the main component of collective identity, Van Stekelenburg (2013, p.3) maintains that the shaping of a collective identity is strongly interconnected with *social identity*. Social identity incorporates the aspects of social movements and beliefs which serve as a booster for collective identity in taking action in connecting with other participants and initiating discussions by presenting beliefs and views on behalf of the community. However, as this statement is applicable to both offline and online communities, the views of collective identity in the online space are revealed through written verbalisation.

Exploring discursive manifestations of online identity, Brown (2006) notes that collective identity is constructed by the stories written by digital users, and these stories or narratives provide meaning to the collective entities they identify with. Consequently, collective identity is viewed as a "discursive construct" that is embedded and encoded into participants' narratives Brown (2006, p. 734). From a narrative perspective, while these essential linguistic formations build collective identities, they are not inherent to collectives; rather, linguistic elements help to form and define collectivity (Brown 2006, p.743). For instance, participants of a feminist community may establish

a shared linguistic pattern which may include new word formations, slang, or expressions that are transmitted through participants' narratives and mutual interactions.

Accordingly, this *discursive construct* in the language pattern of online environment forms users' understanding of a specific topic, their writing style, and their use of language. Outsiders of these discussions, reading through entire discourse, uncover the predominant positions and stances within the discourse. Conversely, participants of the discourse comprehend the process of interaction among its members much more easily, as they possess a collective perception of themselves "as an entity" (Pratt 2003, p. 165 as cited in Brown 2006, p. 733). For instance, it can become evident what opinions are mostly criticized and are not that welcomed within the forum, as well as which perspectives are deemed too controversial for the members of that specific online group participating in the discussion.

Principally, as Van Stekelenburg (2013, p.2) indicates, the collective identity is constantly under development and the primary aspect shaping this development are "collective actions" themselves. These can be associated with shared linguistic and non-linguistic norms that correspond with online practices distinguished by Wenger (1998).

1.4. X and Reddit

One of the leading social media platforms nowadays is "Twitter", now known as "X" [since July 23, 2023] due to the rebranding process. This platform is used for microblogging where shared posts, called *tweets*, are demonstrated to online participants from the latest to the earliest data, Zappavigna (2012, p.3). Additionally, tweets, later in the Thesis referred to as *comments*, may include hyperlinks, other multimedia, incorporated links, and other intertextualities, making tweets more computed-mediated (ibid., p.3). According to Longo (2023, p.4), content on X can be distinguished by the hashtag feature that categorizes bigger discourses and themes in the online environment. Hence, people tend to narrow down their search and connect with specific types of issues, leading to a personalized experience while using the platform. Another distinctive feature of this social platform is the limited number of characters per tweet, 280 characters. Still, like other platforms, X focuses on sharing information on a broad range of subjects around the world and thus serves an integral purpose in providing a place for people to speak up, express their opinions, and create small or big groups/communities where users can interact and contribute to further discussions about their specified topic.

In a similar vein, Reddit is regarded as one of the most captivating digital spaces where entertainment and news are brought together (De Choudhury and De 2014, p.71). This social media platform enables its users not only to write and publish posts, but also to supplement their text with other modes, such as pictures and video. Reddit also allows users to leave a comment or vote in the created polls (ibid., p.71). The posts on Reddit are called *subreddits*, whose content can be edited at any time, archived, and deleted. Additionally, these subreddits evolve into many micro subtopics, enabling Reddit users to subscribe and obtain notifications about them (Weninger, Zhu, & Han 2013, p.579). Along with that, what makes Reddit outstanding with respect to other social networking platforms is the function of *karma*. *Karma* allows users to gain points for their contribution to the post and comments if their provided information was insightful, entertaining, contributed to the following high-quality discussions, or did not break guidelines (p.580). This feature makes Reddit more proactive in giving perceptive and amusing information to other online users.

What Reddit and X have in common is an anonymous identity of the user. This feature facilitates conversations on sensitive topics, topics unsuitable for conventional discourse, social taboos, personal and confidential matters which gain great momentum and become highly popular (De Choudhury and De 2014, p.71). These topics, being less prevalent and often unwelcomed in everyday conversations, spark lengthy debates and raise internal micro conversations between online participants. As for the content shared on both platforms, a collective discourse identity strongly appears in topics such as social movements and ideologies. Essentially, this suggests that themes like politics, religion, LGBTQ+, feminism, and health cultivate communities of individuals with similar beliefs (Longo 2023, p.4). Subsequently, shared stories on movements and ideologies create a liaison between authors of aligned stories and readers, developing a sense of mutual support among them. This creates collective narratives that unify and maintain a dynamic concept of collective identity (p.6-7).

II. METHODOLOGY

The practical part of the Thesis explores a dataset compiled from Reddit and X platforms, examining it from the quantitative and qualitative perspectives. These two digital social networking platforms provide public access to all threads, thereby making them convenient sources for data collection and analysis.

The dataset consists of nine threads focused on the topic of feminism, manually collected from each platform. The data were further analysed with the help of the software *Voyant Tools*, an online-based platform that analyses and examines digital texts (Sinclair & Rockwell 2024). During the process of thread collection, the following criteria were adhered to:

- threads had to be written in English and were to centre on keywords related to feminism themes, such as #MeToo movement, gender equality, misogyny, women's rights, and women's empowerment;
- 2. each thread had to contain no less than 50 comments.

Threads from X were randomly selected by typing hashtags related to feminism in the search bar. The selected threads met the criteria mentioned above, and were pooled within the time frame from 5th of March of 2024 to 26th of March of 2024. Conversely, threads from Reddit were chosen on the basis of their archived status, which prevents further modifications. The difference between platform sample collections was based on the ease of access to threads for an outsider, Reddit's additional option to archive threads simplifies the process, while samples from X were required manually searching for relevant threads with keywords to feminism themes mentioned above, with at least 50 comments, which posed a difficulty for this study. This is why the time span of the selected Reddit threads covers the period from 2018 to 2023. The primary focus of data collection was laying on gathering an equivalent number of comments from both platforms to demonstrate that the same quantity of comments can generate different findings. As a result, threads were selected from Reddit communitites r/unpopularopinion, r/AskReddit, and r/dating. The total number of comments compiled from the two social platforms amounted to 999 with the total word count of 16,766. Three threads had actual titles, namely "Guys, what does the "Me Too" movement mean to you when it comes to dating?", "I'm a woman that finds most of the me too movement to be ridiculous", and "[Serious] Men of Reddit, what do you think about gender equality?".

Table 1 below shows the number of threads and total word count in the selected comments across Reddit and X.

Table 1. The number of threads and total word count in the selected comments across Reddit and X.

	Number of collected threads	Total word count	Number of collected comments
Reddit	3	10,237	464
Х	6	6,529	487

To facilitate the examination of the collected dataset, all comments from the threads were divided into two major groups as belonging to Reddit and X platforms, and then were further subdivided into smaller subgroups on the basis of the components they contained, namely *linguistic*, *visual*, or *mixed components*. All these elements can be further subdivided into smaller sections:

- Linguistic components: *slang*, *abbreviations*, *language expressions*, *references*, *features of verbal communication*;
- Visual components: *emoticons*, *pictures*, and *GIFs*;
- Mixed components include various combinations of linguistic and visual components used simultaneously in the same comment, *slang* plus *abbreviations*, or *emoticons plus language expressions*, and *references*, or *features of verbal communication* plus *GIFs*.

The classification of these components was formed on the basis of CMC features distinguished by Crystal (2001), Squires (2010), Dresner & Herring (2010), and McCulloch (2019). However, the linguistic components *language expressions* and *references* were added to this classification by the author of this Thesis following the preliminary analysis of the findings on Reddit and X platforms.

The gathered data were arranged into tables and charts, and were categorized by frequency of occurrences, evaluation patterns, average length of the comment on a thread, and word count. Drawing numerical data from these parameters constitutes the quantitative component of the present Thesis. The qualitative part develops a comparative analysis, building on the foundation on framework of the Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis (CMDA) developed by Susan Herring (2004), which relies on employing the linguistic perspective in explorations of online communication. To facilitate comprehension of digital environment, CMDA focuses on investigating multimodal communication, participants' interaction, and the construction of the overall affective context in the given online community. In the present analysis, online collective discourse identities are perceived through their participants' insights on the topic of feminism expressed by means of linguistic, visual, and mixed components. The collected threads were examined in terms of similarities, differences, and the prevailing mood constructed in them.

The findings of this Thesis seek to deepen understanding of how the participants' choice of language presents a vital key in defining a collective online discourse identity in the selected online platforms and online discourse, more generally. It is also noteworthy that, in the process of conducting the analysis, the author of this Thesis positions herself as an observer in both Reddit and X platforms and abstains from participation in the relevant threads.

III. ANALYSIS OF THE COLLECTIVE DISCOURSE IDENTITIES ON REDDIT AND X

3.1. Findings on Reddit

The sample collection process on Reddit platform was distinguished for its voluminous texts that participants left under the threads. Nevertheless, the following data was distinguished into linguistic components, visual components, and mixed components. In total, three posts contained 464 unique comments on discussions about feminism, each of which was thoroughly examined to establish the collective discourse identity of these three posts. A total of 453 comments were found in the linguistic components section which constitutes the majority and were subsequently investigated. The Table 2 clearly illustrates all gathered data along with the categories and their respective numbers.

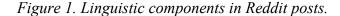
Table 2. All linguistic, visual, and mixed findings from Reddit posts.

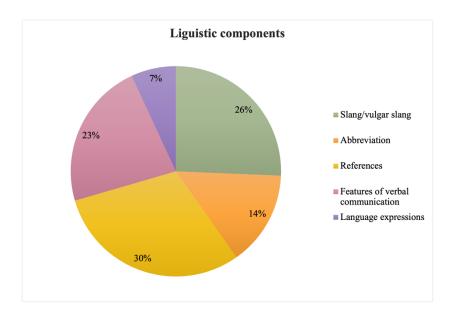
3.1.1. Linguistic components

To start with, Figure 1 demonstrates the usage of different linguistic components in three Reddit threads that combine 453 unique comments. As the chart shows, the prevailing linguistic

		REDDIT	
Thread titles	Linguistic com- ponents	Visual components	Mixed compo- nents
"Guys, what does the "Me Too" movement mean to you when it comes to dating?"	115	5	0
"I'm a woman that finds most of the me too movement to be ridic- ulous"	91	2	3
"[Serious] Men of Reddit, what do you think about gender equality?"	246	1	1
		Total:	464

component are *references* that stand for 30%, *slang and profane language* peak at 26%, and *features of verbal communication* are located at 23%. Hence, the least used linguistic components are *abbreviations* and *language expressions* that stand at 14% and 7% respectively. One outstanding element that did not fall into any of these categories is a blend word *ovaryact* ('ovary' + 'overreact') that appeared only once.





3.1.1.1. References

The presence of *references*, refer, such as to people, events, book, celebrities, TV shows, movies, music, and more. This element demonstrates online participants' erudition and extensive knowledge in various areas, allowing them to reference different sources and cases related to feminist and not only topics. During the process of collecting data, a plethora of references to various movements, public figures were found, rendering this category the most abundant among the others, including 79 references in comments across three Reddit posts. Notably, 52% of these references refer to the MeToo movement, a natural occurrence given the chosen topic of this Thesis. Additionally, singular references of the BLM movement and the hate group KKK (Ku Klux Klan) were observed which add interesting insights. Subsequently, 44% of references are related to public figures that are associated with the MeToo movement or feminist issues, including Harvey Weinstein, Aziz Ansari, Amber Heard, Bill Cosby, and others. Additionally, twice a slogan of MeToo movement was utilized *Believe All Woman*, and one instance of referring book *Sexual McCarthyism* by Alan Dershowitz. These references underscore the active participation of online users in discussions and their ability to support the arguments by referencing notable and infamous cases.

3.1.1.2. Slang and profane language

The conducted analysis reveals that slang emerges as the second most prominent linguistic component that in the comments appeared 67 times. According to Table 3, to enhance clarity, the

collected samples were categorized into slang and profane language, facilitating a clearer distinction between categories. Consequently, 60% of the collected examples consist of profane language, primarily featuring variations of *shit* and *fuck* utilized in different parts of speech. For instance, adjectives as *shitty jokes*, *shitty behavior*, *fucking country*, *fucking hot*.

Conversely, the remaining 40% of slang words predominantly express affirmation with an interjection word *yes* such like *yeah*, *yup*, and *yea*. Additionally, informal words like *gotcha* and *gotta* were used only three times and express the contraction of *going to* that represents rapid speech. Several slang words including *weirdo*, *zip it*, *gals*, *dude*, *Karens* (typically, a middle-aged white woman exhibiting rude behaviour) *etc.*, were utilized only once. Followingly, the prevalence of this linguistic element fosters participants a full inclination towards expressing their emotions and fosters more colloquial speech and less formal atmosphere conducive active engagement between participants in the comments section.

Table 3. Slang and profane language in Reddit findings.

Slang	yeah (8), yup, yea (2), gotcha (2), gotta, weirdo, zip it, gals, em, dude, psych, kiddo, twat, morons, cuz, u, hello no, Karens
Profane language	doesn't do shit, don't shit on accusers, shitty jokes, dipshit, shitty behavior (2), shit (2), the kind of shit I hate, treat like shit, the sanctimonious shitheads, bullshit (7), fuck, fucking hot, end all the fucks, fuckwad, fucking garbage, fucking daily mail, fuckwits (2), fucking country, country is fucked, Fucking LOL, like what the fuck (2), Fuck no, dumb fucks, god damn, goddamn, God damn you, damn, dumbass

3.1.1.3. Features of verbal communication

Features of verbal communication is one of the most interesting categories. It stands out due to its attention-grabbing which incorporation of elements of spoken language in the online environment, the latter regulated by rules characteristic of the written language. Consequently, this category is subcategorized into six parts that are responsible for various aspects of verbal communication including emphasized intonation, interjections and expressions of various emotions, different tones, prolonged laughter, and onomatopoeia. As Table 4 demonstrates, putting emphasis on the intended intonation which stands at 65% by being the most prominent verbal

feature is represented by an upper-case register, so that participants pay extra attention to the highlighted words. Meanwhile in spoken offline environment, this would indicate a raised tone to emphasize what was said. For instance, this following instance visually demonstrates this practice on Reddit:

1) Let's be honest, rape is DISUGUISTING, or Equality means the SAME.

In the example, these capitalised inserts clearly demonstrate how these upper-case registered words - or even individual letters - grab attention and demonstrate raised intonation in the written form.

HOW, GOOD, MARRIED, MAYBE, RUMOURS, ACCUSED,
EVERY (2), ALL (4), REASONS, RIGHT?, SEVEN PEOPLE,
EVERYONE, ONE, DISGUISTING, EQUALITY, BOTH,
REAL, AND, ACTUAL, HI, THE, IF, OK (2), NO, Man, Men
(7), You, Woman
Ah (3), Ahhhh, Oh (3), Oh yeah, oh man, Oh well, Ugh, Huh?,
huh, oh my god
cA1m dOwN, LMa0 b1TcH, sooooo, YA ya
hahaha, Bwahahahahahahahahahahahahah
Bam, cough cough cough

Table 4. Features of verbal communication on Reddit with percentages demonstrated.

Subsequently, interjections and other phrases that stand at 22% help to convey the speaker's emotions, attitudes and serve more relatable and expressive writing in online platform. For example, following samples express satisfaction - *Ahhhh*, realization - *Ah*, surprise - *Oh*, disgust - *Ugh*, confusion – *Huh*. 7% of spoken elements are tones that differ presented in the written form that also grab extra attention to the word. Prolonged laughter and onomatopoeia are located at 3% representing specific sounds.

3.1.1.4. Abbreviations

An integral part of comments are abbreviations that are very often found on the Internet. From 38 utilized abbreviations there are few that caught attention of them being less used on other platforms such as *SJW*, *MRA* (Men's Right Activist), *TRP* (The Red Pill), *OP* (original post), *TLDR* (too long to read), *MGTOW* (Men Going Their Own Way). Among early mentioned abbreviations the comments also include the ones that are also quite popular in the online environment, for instance: *lol* (laughing out loud), *ok* (all correct), *tbh* (to be honest), *sth* (something), *idc* (I do not care), *imo* (in my opinion), *lmao* (laughing my ass off), *idk* (I do not know), and *ig* (I guess).

3.1.1.5. Language expressions

The least used category gathered 18 unique examples that were subcategorized into two main ones: literal meaning and figurative meaning phrases. The Table 5 mostly demonstrates expressions in quotes which refers to the specific content of conversation that hypothetically have happened and serves as examples of pieces of speech that were taken from discussions. This category similarly to Reference category helps participants of discussions support their viewpoints.

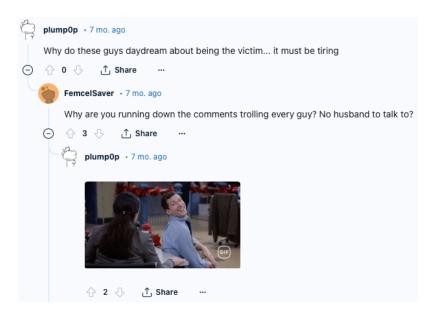
Table 5. Language expressions classified into literal and figurative meanings on Reddit findings.

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Literal meaning	'don't approach in public' (2), 'they can make some effort now',
	'Permission to touch', 'paying too much attention', 'expect to 'get it''
	'what was said, and what was heard' (2), 'men aren't approaching
Figurative meaning	anymore', 'start your own movement', '"the mission' (2), 'You are woman,
	you can't possibly think like that', 'fuck men hell yeah we lesbians',
	'feminist eyes', 'mr 'white people shouldnt date period'', 'yeah, naw, I
	think gender equality sucks.', 'swept under the rug'

3.1.2. Visual components

During the data collection process, only seven visual components were found. Emoticons are used in the comments to demonstrate participants' aspects of mimics, emotions, and gestures that are typically made in the face-to-face communication. Consequently, three emojis were found: (heart), :-) (smile), and :/ (sad). The two last ones represent the western horizontal way of typing in emoticons, and heart one was selected as an animated one. In comment it looks followingly: *Oh no, I'm considered ugly by a troll because I haven't listed any of my personal experiences with sexual abuse and told my personal business :/ not your business and I don't really care about your opinion since you obviously don't care about mine, but continue to argue for who knows what reason.* This instance utilizes sad emoticon in a double meaning which illustrates not particularly sadness but sarcastic way of portraying being sad even the context of the comment does not particularly transfer this emotion but a teasing. In case of GIFs, only three cases were found where only this mode was posted in the comment. GIFs are short repeating itself videos that last 1-3 seconds, the usage of this mode enables participants without words but with help of visual mode express their opinion about above stated comment. For instance, Figure 2 visually illustrates GIF being utilized in the comment section in Reddit. Accordingly, it adds to discussions more variety and liveness of communication.

Figure 2. The instance of GIF being utilized in the discussion in Reddit.



3.1.3. Mixed components

This category encompasses comments with hyperlinks, as well as other elements if possible. This introduces a dimension of multimodality to the analysis. In Reddit comments only three examples were identified as mixed comments containing links to *BBC* article, *Medium* article, and a hyperlink to the Australian taxpayer website. The inclusion of the last one hyperlink emphasizes the potential trolling behaviour on the Internet. Accordingly, participant A was making a joke by commenting to participant B by directing him this website which illustrates playful and sometimes mischievous nature of online interactions.

3.2. Findings on X

The process of collecting data from X social platform has demonstrated that six X threads that were chosen for this analysis consist of 487 unique comments that contain around 449 linguistic, visual, and mixed components. Despite Reddit's wide number variation between components, findings on X were distributed more evenly. Dwelling into statistics, Table 6 demonstrates that linguistic components construct the majority that is located at 50%, when visual components are 45.4%, and mixed ones only reside at 4.6% among all gathered samples. Among all components there are hashtags that are not attributed to any of the groups as they act as separate part of the X platform. Some of the hashtags are newly created that play an additional element in the stated comment, for instance, *#notmetoo*, *#symbol*, *#NotMemovement*, *#CharlotteProudman*, *#metoo*, and *#MeTooMovement*. These hashtags in all collected comments appear only nine times, which does not produce a significant influence in the formation of online collective discourse identity of X discussions on feminism.

		X	
Thread number	Linguistic components (50%)	Visual components (45.4%)	Mixed components (4.6%)
#1 Thread	36	20	5
#2 Thread	25	8	-
#3 Thread	35	11	-
#4 Thread	6	86	7
#5 Thread	70	73	3
#6 Thread	52	6	6
		Total:	449

Table 6. All findings on linguistic, visual, and mixed components in X threads.

3.2.1. Linguistic components

Linguistic components stood out for their resourcefulness in the use of written language in the online environment. As for three main components that construct online discourse identity of the platform are references, slang and profane language, and features of verbal communication. As for the references, online users were keen on expressing their opinions or support their view by referencing famous people, institutions, religion, movements, and *etc.*, they stand at 28%. Slang and profane language with features of verbal communication are located at 27% and 19% respectively. Following, the same percentage of utilized linguistic components are abbreviations and language expressions that each has 13%.

3.2.1.1. References

As X social platform primarily relies on short threads or comments, the content comprises direct and concrete linguistic information. Consequently, references emerge as the most predominant linguistic component on X, with 70 unique references collected. These were further subdivided into smaller sections, including references to famous people, movements, religion, institutions, and others, amounting 31 collected samples, and references to post's authors gathered 39 samples. These sections demonstrate the prominence of references despite the diversity of selected X threads, all of which relate to the theme of feminism. Most of the collected references focus on post's author Sarah that is utilized in various iterations such as Mrs. Simons, Internet Mother, and Sarah Simons, often conveying online commentators' admiration and regret for Sarah.

Nevertheless, another subgroup of references provides intriguing insights in selected threads. As demonstrated the Table 7, the majority of references refer to celebrities such as Benedict Cumberbatch, including British Royal Family members such as Catherine, Princess of Wales, and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex. Interestingly, while online users comment feminism, the MeToo movement, misogynistic topics, they also mention Christianity, Islam, the civil rights movement, and social philosophies such as Marxism. This diversity of references provides insightful information about the active engagement of online users in social platform thread.

Table	7.	References	found	on X.
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	Marxist (2), civil rights movement, Aleksandra Kollontay,
References to famous	GarrichClub (4), Benedict Cumberbatch (5) in different
people, movements,	variations, Catherine, Meghan, Drake Bell, Sangita Myska,
religion, institutions, and	Jeremy Brett, Sherlock Holmes, Wild West, Mermaid Club,
others	University Women's Club (2), Jesus Christ (2), Christianity, God,
	Islam, St. Louis (2), Jim Crow
References to post author's	Mrs Simons (23), Internet Mother, Sarah Simons, Sarah (10), Charlotte (4)

3.2.1.2. Slang and profane language on X

Slang as being one of the most prevalent linguistic features on the Internet, it plays a significant role in online communication. The findings reveal 65 unique instances of slang usage. Collected samples were categorized into two sections: 23 examples of slang demonstrate the use of shortened forms of words, such as u (you), ur (you are or your), a lil depressed (a little depressed), em and dem (them), and others. These examples illustrate online users' inclination to save time by abbreviating words to mimic speech patterns. However, the following section

emphasizes the prevalence of profane language in online written language, with words such like *shit*, *damn*, and *fuck* being utilized in various linguistic forms. These words, along with others, reflect the informal and explicit nature of online discourse.

Table 8.	Slang	profane	language	on X.
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Slang	u (12), r (1), ur (you are) (1), ur (your) (1), w (with) (1), tho (1), thru (1), ily (1), luv ya (1), ya know (1), a lil depressed (1), like dis (1), em (1), DEM (1), nah (1), oopsie (1), psycho (1), yeah (1), bro (1), goalie (1), Good Gawd (1), schnozzola (1), kid (1), ate (1), slay (1), yall (1), nope (1)
Profane	dummy, bitch, damn (2), god fucking damn, no f‰cking thanks, unfckable,
language	bullshit (7), shit (7), a shit tonne, Holy shit, bird shit in mid air (1)

3.2.1.3. Features of verbal communication

Similarly to Reddit findings, X social platform's discourse as any Internet communication attempts to imitate face-to-face speech in online environment. Consequently, findings on X revealed that commentators are mostly utilizing emphasized intonation, 22 collected examples, by writing capitalized words to grab online users' on specific words as they carry the additional meaning and importance to the comment. Although, specifically interjections and expressions of various emotions among with different tones located at 10 and 14 unique comments pertain surprise, disappointment, or disgust are illustrated through extensive repetition of one or few letters, utilization of multiple number of question and exclamation marks altogether that clearly determine and transcend the colloquial discourse in the online environment.

Table 9. Features of verbal communication on X.

Emphasised intonation	IS, IT, SHE, ME, THEM (2), ALL (2), ACTIVE, WOMEN, WE LOVE YOU MRS. SIMONS, SARAH (2), STAY STRONG, WE LOVE YOU!!!, SECOND, YES MAMA, EITHER WAY, WE, SENDING HUGS MRS SIMONS, WILD!!!, DO, YOU	22	
Interjections and expressions of various emo- tions	whoa!, wow (3), Uhh, Ugh!!!!!! (2), UGH!, eh, ewwww	10	

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3.2.1.4. Abbreviations and language expressions

These two sections share the same percentage of linguistic components, standing at 13%. As for abbreviations, their usage is similar to slang, utilizing shortened words (mostly written as one letter). However, abbreviations play the initial role of shortening phrases to save time and space in the comment section, by given only 280 characters on the X social platform. Consequently, 81% of found abbreviations consist of basic word phrases, such as *ngl* (not going to lie), *tbh* (to be honest), *atp* (at this point), or *bc* (because), and others. Another 19% of abbreviations used on X are more related to concrete context. For instance, *GOP* stands for 'Grand Old Party', *PSED* 'Personal, social and emotional development', or *OP* 'original poster'.

In terms of language expressions, the creativity of language use of online users is clear. Some of the expressions are used to sarcastically poke at someone, also to insult, to compare, or to make a statement by transcending a figurative meaning to a given post, *etc*. Table 10 clearly illustrates what kinds of phrases were found in the X discourse in selected threads. For instance, comments like 'Looks like the face that launched a 1000 ships without the Bottle', 'freak show today?', 'moooooo too movement' express strong negative emotions and insulting jokes towards the thread featuring a woman who started the #MeToo movement. Additionally, the comment about a famous actor Benedict Cumberbatch being 'Benjamin Cambersnitch' shows a creative way of putting an insulting joke by generating new words by combining actor's surname with word 'snitch'. These expressions were selected in order to present a general view on online discourse commentators and their choice of words to express their opinions.

Table 10. Language expressions classified into literal and figurative meanings on X findings.

Literal and figurative statements

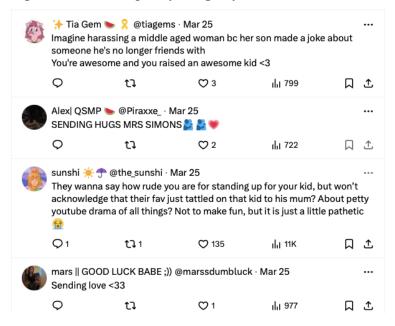
'give her a break', 'Air must be free!', 'Looks like the face that launched a 1000 ships without the Bottle', 'freak show today?', 'moooooo too movement', not me movement (2), 'he smashes his face off a window', 'Dear Lord!', 'she is the face of birth control', 'I don't think they meant 'pound me in the face'', ' How to say 'look I'm a mysogynistic p^{***k} ' without saying I'm a mysogynistic p^{***k} ', 'BLACK women ruining everything White Men built', 'Benjamin Cambersnitch', 'Easter

eggs', 'that's not fair', 'airhead', 'and you're just anti male, whining, shrill pig of a woman', 'putting the girlboss in gaslight gatekeep girlboss!', 'act your age', 'get a grip', 'cry harder', 'women are not entitled to men's resources', 'I wouldn't even rape you', 'it's so out of pocket', 'prochoice people just love to kills babies', 'Republicans are nazis', 'trans supports are all pedos', 'whatever it means in your head', 'women are not entitled to live', 'kill all men', 'out of line', 'good ones'

3.2.2. Visual components

Visual components on X play a significant role of expressing or reacting on specific topics that are raised in the threads. Initially, 191 visual elements were collected which subsequently were subdivided into three sections such as pictures, emoticons, and GIFs. Starting with emoticons being the most used visual in all X comments, locating around 179 elements. Figure 3 clearly demonstrates the example of how it looks in the thread. Moreover, among all collected comments the most prevalent emoticons are variations of *heart* emojis (including different colours of heart, double hearts, broken hearts, and healing hearts), laughing emojis that also are presented in different forms with the initial message of expressing laughter or extensive laughter, and hugging emoji that represents online users of showing their support and empathy towards the post.

Figure 3. An example of usage of emoticons in the X thread.



GIFs for instance play a role of expressing same emotions that can be expressed with emoticons, however, the choice falls for GIFs as selecting a short repeating video might truly illustrate commentator's reaction to something, or this GIF can even relate to a topic that is discussed in the thread. For instance, Figure 4 demonstrates an example of shock represented through the GIF that consist of a repeating short video of Tom from the cartoon "*Tom and Jerry*". This instance is one of eight collected ones that were found in thread posts which most of them express confusion, disappointment, amusement, encouragement, or even earlier discussed shock.

Figure 4. An example of GIF in the X thread.



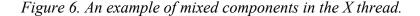
The addition of pictures to a comment serves the same role as GIF only pictures are still. However, pictures' purpose also serves to provide for online users not only their reaction but also to support commentator's opinion. For example, Figure 5 demonstrates a screenshot of Queen Victoria's quote about 'Women's Rights' that does not support this starting movement, and without extra comments written by the author of this comment, we get an opinion out of the screenshot that was posted to the thread.

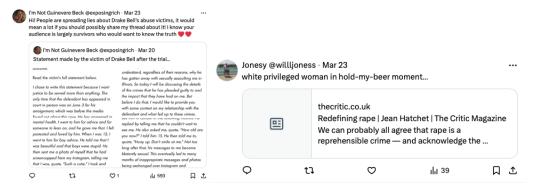
Figure 5. An example of picture in the X thread.

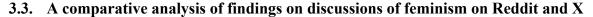


3.2.3. Mixed components

Mixed components in the X threads that were only 19 found are composed of an infusion of phrases, emoticons, pictures, GIFs, and links to other social platforms or news articles. These kinds of comments illustrate an active commentators' engagement into discussions by additionally supporting their statements with other modes of social media. For instance, Figure 6 displays one thread under which one are shared two comments with mixed components, with references to Drake Bell with a text, emoticons, and pictures attached, and the second one with a text above the attached hyperlink to the article. The thread was discussing women's equality by mostly judging Benedict's Cumberbatch latest at that time photoshoot, where he was wearing a t-shirt with the phrase "*This is what a feminist looks like*".



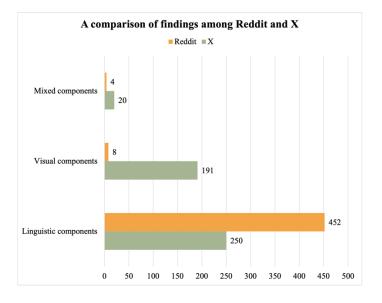


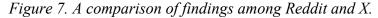


With the conducted analysis of the established linguistic, visual, and mixed components among two social platforms Reddit and X, it is crucial to indicate online collective discourse identities that were created by users of these two online platforms. Into this analysis data from previous chapters are included and accustomed to insights that were withdrawn.

The comparison of findings starts with the numerical comparison of two social platforms in Figure 7. The fulcrum of this Thesis is collected comments, demonstrating CMC trends within online communities. It is apparent that X emerges for its use of various modes in the online space, especially highlighting visual and mixed elements to the Reddit platform. Despite the fact that Reddit users have the opportunity to write longer and elaborated comments, allowing them to stand out and lead in the utilization of linguistic elements, X remains conspicuous in other modes. For instance, in the process of analysing the data and using the *Voyant Tools*, which generates text data, it was disclosed that the average number of words per sentence in a comment on Reddit consists

of 17.9 words whereas on X this number is 15.8, allowing Reddit users more freedom for a written verbalization.





Despite Reddit's prevalent usage of linguistic components, the most prominent element of their discourse rotates around features of verbal communication. This aspect truly emphasises users' tendency to include elements of spoken language into written discourse, thereby demonstrating colloquial communication produced in the online environment. Whereas on X the majority of users apply references in their online speech, with slang being shared by only one percent in favour of references. Accordingly, it can be stated that due to the previously mentioned character limit on X, online users of this network tend to construct compact comments by directly addressing the theme without the need of additional comments to explain their point of view.

Regarding the visual and mixed components, X significantly surpasses Reddit users on utilization of these elements. Similarly to the previous insights regarding slang and references, visual elements serve to facilitate communication and bypass the need for lengthy explanations. Online users can briefly convey the message with GIFs or pictures without additional elaboration. Emoticons serve a similar purpose by highlighting written comments. They visually represent the position of the comment, providing information about the user's stance or allowing them to express themselves solely through animated characters.

In terms of comment content across both platforms, it can be stated that discussions on feminism often trigger active engagement but also invite inappropriate jokes that encompass racism, misogyny, and bullying insults. This negative tone pervades the comments on both platforms. While individual comments vary, many online users either contribute to or disregard this negativity, avoiding confrontational discussions about right and wrong. Notably, Reddit's use of profane language appears is more prevalent than on X, yet not all comments on topics like #MeToo movement, misogyny, or women's rights carry negative connotations. This suggests a nuanced approach to discourse on Reddit, where the absence of character limits allows for elaboration and discourages excessive insults towards fellow participants. In contrast, X, while lacking an extensive range of profane language, language expressions are more directly and sharply insulting. Furthermore, certain comments may initially express an opinion on the given topic, but they diverge from the main discussion. For example, instead of focusing on the topic of "*Thoughts on the whole 'I support women's rights but I'am not a feminist' thing?*" some comments shift into discussions about Marxism or quote Queen Victoria's statement about women's rights.

By examining these findings, the following observations on collective discourse identities were established where visible differences between the two platforms emerge.

- a) Reddit's online collective identity revolves around lengthy comments providing detailed information on the topic and offering additional supportive arguments to clearly state one's point. Moreover, Reddit lacks visual components, with no emoticons, GIFs, or pictures, it renders to primarily a forum platform where 'dry' discussions prevail. Accordingly, deficiency of mixed comments too further strengthens Reddit's reputation as a platform for actual discussions, and it contributes to characterization collective identity of Reddit by critical thinking.
- b) On the other hand, platform X appears to be more multimodal for online participants, with prevailing short comments rich in visual elements, emojis and GIFs. The utilization of mixed components, such as combination of text, emoticons, and hyperlinks, allows statements to be as informative as they are direct, additionally fostering values of creativity in discourse.

In terms of similarities, both platforms traverse in creating a specific mood in the comments about feminist topics. Negativity predominantly appears in average in every third comment on both platforms, indicating a compelling collective pattern in the commenting process. According to this statement, the initial hypothesis of the Thesis confirms. The collective tendency to respond negatively to a given theme is characterized by sharp and direct language, partly facilitated by the anonymity of online discussion participants. The comparative analysis of Reddit and X sheds light on the collective discourse identities within online feminist discussions. These findings highlight the importance of platform composition and moderation policies in shaping the quality and inclusivity of online discourse as they frame the initial online collective discourse identities. It becomes imperative for online platforms to strike a balance between facilitating diverse forms of expression and upholding standards that foster respectful and meaningful dialogue within online communities.

CONCLUSIONS

This part of the Thesis will conclude the conducted study by outlining the key findings based on the objectives that were set in the introductory part of the Thesis in order to achieve the aim of conducting a comparative analysis on the determined online collective discourse identities in discussions of feminism on X and Reddit.

1. The scientific literature in the Thesis reveals that Computer-Mediated Communication (CMC) blends elements of written and spoken communication fostering linguistic components such as abbreviations, slang, language expressions, and non-linguistic components, such as emoticons, GIFs, pictures, videos, and more. Nevertheless, online communities of practice (CofP) maintain engagement through joint activities, mutual engagement, and shared enterprise. These communication styles. These platforms support the formation of collective identities through shared narratives which are referred in the Thesis as linguistic and non-linguistic features. These features let users connect and communicate within communities, creating collective discourse identities, they foster sense of belonging and mutual support among participants that strengthens online community's identity.

2. Alongside with the conducted study on scientific literature, the carried-out analysis on the empirical data on Reddit and X to distinguish online collective discourse identities was realized by collecting all the comments located at 999 from two platforms and classifying elements of the digital text into linguistic, visual, and mixed components. The linguistic components were further subdivided into the smaller groupings which were identified in the online discourse of the participants, viz., *slang, abbreviations, features of spoken communication, language expressions*, and *references*. The visual components, likewise, were subdivided into *pictures, emoticons*, and *GIFs*. Mixed components were not categorized as they appeared only a few times in the gathered data and were individually presented in the Thesis.

3. The comparative analysis of findings on discussions of feminism on Reddit and X has revealed online collective discourse identities by comparing linguistic, visual, and mixed components among with evaluating the mood of collected samples.

Online collective discourse identities on Reddit and X include exceling linguistic components on Reddit with prevalent usage of features of verbal communication. Reddit through linguistic features cultivates lengthy comments with supplementary assertions of intertextual references. While X highlights and surpasses Reddit in the usage of visual and mixed component with creative, short, and visually rich comments. Regarding non-linguistic elements, emoticons, with a prevalence of *heart* and laughing emojis, serve as a primary non-verbal feature on X. Both platforms actively engage in discussions on feminism, Reddit tends to allow more elaborated discussions, and X fosters direct communication. Consequently, the general mood of the discussions is predominantly negative on both platforms, often vulgar and violent, confirming the initial hypothesis of the Thesis. Moreover, anonymity of online participants facilitates formatting these obscene comments that consist of bullying, inappropriate jokes, the use of slang and profane language expressions.

Hence, the carried-out study thoroughly revealed the theme of the research of online collective discourse identity in both networking platforms X and Reddit. The study, which focused with particular attention on the computer-mediated communication (CMC) components in the collected comments of both platforms, demonstrated an innovative approach to conducting the analysis. This Thesis has sought to contribute to the growing field of research in discourse collective identity among with the CMC features in an online environment.

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SANTRAUKA

Šiuolaikinėje skaitmeninėje aplinkoje, kuriai būdingas didelis interneto naudojimo padidėjimas ir skaitmeninių platformų plitimas, bendravimas tarp asmenų daugiausia vyksta virtualioje aplinkoje. Atsižvelgiant į šį kontekstą, feminizmo tema pasirinkta dėl jos ilgalaikio aktualumo lyčių, socialinei ir ekonominei nelygybei. Todėl šiuo tyrimu siekiama pateikti įžvalgų apie feminizmą internete supantį diskursą ir tai, kaip asmenys reaguoja į kritiką skaitmeninėse erdvėse. Šio baigiamojo darbo "Diskusijos apie feminizmą socialinėse platformose "X" ir "Reddit": lyginamoji kolektyvinės tapatybės konstravimo analizė" tikslas – atlikti lyginamąją internetinio kolektyvinio diskurso tapatybių analizę dviejose socialinėse platformose – Reddit ir X, kuriuose kalbama apie feminizmą. Tikslui pasiekti buvo iškelti trys uždaviniai: apžvelgti mokslinę literatūrą apie internetinį diskursą, kompiuterių tarpininkaujamą komunikaciją (KTK) ir kolektyvinę tapatybę, antra, suskirstyti surinktus duomenis pagal lingvistines ir kompiuterinės komunikacijos (CMC) ypatybes, būdingas internetinioms diskursams, galiausiai palyginti pasirinktų dviejų skaitmeninių medijų platformų internetinio kolektyvinio diskurso tapatybes.

Literatūros apžvalga remiasi ankstesniais socialinių ir kolektyvinių tapatybių tyrimais, integruojant diskurso studijų ir kolektyvinio tapatumo formavimo teorijas. Be to, į tyrimą įtrauktos tokių mokslininkų kaip David Crystal, Janis Androutsopoulos, Anthony Longo ir Michele Zapavigna įžvalgos, siekiant išsiaiškinti kalbos vartojimo ir kolektyvinės tapatybės konstravimo niuansus internetiniuose kontekstuose.

Metodologijos dalyje buvo atskleistos trys pagrindinės kategorijos, kurios buvo analizuojamos ir atitinkamai suskirstytos: lingvistiniai komponentai (slengas, santrumpa, kalbinės išraiškos), vaizdiniai komponentai (jaustukai, GIF trumpi vaizdo įrašai, ir nuotraukos) ir mišrieji komponentai (įvairūs lingvistiniai ir vaizdiniai komponentai, vienu metu naudojami tame pačiame komentare). Iš viso surinkti 999 pavyzdžiai.

Atliekant analizę empirinėje dalyje, buvo naudojami tiek kiekybiniai, tiek kokybiniai tyrimo metodai. Lyginamoji feminizmo diskusijų išvadų analizė "Reddit" ir "X" atskleidė internetinio kolektyvinio diskurso tapatybes, lyginant kalbinius, vizualinius ir mišrius komponentus su surinktų pavyzdžių nuotaikos vertinimu. Internetinės kolektyvinio diskurso tapatybės "Reddit" ir "X" apima daugiausiai "Reddit" kalbinių komponentų. Nors X pabrėžia ir pranoksta "Reddit" vaizdinių ir mišrių komponentų naudojimu su kūrybingais, trumpais ir vizualiai turtingais komentarais. Kalbant apie nekalbinius elementus, jaustukai, kuriuose vyrauja širdies ir juokingi jaustukai, yra pagrindinė neverbalinė X funkcija. Abi platformos aktyviai dalyvauja diskusijose apie feminizmą, "Reddit" linkusi leisti sudėtingesnes diskusijas, o X skatina tiesioginis bendravimas. Todėl bendra diskusijų nuotaika abiejose platformose daugiausia neigiama, dažnai vulgari ir smurtinė, patvirtinanti pradinę tezės hipotezę, kad "Reddit" ir "X", turės neigiamą atspalvį, kuris bus perduodamas per internetinėje aplinkoje taikomas kalbos ir kompiuterinio tarpininkavimo komunikacijos (CMC) funkcijas. Be to, interneto dalyvių anonimiškumas palengvina šių nepadorių komentarų formatavimą, kurį sudaro patyčios, netinkami juokeliai, slengo vartojimas ir nešvankios kalbos išraiškos.

APPENDIX 1

All comments were rewritten accordingly to the way they were written in the Reddit and X posts,

all orthographic and spelling mistakes were left as they are.

THE LIST OF COMMENTS COLLECTED FROM REDDIT SOCIAL PLATFORM:

It means nothing to me. I've always known no means no. I don't try to seduce women at work. This isn't rocket surgery. If you're interested in someone at work, be a grown up. Ask them. If they say no, move on. This movement was born out of harassment and stalking and power plays. Don't harass or stalk or pull power plays and you're fine. This thread is hilarious. So many men saying they can't approach a woman now due to MeToo. Dude, HOW were you approaching women in the past that this would stop you? If MeToo makes you rethink your approach or stop approaching women then GOOD, because you've been doing it wrong. The vast majority of men have not had to make a single adjustment to how they interact with or approach women. MeToo has zero effect on normal men. It's you, hey, you're the problem.

I feel like if you're an adult you should be able to discern what sexual assault/rape is and isn't. Are people playing dumb so they can pull a "gotcha" at some point, or are people genuinely confused? It's hard to tell sometimes

Do people know what those words mean? I know a lot of men who view a woman not saying an explicit no as equivalent to yes.

And add to that the fact that the percentage of women who actually falsely accuse is in the single digits.

Whatever makes you feel better. Reddit females love forming these man hating circle jerks, then y'all wonder why y'all are gonna die alone and bitter. There's been plenty of times when females got exposed for lying, but then the story disappears and she never faces any punishment for it. Even way back to Emmett Till

Probably because you made a false political statement in the middle of your comment.

I completely agree with you. But I was just curious about the "what was said, and what was heard" dynamic. As in the goal of Me Too and how and why exactly that seems to have translated to "don't approach in public " for some people . Yes, some people could be deliberately misunderstanding. But I don't think they are the majority. I wanted to hear from the majority.

That's absolutely assault; in a legal case it'd be referred to as coercive assault and it's punishable. This is the result of an underfunded sexual education system and all the Republicans banning it in certain states. Teenagers grow up to be such clueless adults:/

Me Too didn't end in person dating. Just made people more aware. I also don't think it's always inappropriate to approach women in public. It just doesn't make any sense for me. Probably a general rule is to not bother any one working and take the hint if they aren't interested in any other environment.

I don't think the end of in person dating was the intention of the Me Too movement. Online dating does not work for everyone, just like in person approaching does not work for you. But I don't think it's fair to imply that it's always inappropriate to approach a woman in person.

Ugh, it's punishable but not really ever enforced. Men basically always get away with sexual assault. There was this dude in my college who sexually assaulted me and four friends. We were at a very liberal state school that claimed to take sexual assault very seriously. Two of us were drugged with large amounts of Ambien against consent. One fought him but he physically overcame her. Another was dating him but he would force anal on her after an explicit no, or sleep with her in her sleep, etc. Another I don't quite know the details about. We all went to make a case against him with the EOAA office. 5 separate testimonies. He got one year of suspension and three of our claims were denied as sexual assault. The MeToo movement I see as more of a form of justice through destroying someone's reputation, since the legal system doesn't do shit.

I'm so sorry that happened to you... I hope you have been able to heal from that?

I had an ex who told me about a time when she was at a bar and she either was plied with so much alcohol she blacked out, or (as she suspects) she was drugged, and the guy assaulted her. When she went to the police, the police "investigated" and came back saying that "sex happened" and no charges were ever pursued.

Yup. Less than 1% of rapes lead to felony convictions. Men who claim that all women lie is the worst one. If the woman's lying, he's got like a 99.9999% of clearing his name. If they didn't lie, he still has a 99% chance of walking free.

And add to that the fact that the percentage of women who actually falsely accuse is in the single digits.

There's an infamous case in Spain called the "la manada" case, which exposed a controversy over what exactly counts as rape. Part of it was that Spanish law had a legal defect which precluded convicting the rapists of rape, but mainly the dispute was over the status of a victim who was too frozen with fear to say "no". So it became a controversy over positive consent. I say this as a counterexample to show that there isn't really a commonly agreed understanding of these things among adults.

It's also pulled many false allegations out too, and seeing the fact that even after being exonerated, these men's lives were ruined, many men are wary to talk to women they don't know, especially as in recent years many women actually hate men, and want to punish men, as a whole, by punishing random individual men. I hope things change, especially as the younger generation is trending more conservative again, and seeing traditional dating come back would be a Godsend for our society.

It isn't a direct link. The metoo campaign was the trigger for a lot of men to learn about the prevalence of inappropriate sexual advances in work contexts. And, we were all reminded because it was a relevant teaching moment, about similar advances in some non-work contexts (such as city buses and hotel elevators). As a result, a lot of men thought "this is more complicated than I thought, what are the rules now?" And there was no obvious clear answer that had a good consensus. It didn't take long for "men's rights activists" to spin it, which just made everything even more confusing. So, a lot of men just decided to err on the side of caution. Edited to add: I forgot to answer your actual question. I recall that the metoo movement was centrally about the coercive sexual blackmail imposed by people like Harvey Weinstein on people like Sean Young. It rapidly gained ground on Twitter and expanded to other industries and countries. The calls for systematic reform came with the followup hashtag timesup; metoo was strictly for sharing stories of similar coercion (or, at least, leching under cover of a business pretext). Somehow "metoo" became the umbrella term for the whole social change triggered by the hashtag campaign. I'm aware of only one instance of metoo going too far, and that was a female French actor using it to publicly shame a male actor who had once crudely propositioned her over dinner, without any power dynamic, nexus to a business relationship, or even persistence. She turned him down, and he asked her not to tell anyone he had made his suggestion, and that was that.

Great insight, thank you for your response

The purpose of the MeToo movement was to shed light on rapists, abusers, and predators that have been protected or hidden and to let other women know their voice matters and that they to should speak up to seek Justice. Unfortunately it was taken and twisted to essentially label Men as predators, abusers or rapists indiscriminately and ruin lives through accusations. Weinstein was a correct MeToo Aziz Ansari was not Johnny Depp was not However both of these men had their careers ruined due to allegations that, when later explained in full detail revealed in Ansari's case he was innocent of any wrongdoing, and in Depp's case Heard turned out to be a serial abuser that manipulated things to twist the narrative that he alone was the abuser (yes I know they were deemed to be mutually abusive but come on, she directly lied about numerous events to make herself look completely innocent when she was very clearly the main abuser) of course we want evil men to be revealed and brought to justice but thats not what MeToo does anymore, its mainly just online or media accusations with little evidence and no charges filed nowadays. "Me-Too" caused "Believe all Women" which is the complete antithesis of our justice system and the sad part is as a Man you literally have no way to defend yourself and prevent you losing your job and livelihood should a woman choose to make an accusation against you and it reaches your place of employment or even your social circle or social media. Just look at Trevor Bauer, a woman accused him of assault with zero evidence and he was essentially ousted from the MLB and has to pitch overseas even though it was found she straight up lied or Russell Brand, he only got accused, there has yet to be a court case to prove he is indeed guilty but companies are allowed to essentially fire him (youtube terminated his channel) and rip his livelihood away even though it's supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. I know guys that were accused at work by a scorned woman (like turned the woman down for a date) and lost their job since the company can just find a way to fire you because they don't want the negative PR if it gets out a man was accused of something and nothing happened to him regardless on if he is innocent or not Same thing happened to a Chicago rapper back in the day, I forget his name, but a woman lied and said he raped her and he got killed in his car by her brother and his friend A recent court case, I forget the Man's name but he got charged with murder after his MARRIED girlfriend (he didn't know she was married) lied and said he hit her and she sent her brother and friend to kill him and he ended up killing the brother All that being said I'm extremely cautious and weary of approaching women unless there are multiple people around to see and even then it just takes one lie to land me in hot water so the I avoid doing it much though I'm more informed on this subject than a lot of guys and I've seen false MeToo moments more times than I care to mention

The Trevor Bauer revelations are by far the most unbelievable accusations. That woman and her friends that encouraged her and her attorney who withheld evidence should all be in prison for extortion and perjury.

As a male you're more likely to be sexually assaulted than accused of sexual assault. MeToo was for everyone.

See I would agree.....if people actually cared when Men are sexually assaulted. Terry Crews revealed he was assaulted, made headlines for what a day? Never heard it again. A woman (again don't know her name since it's been a few years) who was a huge MeToo advocate was accused of sexually assaulting a young man when he was underaged (around the time Kevin Spacey was accused) swept under the rug. Amy Schumer, openly admitting to sexually assaulting a guy so drunk he passed out multiple times during sex, got multiple movie deals and she turned it into a comedy bit. People rarely if ever care when Men are assaulted the sole exception is MAYBE if a man did the assaulting and even then the conversation shift so "see Men sexually assault each other Men bad"

A very close male friend was sexually assaulted by his ex-wife. She developed kinks that he was not comfortable with, but went along to please her. She demanded anal sex from him, which he didn't like and didn't want to do, but he complied because he felt it was his duty as a husband to satisfy his wife. Then she insisted on letting her use a strap-on on him. She basically gave him an ultimatum so he let her. He said it was the most humiliating and painful thing he's expetienced; he has ongoing trauma from it years later and finds intimacy difficult. Basically he was raped by a woman and there is nowhere to go with this.

People don't care? A lot of women care about those cases, especially in the MeToo spaces. And you forgot about Brenden Fraser's assault. Asia Argento was the MeToo woman that assaulted Jimmy Bennett, and she has been exiled. I didn't know about Schumer so I'll look that up, thank you. There is a story going around Twitter et al today about a male student that was raped by a "hot" female teacher and so many men are saying "oh I wish that had been me", which is heartbreaking to those that have been assaulted. We all need to change our approach here. Men supporting men sharing their assault stories safely would be a great start.

Thank you for your reply. I think this has more to do with men being (falsely) accused, than with an initial approach. You could meet someone on a dating site, or you could be the one to be approached, and still end up being falsely accused. So what's the solution? Are you just never going to date again?

No, that's foolish, I was essentially giving examples of things that have happened since MeToo that have caused Men to develop this aversion to approaching women (there's also the whole thing of being put on social media and laughed at for how you approach but that's a different topic) That's what MeToo means to me in dating, after the initial wave and people like Weinstein and Bill Cosby being brought to Justice I've seen an uptick in bs accusations in my everyday life I'd rather just avoid, The solution isn't to not date, tbh the best solution imo is making it illegal to lose your livelihood unless you're convicted of these accusations and if you do being able to sue the company that fired you but that's only one aspect of it. When it comes to dating there is no real solution, people en mass would have to come to understand that accusations are not proof of guilt since nowadays being accused basically makes you guilty to a large portion of people. I just limit where I do approaching. Another aspect is the fact that as a guy you're literally just expect to "get it" if you're bad with words you can come off wrong, if you're ugly you can come off wrong, if you have the wrong tone you can come off wrong, if it's the wrong place you come off wrong, and a lot of Men do not know this until after the interaction and nobody really teaches them, they're either creeps or incels left as such and labeled as such, Do I think this is something that happens en masse, not really, but I've seen it happen enough both online and in my daily life that it has made me second guess when or if I should approach a woman Fair enough...! Again, thanks for the response

No change for me. I never approached women in public and just used dating sites where the intention to date is already agreed. And if they don't have interest I move on. I've always been clear about getting verbal consent so no confusion there.

So with or without the movement, you would never approach someone in public?

Yeah. It's just not worth it. I have no idea if they are single and I'm also childfree and that's a small dating pool.

The #metoo has had exactly zero impact on my dating experience because I am not a rapist / sexual predator. I regularly cold approach women in public and have gotten decent results over the years, just like always.

Thank you... !

Means it's better to pay Rust than go on a date.

it means women will feel more comfortable around me, and will hold other men to a higher standard. most of those men wont pass the test, so more women for me. but ive always asked for consent before touching anyone and shown respect, communication, and confidence in dealing with women. i'd imagine sexual predators who dont ask for consent will have a very different answer lol (and yes i make cold approaches all the time. 'Me Too' is not a factor in cold approaching. asking for consent is good game)

Thanks for being one of the only sane replies here

"thanks for being a pander bear"

Thank you..! And yes , asking for consent is indeed good game...!

Good game? Yeah nothing makes the panties drop faster than "excuse me miss we seem to be having a good rapport between us, do you mind if I touch you respectfully in a flirty manner to convey my intentions to you?"

So I believe the problem is that in any good movement there are extreme and loud people saying or doing stupid things that can be used by people who are against the movement (or used by people who are just pointing out some logical problems within the movement- hopefully improving the movement). If you look up something like "me too and stupidity" or sth on YouTube or google you can find examples of this. Some people see these extremes and are turned off.

I won't approach women. It has nothing to do with the me too movement, it's more that interacting with strangers is less and less common. I used to be a very friendly and outgoing type, I hold it back now because I often hear about how women can feel uncomfortable with a man talking to them so I would just prefer to not risk it. I don't want to make anyone's day worse.

If you are not a rapist, nothing

no change for me, i assume they think that women can just make accusation of SA even when it's not true, this can happen but i don't think most women are like this, not worried.

The movement challenges us to reflect on consent and accountability in all relationships. Let's talk.

I'm up front and honest about intentions and understand consent so not anything really.

There is some confusion about what constitutes approaching someone and unwanted attention. Since all cold approaches are unsolicited by nature and all it takes is someone taking strong exception to your approach to start RU-MORS that may be used to ruin your career. This is especially concerning when there have been instances that have made the news with people making stuff up. That being said I think its a concern that isnt 100% reasonable and may try making approaches again soon (although some do say that is wrong they aren't currently a majority) I can see how approaching someone at work could be tricky. Especially if you're the one in a position of power. But as long as the approach is respectful, I don't think any reasonable person would lump you together in a box with Harvey Weinstein.. That's the key. Reasonable. It's hard to tell unless you already know the person.

Because there is no set of rules and standard for what is reason and appropriate for a man's actions, besides the obvious sexual assaults. There are whole a lot of extremist would consider mere looking them as a sexual assault because most of man are not attractive. Therefore, many men rather not approach at all cost, to avoid problems, since most of the time are rejections anyway. The lemon is not worth to squeeze.

Nothing could be further from my mind when I'm approaching a woman than the me too movement.

It means I ain't gonna approach anymore lol

I can be accused of anything at anytime. Sleep with a girl and have a great time, but forget to text her back then she regrets the encounter? Bam rape. I stopped meeting 1 on 1 with any women I worked with. I was in a leadership role. I stopped taking on women to mentor. Pretty much I avoid dealing with women at work in every aspect except when necessary and I am the utmost professional and never alone with them.

This doesn't happen. This is a fantasy.

Yeah because we dont have a major example of a woman literally crying rape to get access to someone's money right now. You people are fucking stupid and blind.

Why do these guys daydream about being the victim... it must be tiring

Why are you running down the comments trolling every guy? No husband to talk to?

They must not have read the news recently about the baseball player experiencing this exact thing.

The problem with men doing all the work is women get to set the rules, unfortunately there are now that many rules it's like trying to navigate a minefield. We literally put our reputation, our fears, our confidence and potentially our careers on the line just so we can initiate something that benefits two people. I get women looking over at me all the time in the gym but I'm sat there thinking to myself what does she expect me to do? It hits me like a tonne of bricks, how the fuck am I going to meet a woman if it's going to be down to me regardless of the environment or the situation it will always come down to me sticking my neck on the line. I've become so accustomed to respect women that I don't even bother with them at all so approaching to me would be alien.

What additional rules did MeToo bring according to you?

If we're a man, we're immediately a criminal in her eyes. If we even look at a woman in public, we'll be called a creep. If we ask her out for a drink, it's harassment. If a blind man is facing her in the gym, he loses his membership. If we marry a woman, everything we ever worked for can be taken away with just one angry lie. It's not exactly encouraging.

It's not harassment to ask someone out, it becomes harassment if the person doesn't accept no as an answer and keeps pursuing. Obviously anyone can make up a rumour about someone and that would be horrible but statistically it's not something that is likely to happen at all, you are much more likely to be physically assaulted or raped yourself than be accused of sexual assault.

Yes, but to play devils advocate wouldn't this dissuade a percentage of the men from entering situations where their lives could be ruined by a false accusation?

Are you worried about being falsely accused of any other crime?

It shouldn't. Over 90% of actual rapists walk free. False accusations pretty much don't even exist statistically so the answer is non zero but also arbitrarily close to zero.

It means "they can make some effort now." I like seeing the "men aren't approaching anymore" topics. The balance of power will change. Sitting around waiting for men to do everything will be a one way ticket to being 30 with no husband. Some of these females are going to learn how to properly green light a man or just sit on reddit making depressing topics lol. Lol, down voted by angry birds

or you can simply come to my country and look for women more easily at meetings with friends or bars.

 $r\,/\!menandfemales$ in the wild

I'm scared of women now

It's not like you get attention from men in real life anyway lol.

I guess it's a fear of something being miscommunicated or false allegations. Someone being falsely accused can have their life ruined even if they were proven innocent. I'm not sure why they put that towards the Me Too movement because this was happening before that even came around. I'm really not sure. It's just a theory.

I'm afraid to go in for the kiss on dates if I'm not 100% certain they want me to, has been leading to girls seeing as me as a friend because of how hesitant I am to make the first move

Why can't you just ask them if you can kiss them? Why does consent with men need to somehow ruin things? Just. Ask.

I'm not a rapist so idc. If you cant read a womans body language, maybe you need to pay a counselor who specializes in that. But that is only a small percentage of such cases. Women and children have to live in fear of being abducted raped and killed by men, that is undeniable. Everyday. On the way to work. Walking to the mailbox. Sitting at home watching tv. Every man they encounter could be a smooth talking psychopath who wants to abuse her children. I think its like 1 in 3 women will experience sexual assault before 18. So with underreports , 50% of women will be experience forceful unwanted male contact before they are even adults. And this is with our vast police state. Before cell phones and laws, raping small children and women was standard for most civilizations. And who did the raping? Lots of men. Soldiers, politicians, homeless guys, doctors, philosophers, kings, just raping away. They are mostly all in hell now , so its ok. will say, when some people tried to open up about male on male sexual abuse, we were told "start your own movement " . It really hurt to be excluded like that.

Before moving in for the first time I always ask "Permission to touch" lol

It's not misunderstanding "the mission", it's understanding the reality.

I'd never drop my phone number or ask out a stranger again. I mostly got no's before but now I've been accused of sexual harassment with zero evidence and been fired just for quote "paying too much attention " to a woman that I thought I had a friendly acquaintanceship with. I think the result has been a shunning of unattractive men from the public and private spheres.

Well if you feel that you have been unjustly terminated, you can always take the company to court. Thank you for reply

If I had money for a lawyer, you bet I would. For now, it's just trying to survive.

when you see a wide variety of white men marrying Mexican women from your city in north central Mexico and then you see the campaigns against them blaming them for all the ills of women or humanity You begin to understand why they get married here in the first place and why they live in Mexico.

if sexual assault awareness makes you afraid to approach women, you are the problem and it's a good thing you aren't approaching women anymore

Remember what happened to Aziz Ansari during metoo???

I think he handled the situation really well and it was a learning point for him. He realised that although he genuinely thought it was a great time, she did feel pressured to some extent due to the power dynamic. I think it's so important this was talked about so people can understand others' point of view. I bet there are sooooo many women that have experienced that fine line of not feeling completely comfortable, this not being picked up on by their partner but equally them not saying anything and not thinking much more of it at the time. If this is spoken about more it will show women can speak up and highlight how important it is to get enthusiastic consent and to communicate in general.

It's made me more hesitant to talk to people in public. Im a very social person and like to try and talk to people when I'm out and about, but I feel like doing so is frowned upon now. It's hard, because I've never used online dating, dating apps, or anything in between. I wouldn't even know how.

But what in the Me Too message has made you believe or interpret that you can't approach in real life? It's cancerous.

it's a redflag for me when a gal is super into it. if one hates sexual predation, as i do, i loathe it, i figure it better to teach the town to defend themselves then blow time hunting down one asshole at a time.

But isn't speaking out against abuse, something that MeToo does, also a way to defend yourself? So wouldn't Me-Too, and someone who is super into it, completely align with your thought process as well?

"Me Too" was a great initiative that unfortunately hijacked by feminism and killed and burried by Amber Heard. I don't find it relevant anymore and don't see it have any effect on dating today

What's wrong with feminism? Lol... that's another "what was said, vs what was heard" dynamic that needs to be explored.

Absolutely nothing. Just more liberal hysteria and background noise to be ignored.

Huh? I'm not familiar with that phrase

"I've always asked for consent before touching anyone". That my friend makes you a weirdo. Normal people are socially calibrated enough to understand when it's ok to touch someone. I'm glad you were able to come here and virtue signal your moral superiority and I hope the inner reward was worth it for you.

So you refuse to live your life fully because of your perception on how others would like to live theirs? Thays not living at all my friend.

I do see where you're coming from though BigDickBillyFukFuk79. Hahaha, god damn what a great username.

Thank you sir lol. Best of luck on your journey. Stay true to yourself

Perceiving that other humans are a consciousness of their own and would like to live their lives with joy is beginner level human decency. Living my life with that in mind costs me next to nothing. I'm still outgoing and complimentary with my friends because I know it makes them happy.

Ahhhh you're the r*pist. Gotcha.

Lol there you go. Hear facts you dont like and immediately start dropping unfounded accusations. I get it dont worry we all understand you are okay with ruining entire lives based on unfounded accusations by anonymous people.

Why would we ever want a man to talk to? Are you serious? That's not what men are good for. Men being around you close enough to speak to you kills your peace.

This is a case I would advocate therapy for your issues

Please go cry somewhere else.

As you should be. Because it kills the vibe, most girls want a guy to be able to lead. Consent is key yes but verbal consent for everything instead of implied consent for something more innocent like kissing is considered a turnoff. Just because you'd

be okay with a guy asking everytime if he can kiss you, doesn't mean that other girls are. You won't go in for the kiss and you won't ask if a kiss is okay. Sounds like a self-limiting issue.

Asking for consent is sexy. It doesn't kill the vibe, it adds to it. You should try it. Of course there are smooth, sexy ways to ask. And not so smooth ways that would kill the mood. But not asking and just going in for a kiss or whatever is probably more of a mood killer to the average woman, especially if it's not done smoothly.Because for 99% of women in the real world asking them for consent to a kiss is an immediate turnoff and deal breaker. Why would he blow his chances with 99 women on the oft chance that 1 of them is like you and requires you to ask for verbal consent to kiss?

No it's not. Consent is fucking hot. Also if you're not asking you don't know

It's not misunderstanding "the mission", it's understanding the reality.

not neccessarily, the slogan is believe all women, but alot of people take it literally even when there is proof of the opposite, what they should have said is don't shit on accusers unless the accusations are proven false

The slogan is "Believe women", because most of the times women were not believed when they claimed they were abused, if they even would come out about it. Believe ALL women is an alternative to the slogan. I can see why some would use that. For me personally, the original slogan is sufficient.

the issue is not all women are honest about it and that's a fact, most accusers of anything aren't believed, this doesn't only apply to rape and only women, in fact more so for men. i get you are okay with it that's fine, i am simply explaining why some people dont agree with the slogan, and what would have led to no opposition at all

thats not how my conversations tend to go. it comes off as a religion. either you stand with metoo, or you're a predator yourself, rather than taking it on a case per case basis. rather than focusing on healing the wounded.

Well, MeToo itself is a worthy cause. That a small minority of men can be falsely accused, is unrelated to the movement, I think.

the movement itself is a wonderful idea. it's the execution and the zealots behind it that i dont mesh with. there are too many gals out there who have been property of monsters, and all they want is to recover their lost humanity, and protect the next generation. that in itself is enough work and my own first priority when it comes to the matter.

Feminism destroyed American society and the family dynamic. It was specifically designed with this purpose so that the state rather than the family unit would be in charge of indoctrinating children. That's for starters. Do your own research and educate yourself if you truly wish to understand.

If you have to ask, I take it you don't know much more about feminism than what feminism wants you to hear. The biggest and obvious wrong is that it is not necessary in the west. All good things in feminism is covered by other things and what is left is the crusade to monopolize the victim hood to only apply for women while projecting every-thing wrong in the world on men. If you believe that is a good thing, great for you. But most rational and educated people can see that mindset doesn't bring anything good

I'd say thats becoming more of a popular opinion. But still a dangerous, career ending one potentially. This sexual mcCarthyism will end and all the fucks who promoted it will look like the sanctimonious shitheads they are..but not for a little while yet.

Over reach always gets checked at some point. So will #metoo.

On top of it, most of them are liars too. I know of a couple college kids who got ACCUSED of this bullshit and were kicked out of college. They weren't allowed back in after the whole damn thing was proven fake. Another guy went to jail 6 years over it, just for the girl to admit on Facebook that it never happened. It's fucked up.

I hope he was released when she admitted on Facebook that it never happened.

It did happen. The government only gave him \$750 for reparations. Sucks.

Lol your story is bullshit.

I sort of doubt this story due to the fact thats purgery, which im 90% sure is a fellony, and top that off, any decent lawyer would demand a retrial, and to press charges on the "victim"

I hope he was released name her dumbass had to serve 6 years. Unfortunately I already know that's not true

I'm a woman and i find ALL of the metoo movement ridiculous. #metoo is a dumbass movement created by dumbass feminists.

Waiting for you to be accused of being a guy.. any second now lmao. It just bothers me that women who went on bad dates attempt to put themselves at the same level as someone who had to have sex with their boss to not get black-listed or was raped, which I feel like discredits the movement in general. There is rampant sexual abuse and harassment in the entertainment industry and important stories get overshadowed.

I've been accused for being a guy too because I'm not a brainwashed third wave feminist. The people that accuse you for this, they think they are defending feminists but they really aren't by saying only men can disagree to these opinions and women can't because apparently our pretty little heads can't think for ourselves! Pretty hypocritical but anywaysss...i completely agree with you.

Sjw's are sexist "You are woman, you can't possibly think like that." I have been told I was not black because I don't belive that black people are oppressed. They do this to all "minorities" who don't conform to their hivemind.

No wonder you've been accused of being a guy, when you side with men even on a sub like this which is filled with people really dedicated to hating on women.

I don't think this sub is dedicated to hating women. This post isn't a post about hating women if you think that then you need to learn how to read. This sub is mostly dedicated to hating fat people.

Well, since your brain seems to be wired to skip over 80% of incel/MRA/MGTOW posts posted on this sub, then I suppose it's no wonder you don't see that this sub is obsessed with woman-hating. This post might be about fat people, but the comment I replied to was about gender.

I'm not on here 24/7 checking EVERY single post that's made on here so maybe I am missing them. This specific post isn't anti woman so your comment previous comment was irrelevant. Unless if you're one of those triggered SJWs that get offended over everything then sure.

Nobody is on here 24/7. But if you never come across those posts, then this must be your first time on this sub. You were talking about sexism on a post about fat people, so of course I'm going to continue the talk about sexism. Your criticism is irrelevant. I'm hardly offended, you seem to be so, though, giving immediate downvotes and accusing people of being SJWs just because they disagree with you.

Ya ya zip it virgin

This is probably one of the more mature comments I saw you post.

LMa0 b1TcH

Calm down

cA1m dOwN

they do the same thing to blacks who walk off the democrat plantation. look what they tried to do to kanye.

Its funny because many first and 2nd feminists(i.e. Christina Summers) have been/were(dead ones) afraid that this might happen...and it did.

Popular opinion, those who oppose this are utter morons, men or women.

I don' think #MeToo is necessarily bad; airing clear violations seems fair and useful. But I thought it was unfair when Aziz Ansari was brought into it. They were dating, went back to his place, he tried to be sexual, and it didn't seem totally clear what she wanted. I'm not saying Aziz did nothing at all wrong (he was probably too pushy), but it doesn't need to be shown to the world. What he did wasn't a clear violation, and it's not a crazy mistake to make. It's a private issue. People make mistakes, and it's more unclear in dating (since potential sexuality is implied)... I don't think we can demand people to be perfect.

She was being benign about his advances, when she said and showed obvious signs of discomfort he stopped. People are not goddamn mind readers. He did nothing wrong

She never said no though, she stated that she just looked uncomfortable and gave hints, wtf is that shit. You are right Aziz did nothing wrong, and being too pushy, I doubt that one too. Same happened with Franco, that actress accused him of only hiring her to do nude roles, like fuck outta here bitch. And another one said she felt pressured to blow him, while they were dating, her excuse was that she was a struggling actor and he was a big star.

My impression was that she eventually made it clear she didn't want to have sex, but later on he pushed the issue again. Arguably a bit pushy and wrong, but it's hard to know.

Upvoted for a great opinion, and for something I agree with

You being a woman doesn't make your opinion any more valid. r/asablackman

No, but it does offer a different perspective on the whole thing. I think she's trying to say that not ALL women are going to go cry rape at the slightest advance, and she's one of them. #MeToo and other feminist movements like to generalize and see all women together as one big group of victims. OP is just saying she (and other women) aren't a part of that.

Never thought it did or claimed it did.

I agree with this.

Thank. You. So. Much. God, I hate when people have to assert that they belong to the group they want to judge in order for their opinion to be valid. Also, why would one single person-male or female- call an entire movement about combatting rape stupid? Way to lack empathy.

"Way to lack empathy" Pot meet Kettle

Hi, Kettle!

I lack empathy against attention seeking women, yes! I'm terrible!

The entire movement is just fake?

Have you bothered to read anything I've written or are you just used to being an ignorant fuckwad?

You state that you're tired of the whole movement and then paint it as women just calling people creeps and whatnot.

Yeah, you didn't read what I said and jumped to being mad over nothing. You must be one of those annoying ass women.

I am not an ass women. Why would you assume buttock fenders?

Ah wait you use shitty jokes that are a clear sign of being a white male Reddit user.. Nice

Wait... when did I pretend to be black?

What did Superman Henry Cavill say?

Now I'm fully aware there is an issue in the US of men physically retaliating, but I don't understand why women are going to a man's home and not expecting anything sexual. Camille Paglia has a spiel on this. She's like, "You know what it means to accept an invitation into a date's house at 1:00 am. You're giving consent by doing that." Can you revoke that consent? Yeah, sure. But unless you do, that's the track things are on.

Male feminist here giving my opinion. I support womens rights because I support individualism. Being that an individual has the right to do anything they wish as long as it does not infringe on the rights of other individuals. Third wave feminism is extremely divided and the strand that blame the entirety of middle class men on the abuse that a minority of men do is ridiculous. Ive only met one girl who thinks this way thankfully. In my country feminists are pretty chill. But I think political correctness and attention seeking coupled with a lack of apathy for men have turned a portion of the feminist movement into a vile force. Because a tiny portion of men are rapists we are ALL assholes to them. I didnt ask a girl out until I was 19 because i was too intimidated by the consequences and I have only asked out one woman since because of this fear of being seen as a creep. Im an attractive guy (I averaged 7.1 on r/rate me) but I am terrified to ask a girl out. So I support feminism and I believe we should all support the freedoms of the individual. And in the past decade we have not been supporting the mental or social well being of men and that needs to change

Male feminists are such pussies and I've even read articles of self admitted feminists that regretted dating male feminists. I'm generalising, but most women's like confident, non doubting, alpha like men. Don't be a push over to this feminist bullshit dude. It's all fucking garbage. Women really have it good in our modern day. As equal as us men. Be good to women, I mean all people really. Just don't treat em like shit. Treat them nicely like a good human being and you'll usually get some respect back. Tip toeing around all their bullshit won't get you anywhere. Be your own person and own it.

but most women's like confident, non doubting, alpha like men Lol, tell us more about your TRP mentality. Lol, I'm not TRP.

Oh, you're just worthless white trash?

Lol, you're the one throwing out insults. I didn't degrade anybody.

this. feminism is a shit test. it's a sorting mechanism for deciding who is alpha and who is beta.

The goddamn cringe here is unreal.

Theres no such thing as alpha and beta mate. That concept came from alpha and beta wolves. The only problem is that there are no alpha and beta wolves. The guy who came up with alpha wolves was mistaken and realized this 6 months after his book was published. For decades he has tried to debunk the belief he started. There is no alpha or beta wolves or humans. But we do have a form of hierarchy but it isnt necessarily based on dominance. Native tribes had democratically elected chiefs who had to be a servant of the people, and in return got 3 wives. But societies of war have a hierarchy of sorts. In the dark ages strength showed leadership. Now intellect and being useful in many capacities does. But being alpha and being an self righteous twat is not leadership or dominance. I did not fear women, I feared social repercussions of being seen as gross. Since then ive grown. Ive started flirting and hooked up with a girl 10 years older recently and used my looks, intellect and confidence to attract her even though shes had over 10 years of experience from men pulling this shit. I still was able to seduce her. Some feminists treat women like queens. I treat them as equals, and as a result I get girls. I support their rights but I also know as equals they are no better than me so I ask flirt with them. The only fear I have is social repercussions or maybe my uni telling me off for doing whats only natural to me

yeah, it's the top 10-20% of males, and then all the rest. clinical psych has repeatedly found male groups when tasked to do something will absolutely play the alpha/beta game. a leader comes ahead either by domination or election, and he stays the leader until the goal is completed or the group overthrows him. most primates have this alpha/beta dominance hierarchy. for example, with most gorillas, the females intentionally mate with the top male and behind his back, also his major contenders. this is because alphas, upon assuming dominance over the tribe, will execute all children of the other males. by females sleeping with all the other top males, the new ones who take control do not execute the children of the ones they mated with. numerous economists have studied dating app behavior, and the dynamic of female hypergamy and alpha/beta males is so heavily supported by the data, you'd be laughed out of the room.

There is no such thing as alpha and beta. I study anthropology. There is no clear cut percentage. The Tupi Guarani dismantle this entire concept of dominance through their societal structure. This is pseudo science at its finest. Study anthropology and history. Dont just read the daily mail and the red pill for information. An academically verified book is a credible source, the red pill is not

Indoctrinated? Haha your ignorance is adorable. Unlike your country my country has laws on what professors say at unis. If what they say is untrue and they try to indocyrinate students they will be fired and no longer be able to teach at a uni level. They also cant assign books to buy that they wrote to eliminate bias. Also this culture definitely exists, it still exists. Im interested in Portuguese colonisation and they had a lot of contact with the Tupi Guarani. Anthropologists try to grapple with. This culture understood that to have leaders with power would lead to dominance so they created the chief without power and in peace time there is no dominant control in their culture. Im not being indoctrinated im being educated on facts on other cultures. Some my family battled with. Id advice you read about these cultures instead of sending a link about fucking apps. Stop reading the daily mail and cnn and read books by academics so you actually understand more cultures than the one you are residing in

you're getting a bachelor of arts endorsing academia. you do know that social science and arts academia is now unequivocally farther left than even CNN, right? you're not being educated. you're being indoctrinated. your degree is a participation award, not a sign of education and critical thought.

Not in australia they aint dipshit. Unis here areant allowed academic bias. Like i said stop reading the daily mail. The stereotype that uni students only learn about marxism and ethnic minorities is absolute bullshit. I have done studies on britain, australia, u.s france, south american tribes and russia. Literally only one of these is non white. And economics? Everyone ive ever met at uni supports capitalism. Socialism is not a concept often discussed. We read way more white historians than other races. Actually i think Said is the only non white one ive had to read this year. Also the whole concept of left and right thats going on in the u.s atm is babylike. Left and right is not concrete. Its fucking subjective. For instance the uk concervatives is more left wing that u.s liberals. Actually the u.s democratic party is one of the most far right parties in the world. And the republicans are the most far right party in the world. U.s liberals are not progressive by international democratic standards. Most people here disliked hilary just as much as trump. We actually discussed some of the reasons trump would be a better president. So yeah academia aint left wing or right wing, its based on facts. If it wasnt it should not be taught at universities. So stop reading the fucking daily mail to try to understand the world because it just shows how you ignorant you are of institutions you dont know anything about because your research consists of reading media designed to reaffirm the prejudices you already have

Ah what a great rebuttal. You dont know anything that im talking about because you dont understand anything that isnt written in a newspaper for fuckwits. You talk of matters you know so little about that your only intellectual response is to just see it as false. Im guessing youre at least 40 (maybe younger if youre in IT). Your mind is too indoctrinated in reactionary media to even read a book that aint about Murica. Left and right differ if you could understand another nations political system you might understand that. But since i doubt you could find most countries on map i doubt you will learn about them. My country has laws different to yours you ignoramus. We have laws on ensuring teachers beginning from kindergarten all the way up to university level are not allowed to enforce any form of political or social ideology upon us. Pull your head out of your ass and learn that the whole world is not your fucking country. Learn about cultures and how your left vs right identity politics over there is pissing us off And now the fuckwits in our countries are starting to see left vs right in the same childlike view

did you click the link? it's even sourced.

Indeed I did. I see you found a daily mail alternative. Just because a website exist does not mean it is factual. Just because incels have websites does not mean they are factual. This website looks like it was made by someone who has only owned a computer for 3 months. This is why your country is fucked. You cant distinguish factual evidence from sites created by idiots with agendas. This has NO endorsement by our government or any NPOs. This is actually worse than the daily mail. I hope you guys fix your education system so there are less ignorant morons such as yourself. Its just a collection of small internet churnalism articles. Many of which taken out of context to support the idea of the fuckwits who wrote this. I mean the smh is a joke and the age is not much better.

Fucking LOL. You must be so, so lonely. Hypergamy? Come on boy, try being valuable

what are you even on about? i have 7 FWBs. tinder is dominoes for pussy for me.

you're projecting kiddo

We get it, you're upset that you can't get laid, boy.

I'm confused by your use of "lack of apathy". I think you mean the opposite, but I'm also thinking you could have meant to use another word entirely (that I can't think of at the moment) and it autocorrected.

I meant that these women have a lack of interest in the concerns of what modern men have to endure. Like why so many of us are killing ourselves in comparison to women Oh yeah just re-read that. Yeah I just mean their massive amount of apathy. Thanks for the correction man

While you make some modest points in that rant, has it ever occurred to you that women are generally socialized as girls not to be confrontational *precisely for this reason*? To be trained from birth to the the sort of person who goes along with being violated for the sake of "propriety", "not making a scene" and taking the blame onto themselves? I have elderly relatives in their late 70s who are like that, so it's not a new phenomenon by any means. Just because women may have some socially-rooted, pervasive bahavior issues that contribute to their victimization doesn't mean men aren't ultimately behind it. And yes, I say this as a man. When you really look with feminist eyes at some of the things we say to and teach our daughters, it's truly horrifying. These women didn't put themselves in these situations because they were unintelligent or foolish; they were taught to do so.

Do you understand that you just mansplained to someone with a vagina how women are raised? I'm talking about the fact that men are afraid to even say HI to a woman at a grocery store or out and about, which is something I'm fairly certain your grandparents did. I understand the "not making a scene" and how women feel the need to keep quiet. Why are some women not comfortable saying the word no to someone but they are comfortable making a scene and announcing the world about a sexual experience they've had? This isn't a statement against the whole metoo movement, this is a statement towards cases like aziz ansari's or Ryan seacrest, not bill Cosby or Harvey Weinstein.

Let's not ovaryact

I'll try to not get my tubes all in a bunch

Mansplaining is literally feminist dogma. Which side are you on?

And that's the problem right there. I don't NEED to be on any "side." Stop trying to put someone into a stigmatized category and criticizing them for not fitting that mold. I can disagree with women thinking a man calling them "pretty" is sexual harassment and I can also use the word "mansplaining" and care about topics involved in feminist. He assumed I was a man and tried to explain some things in that way, so the shoe fits.

No, using that word is pathetic and sexist in and of itself.

Because it's completely impossible for a man to be involved in raising a girl. That never happens, so clearly I can't know what I'm talking about, every, because I'm a man. That's not every but as sexist as conventional chauvinism or anything.

"Feminist eyes" oh man. Please teach me, a woman, how do be a woman better. Save me! Please!

Pretty obvious you're a guy and most likely an incel

Unless you've literally never seen a man before then you've been sexually harassed and would support the metoo movement but since you don't you either haven't ever been near a dude or are just an angry incel

I'm another woman that thinks metoo is the dumbest thing on the planet. Someone hitting on you is not harrassment and neither is catcalling or simple flirtation at work. There are women out there that have seriously been abused and labeling everything as sexual harrassment these days does a disservice to those women who have genuinely suffered. Edit: Ah, nevermind, you're a troll.

Me saying that their should be consequences for sexual assault which the metoo movement accomplishes is trolling on reddit I guess. I keep forgetting that half the people on this site are incels and misogynists.

Take a look at your post history along with statements such as "If you've seen a man, you've been sexually assaulted." Nice try.

Yeah okay mr "white people shouldnt date period." I don't care if you think I'm an incel with a dick. My view looking down at myself disagrees and a troll with negative karma isn't going to make me magically grow a penis. The metoo movement has become women complaining about a dude wanting to sleep with them too fast and shadows real abuse stories and cases. Oh well if you don't agree!

95 percent of women are sexually assaulted and the metoo movement wants sexual assault to have consequences and wants to have men fix their shitty behavior? What's wrong with that? I get maybe you're ugly enough to the point where nobody would sexually assault you but most other women go through that.

Oh no, I'm considered ugly by a troll because I haven't listed any of my personal experiences with sexual abuse and told my personal business :/ not your business and I don't really care about your opinion since you obviously don't care about mine, but continue to argue for who knows what reason.

Statistics and sources please.

Found the incel

See, this is what's wrong with your damn stupid wanna be feminist movement. Most women who think this shit is feminism are idiots who just want something to scream at. You're the type that would've supported racism all the way until it was illegal. You want to defend women and you want consequences for sexual assault but then you turn around and accuse women who don't agree of being ugly. You're pathetic.

Anyone with a brain would realize me too is just a hate group. You don't have to be a guy to dislike a movement that is useless.

Yes! See people do get it. 🛡

Well, I'm pretty well read, and pretty educated. I would never state that I know everything, but I do know a lot. I don't agree with you that it's not necessary in "the west". I disagree with you on other things as well. But that's a discussion for another day... :-) thank you for your response.

Well I gotta say me and my vagina are pretty surprised by this :/ and unsure what to do with this life changing info

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here's one of the public discussions on it. alvin roth, nobel prize winner in matching markets, has written plenty about dating app economics as he's consulted for many of these apps. you should get a real degree bruh. you are not educated. you're being indoctrinated.

your entire comment is false.

APPENDIX 2 LIST OF COMMENTS COLLECTED FROM X SOCIAL PLATFORM:

imagine the poor MFer that has to sleep w this!! omg
Well, to be fair, the schnoze IS remarkable.
I'll vote #notmetoo
So what exactly is this we're looking at?
Hey Mrs S are those ten foot pole marks on her!!
The goalie for the dart team ?
She's the one who's been stealing the money from the group too isn't she?
Come on Mrs.S, give her a break what other options do you think she has in life???
Air must be free!
The Cubic FEET of air that can be moved through that hood scoop would put any 60-70s muscle car to shame.
Good Gawd, that schnozzola is something else !!
Looks like the face that launched a 1000 ships without the Bottle.
lol
Freak show today?
More like the moooooo too movement!
Who is he? Just axing
Ewwww maybe her dog lol
Not me movement
Looks like her bungee cord was too long.
Me too. What? Fell out of the tallest ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down?
That thing could walk into the zoo, and sit down in the great ape exhibit and nobody would know the difference.
Why are liberals always ugly and usually fat too.
She already has the perfect deterrent to sexual harassmentthat face
I always wondered why they called it that when the # symbol is also known as pound.
That's one hell of an intake !!!
I think I'm going to start a #NotMe movement.
Isn't that an it, not a me? I don't know what it is.
The face that sunk 1000 ships!
the face a bird makes when he smashes his face off a window
Is that an altered photo?
With a face of hers it should be "Stop a Mac Truck" look and my apologies to all of the Mac trucks out there.
whoa!
Dear Lord!
Exactly
Wow. That face would: Stop a clock, Break a mirror, Melt ice, Stop bird shit in mid air.
Did they find the poor man she raped ?
Hopefully this thing went bankrupted or something

IT would put any bloodhound to shame. They need to hire it for the next missing person case.

Impossible, she's the face of birth control

me too? no f%%king thanks. as for falling for anything, they elected barry twice. once sure, to show you aint, ya know, prejudiced. but twice?

What is that?

metoo. I don't think they meant 'pound me in the face'.

Her/his necklace looks tangled up.

Sorry but who is that?

did her rapist leave those scars or did they see a victim and take advantage?

Uhh... nice manicure.

Democrats are crazy!!!

I never saw this before. Wow! Your point is undeniable! Thank you for sharing this insight.

It's everywhere. Been tracking it since at least 2018!

So Bile hates women. Is anyone surprised?

Sure Joey... sounds just like something a black man who was raised by successful, strong black women would say. Why does who my aunt is have anything to do with the opinions I can have?

How to say "look I'm a mysogynistic p***k" without saying I'm a mysogynistic p***k

We know the GOP doesn't pretend. They don't women or people of color.

And they are replacing women with blokes in dresses.

Very insightful.

One of the first superheros was an illegal alien named superman. EAD

Tell me women won't give you the time of day without telling me. Cause Jesus Christ is obvious

So true.

Consider that woke feminists support the idea that men who think they are women

can steal the gold of sports from real women

It's a lie that these are feminists

They do it for greed as they receive nepotism in jobs and promotion

It is gaining power using lies

I'd like to know how you started a rant against women in general, and ended it with "BLACK women ruining everything White Men built"?

I started out wanting to have an open mind with you until I came to this. I can't tell if you're black and I can't tell your age. Can't tell where you grew up or live. It seems that you are unfamiliar with Jim Crow or the civil rights movement.

I've never seen someone more triggered than you

Yes, they love BBCs...

PHD feminists hate the evil male Patriarchy Who gains power by having women hate men

Marxist theory, as articulated mainly by Friedrich Engels in The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State, assigns the origin of Patriarchy to the emergence of private property,

St. Louis too.

Bile is right. This is all a big conspiracy by our mothers, sisters, nieces, & cousins, to steal America away from us. As a white man, I'm appalled. Next week we pick on short people.

Abortion has killed 63 million

You can't kill 30 mil women and say you are feminist

Is it for women or atheism killing Christ

"The first modern nation to legalize abortion was Russia in the 1920s under Lenin . The feminist Aleksandra

Kollontay said it was needed for equality

The white man created the world? Jesus christ can you shuck and jive any harder?

Jesus Christ was white. So was his father.

It's all about destroying Western Civilization. From Christianity to traditional values to free market economics. It's classic, Marxist burn-it-all-down.

What you don't like to see women growth

Clearly you don't have a woman for yourself.

And you are a man unafraid to tell it like it is and for that you have my profound respect.

And just like that, Joseph Byl is back to hating women.

Men can (and should!) support women's rights, but men can not be feminists.

So true! Like men who think that supporting abortion, prostitution, or silencing women's voices on trans issues, makes them a male ally. Like u said, they only support things that suits THEM.Supporting women & letting us speak for ourselves just makes u a decent person; thats it.

Posh, privileged and pompous.

People don't want to share their power. We need to face up to that. The idea that they will because they have daughters say and want them to excel is often naive. Most people aren't that empathetic! At most they'll grant power

According to one member, loose evidence base? It never felt that way to me or the other women I was with.

I don't care about all male clubs as I am quite supportive of female clubs. It does increase safety drastically. One thing which irks me is that some men will wear nail polish or makeup in the name of equality and feminism but won't help out with chores at home.

Again with the same old thing?he have demonstrate being a feminiat man not just by words by actions all his life,he is a male club?what a crime,there are women clubes too

Equality for women... when it suits you. Nice to see you're finally being honest.

So maybe you should ban all female spaces... I see lots of them

You are aware of the mulitple womens only clubs? Like men only clubs aren't a bad thing since there is a women's equivalent? Like it kinda just seems like you don't like it because it is men

Protected characteristic? Equality act.

Feminists=narcissists.

Women can't be men and don't know how or want to be women. Terrible situation for men, families and society. I have no problem with men only clubs, after all there are clubs out there solely for women.

Benedict Cumberbatch has supported equal pay for women his whole career.

He's a member of the Garrick Club, so what? They continually poll members on the admission of women, if you demand everyone resigns, who is going to vote for change.

Hey, proudman-hater, Let me know the time and the place where I can treat your society destroying self the same way I would treat a man doing the same thing. I want you to have all the equal treatment you can handle.

Ah, but they argue change comes from within, equalities act came into being 14 years ago.

What's wrong with a men only club? Don't women have women only spaces?

What did he vote for in the last Garrick members vote? Do you know? The vote was over 50% in favour of admitting women and for all you know, his was one of those votes. I would be inclined not to jump to conclusions here.

People are complex. Maybe Benjamin Cambersnitch can be a feminist and a member of the Garrick. People aren't institutions, and may not support all their aims. I have to go now, to rant about embroidery & Easter eggs.

Thats a bit harsh Charlotte!

Now we're attacking our male allies because they're in an all male club? Don't women have all women clubs? I generally agree with you Dr. Proudman, but this seems like an unfair and unnecessary attack on a person who tried to show solidarity with women. He's one of the nicest blokes you can ever meet too.

Yes but you side with white privileged men over the palestine issue and you are pro occupation. Try not to preach to us coloured folks

Charlotte, maybe that fact you are really annoying is why you have never been allowed into any clubs

Couldnt they just identify as women, then you'd be happy wouldn't you? That is your position on women's rights isn't it?

Jeremy Brett is the only legitimate Sherlock Holmes.

Why did you have a kneejerk reaction to post this? When I see you interacting with other women who responded to you there is a glaring disconnect. You should examine your motivations.

Are they networking occasions for people in high places?

Charlotte, when you were interviewed by Sangita Myska, you did not know what to say when she mentioned the all female Mermaid Club!

Having been a member of the University Women's Club I can tell you that men are welcome as guests, and can use all the facilities (including staying overnight) apart from the ladies loos.

Not these days, all days. But men are (or at least used to be) admitted to the UWC as guests of members, including the bedrooms (so much nicer than a hotel), so my husband also used the club when we travelled.

I've zero issue with men having men only clubs, what I've an issue with is men who like them but then dont stand up for the rights of woman only spaces because a male in a dress stamps their feet and cries "that's not fair"

I think it's good to have single sex spaces. This Garrick club isn't just about men Vs women, it's a club for old white pompous men, poor men aren't allowed either, why would any woman want to join? There are lots of other pompous clubs you can join

Joking. Do they need time away from women? I remember working a while back for a club and these guys just wanted to walk around naked around each other, play sports and chill. Weird exp and eye opener.

There are a shit tonne of privileged men who have calculated that sharing feminist views is beneficial to them and who appear to support equality. In reality their lip service is fucking useless and the ways they uphold male dominance remains unchanged. Feminism is ACTIVE.

Like u hating catherine and loving meghan! Airhead!

What do people's skin colours actually have to do with it? There are white people in white majority countries shock horror.

Never knew he was a member but in all honesty what does it matter if it's a men only club, do you really want to join? It's a posh club for posh boys, just leave them to it instead of being envious. They can keep themselves separate, the rest of us can just be normal.

Any misleader trying to sew divisions in the world is attempting to weaken us, destroy families and spread their mental illness, chaos, misery and pain throughout society and should be exposed and ignored.

Your very lives depend upon good, empathic, normal, loving men. Keep this garbage up and there will be fewer and fewer of us to save you. Worse yet, keep spreading narcissism in men through father deprivation and self-hatred and men will become your worst nightmare.

You want more privileges and to spread hatred. You could not handle being treated equally to men. You'd get wrecked.

I suppose you'd also be complaining if he wore a 'feminism is bullshit' t shirt aswell? Which just goes to show there's nothing men can do in your eyes, and you're just anti male, whining, shrill pig of a woman.

Let's create WOMEN only clubs all day long then. Freeze those ones out and build hierarchies??!!

Often wonder why he elected to take a pay cut rather than demand his female costar recieve the same as him

It even baffles me too

Who dey breath

It's sad man

So sad

Well said

That's true

That S u

That's it

Sad to hear this but its the truth	
Very true	
Life isn't fair	
Very true	
Life is hard	
Naked truth	
Bitter truth	
Make dem they play	
That's what this world turning in to	
Tough life	
Very true	
You're absolutely right	
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So true	
Very true	
That's 21st century	
It's sad	
That's true	
Sincerely speaking, you are right	
Sad true	
Have you ever heard of the saying 'it's a man's world'? Ask why it is so	
That's true	
Sad reality	
Sad reality indeed	
To be a man is not easy	
Oh really	
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That's true
That's life
Life ain't easy for men
Men matters too
I agree
Let them keep moving like dis
Good
That's our world
That's true
So true
They're just sick
Very true my bro
That true
Sad truth
Sad reality
Very true
Some of them are cr@zy
So true
Most people are better Its just a certain creators corner (cesspool) of people who really shouldnt be using the internet WE LOVE YOU MUMINNIT!
we love you mrs simons!!!
This is why both me and my mum follow you Sarah. A legend
You are so amazing. I'm sorry you experienced that much ugly. I hope you dream of a good memory that you have not thought of in some time.

Regardless of y'all's opinion on the white boy. You've created a breeding ground for misogyny. You can't push and preach for humanitarian rights. Than treat someone like yall did with Mrs.Simons. Fight for human rights isn't pick and choose. Do better

u r simply the best. as a young human i do sometimes get a lil depressed when i see how horrid young people are, but then i remember how good are the ones who are around my life and I feel great again! sending love to you lady! Sending you so much love! We're all glad this isn't affecting you too much

Shit, im so sorry you have to deal with this Mrs. Simons, but ur very strong so!!! I shant worry too much

people will say anything as a clapback for people who don't know them. all the love to you ! glad you're doing alright !!

She's got this in the bag, I ain't concerned. Sending you all the love in the world, Mrs Simons !! I think this should be taken as a worry for her- she's expressed she's fine- and rather as a lesson about the unnecessary cruelty of the internet. A lesson to be kinder to people

you deserve way better Mrs. Simons. People don't deserve respect from you especially if they're not giving respect back.

ur kid litteraly made bad jokes, I get that it was his "mistakes" but you should have a talk to your son about it. I feel like you should have said your thoughts privately to that person and not publicly. You act like this is a whole big deal when all he said was dm you. wow.

sarah ily

We are all behind you lovely.

sending full support your way mrs simons, good for you for absolutely destroying the haters!

wait what happened, im confused why is mrs simons getting attacked online

proud of u

I don't understand misogyny. women are too pretty to hate

i love u sarahhhh

Consider that engaging in emotional personal issues publicly results in triggering direct personal attacks from uninvolved parties. Isn't that the root of the original issue? Now this has happened three separate times, if only the lesson could have been learned the first time.

WE LOVE YOU MRS. SIMONS

Proud of you queen

SARAH GET BEHIND ME , I WILL NOT TOLERATE SARAH SLANDER

mrs. simons you'll always be famous

There's those few who are obsessed with people like Andrew tate and just bad people, so they base their whole life around em hopefully they grow up and change for the better

Mrs. Simons you are a legend

Don't let them silence you! They're just mad you're a mom, and that you're funny.

Not everyone's a good person unfortunately there has to be some dock heads to balance the good people out Big big love back from one strong mom to another!!

Love ya, Sarah! STAY STRONG!

Wait what happened??

WE LOVE YOU!!!

strong mum!!

As a younger person I apologise to you for my fellow younguns who I hope will learn one day not to take twitter way to seriously

Nah young people suck mum, it's the Wild West out here

Love you, Mrs Simons!

i love you sarah simons never doubt that for a SECOND

YES MAMA (slay muthainnit)

the level of rampant unchecked misogyny around here is both insane and devastating. I love you so so so so much! It's sad to say Stan's will pull whatever card to protect the CC and will be so blinded by hate and venom. it's so sad honestly to see them to be filled with such loyalty that they ignore the signs and pretend that they cc is perfect in any way and cannot do anything wrong.

Most of us are, some of us are in weird YouTuber cults

Thank you ma'am. You're an inspiration tho. We need good role models.

They're just bad people there are so many of us good pepole and we support you !!

putting the girlboss in gaslight gatekeep girlboss!

glad you're able to brave through this so well, still horrific you have to even deal with any of this at all. wishing u well!!!!

I love how you never let anything get to you. you're such an icon.

God I'm so sorry Mrs Simons. No one deserves such cruelty.

it is concerning how rude can ppl be with others just to defend their favorite content creator. they are legally blind atp. he is a terrible person and so are his fans.

Words to me have no meaning anymore. Do you not know what misogyny is? If your assuming that then you yourself have committed misandry

All these kids complaining to "act your age", when they aren't even acting their own age. Apologies, Mrs. Simons. You deserve more respect.

You're an inspiration mrs simons, thank you for being the person you are

i love you mrs simon's i hope you have a wonderful day and month and year u are my idol

Can you do that as one of your topics please Sarah?? I don't really understand what misogyny is ngl but I feel like I've always been dumb compared to most people my age, especially considering autistic people are known to be smart but I wouldn't say I am lol

no one should tolerate that bullshit!!

Wow, generalize much? There are misandrists that want to kill men (and somehow think the world could go one without them) just as there are extreme misogynists. Taking one example and equating it to all of a group is akin to racism, sexism, etc. Btw, both are vile philosophies to hold.

Where are all these misandrists out here killing men just be they can't get sex? Why must we pretend this hasn't been a one sided war on women for all recorded history, just to soothe your fragile ego? Get a grip, sir. You don't live in fear of women's violence. You know it.

Men are not entitled to sex as women should not be entitled to men's money. There I said it.

If you don't want a woman to get any of your money, don't marry or have children. It's quite simple, really. Single women are able to do it just fine.

What in the world is going on?!

The same thing that's been going on for centuries

Calling men out for their hatred of women is not misandry

Exactly, misandry isn't even real, it's just a way for these men to play victims after putting women thru hell! Nah, a lot of misandrists have said even worse.

Key word being "said". Male violence against women occurs regularly in the real world. You don't live in fear of female violence, but women DO live in fear of male violence.

Not wanting to have sex is not misandry

I know, that's what the incels who call us "misandrists" think tho! The worst thing that's ever happened to these men is being unfckable.

He's from the r*pe capital of the world. Don't expect much from him.

I don't expect much from any of y'all to be perfectly honest, studies show that half of western men admit to sexual aggression/assault.

god fucking damn it it's always an indian. Our stocks are in the dirt rn man

<u>Misogyny:</u> dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women.

Misandry:

dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against men.

Do you have trouble using a dictionary or why do you invent random definitions?

There's definitely major issues with misogyny in India, but misogyny is truly a global issue. One thing all women in the world have in common is fear of male violence, no matter our nationality. My heart goes out to the Indian women suffering & dying.

We are talking about how these two things manifest, dummy. Try to keep up.

He was out of line. Moving on.

Why are you entitled to live though? Is it the laws and institutions created by men? Who gives those things power? Why are YOU entitled to live?

I admit at first I wasn't sure what to think of the misandrists posts. But after reading alot of these comments online, misandry is a clear result of extreme misogyny. Im not taking any of those posts personal because they aren't directed at me. Id rather be part of the solution

Exactly, they're not directed at men who are genuine allies to women, while I say "men" in my posts it does not mean ALL men, just the men who my statement applies to. Women are simply reacting to the constant hatred being directed at us for centuries.

1. Trolling maybe? 2. Not the definition of misogyny

Neither is true. You're making up definitions.

Of course they are not. Sex is a privilege!! Now stop painting us with one brush. Plenty of women like to use their sex to manipulate men and lead them on. Let's not pretend it doesn't happen. However no matter what sex should always be with consent.

That was uncalled for. Women are not entitled to commitment, protection or provision from men. Feminists belong to the street with the rest of the men.

Islam

That's not the definition of those words.

Cry harder

i agree fully, but this trend of using a singular person's tweet to try and prove a point has got to stop...

WellIIII I guess if you take a 1k like post vs a close to zero liked post on a Twitter the assumption you gave might be false. Just saying

We see similar comments from women all the time

The correct reply should have been that "women are not entitled to men's resources"

I want to believe this is like the Sargon "I wouldn't even rape you" in that technically no one is entitled to life, cancer could take us all tomorrow, but I don't think so. I would say he needs to get laid, but I wouldn't trust him alone with a woman.

I don't think those definitions are right, and I don't think that is what either of those people said.

Misandry is thinking that women are better than men. Misogyny is thinking that men are better than women. Women not wanting to have sex with men is homosexuality. That dude is just a disgusting troll.

Misandry is the hatred of men. Misogyny is the hatred of women. Both attitudes exist but we assume misogyny as a motivating factor when men harm women but rarely consider misandry as a motivating factor when women harm men. Bias

Men will call us every awful name under the sun and fantasize about rape then cry misandry when we push back against it

and ofc it's an Indian

When women hate men, they avoid men. When men hate women, they hurt women. That's the difference.

I had no idea misogyny means that.

Women who hate men generally avoid them, men who hate women harass, abuse, rape & sometimes murder them. ofcourse an Indian man

Misandry is hatred against men. Misogyny is hatred against women. At least search on Google before saying anything.

I still maintain there is no such thing as reverse sexism for as long as women remain the minority sex.

Which is it when i say women are not entitled to romantic commitment

Ngl I thought this was just a funny meme because it's so out of pocket

You don't get it

I like how you changed the definition of a word lol

Unsurprisingly, that's an Indian incel. His mommy is probably trying to get him an arranged marriage while he raves against women on Twitter.

We're never going back to being your property. Cope & seethe.

Why are you trying to put a positive spin on death threats? Men kill hundreds of women all over the world every single day. We all know he meant that as a threat, yet here you are attempting to lie on his behalf.

Sorry but you don't get to redefine a word because some crackpot says something stupid. Misogyny is bad enough on its own. This is how we get to "pro choice people just love to kill babies" and "Republicans are nazis" and "trans supporters are all pedos". Enough with this shit. Call out the individual for the their individual abhorrent behavior and 99% of the people will back you. No, I'm not defending misogynists. I'm saying they don't want to murder women. And it doesn't count to say "well, maybe they ALL don't want to but…". That's bullshit too.

Words have actual meaning - a meaning that experts consent on. It's not "whatever it means in your head". Misandry is hate towards men. Misogyny is hate towards women. Misandrists are just as bad as misogynists. It's top-tier sexism, EITHER WAY.

Misandry is actually hating men, which is not shown in this post but is very common. The guy in this is just a psycho, not misogynist.

I think it's funny that half of your comments are men trying to explain a woman's problem. And not the fact that the guy in the post responded with. "Women are not entitled to live" Just because a woman doesn't won't to f*ck you she deserves to die? WILD!!!!!

No no, misandry is wanting all men dead, there's no shortage of cherry picking you can do on the Internet to find it. I don't know if that's what misogyny is. Is internalised misogyny wanting to murder women? Is misogyny going to a strip club? Is misogyny having a bad relationship with your mother? I don't know what misogyny is honestly. Misandry is whatever. I don't care.

Wtf? Why are these men allowed in society to speak? They are pure evil and bring nothing good. Repulsive Well that incel's account has been suspended for violence.

misandry and misogyny are both terrible things there are women who wish death upon all men and men who wish death upon all women they are two sides of the same coin bred from hate misandry isnt just not wanting to have sex and misogyny isnt just kill women

Then complain about that misogyny instead of jokes, "microaggressions", and the \$0.77 conspiracy. But first, check the follower count on the account that posted that reply. It's probably less than 10, meaning it's a troll account.

Is he wrong? You guys wanted equality and you guys are getting it that's a problem, women have been saying that shit "kill all men" for a decade and they mean it, and he said if that's a problem, you know what, you guys never wanted equality you guys always wanted superiority....

who hurt you louise?

tbh misandry never really existed until misogyny. its a response personally so i can understand it (i wanted to state my pov personally)

Hot stuff 🤚 😝 lol 😂 😂

Let's break it down. #MeToo. # is the 'Pound' symbol. Therefore, #MeToo is code for Pound Me Too.

Ugh!!!!! 😫 😫 😫 😫

O Fan es — Sister ⊜

SHE would have to roofy ME

Ugh! Was this before or after the shotgun blast to the face

[€] No one would duck that thing sober

Damn. That bitch is ugly. 😂

Nope. I make it clear at least once a day 😂

I have many more ways to say it. And fun fact: I'm legally allowed to be one

Now I know why

Well they're doing a hell of a job 🔍

But crime is actually at an all time low. Oopsie 🤫

999. You hate Black people and women. It's pathetic that you think anybody cares about your opinions for both.

OP wonders why a marriage proposal was never offered.

So pathetic.

You're responding to me so obviously you care about my opinions 🍟

What's wrong with your neck?

So do certain departments of my former employer (who for now shall remain nameless). Ain't PSED grand? 🤣

I like Benedict, but he needs to put in more efforts. It doesn't make sense to make those statements while being a member of a club that excludes women. As the saying goes, you can't have your cake and eat it too! Keep trying Benedict. I believe in you!

Put them 🤍 🔍

Are a significant number of them high court/judges...? 🤒

100 100

Yeah, I was a member of the University Women's Club. Handy for overnight stays in London, nice bit of peace and quiet.

Benedict Cumberbatch rules ! 💐

He should have put on a wig and called himself a woman, eh, Charlotte?

Hi! People are spreading lies about Drake Bell's abuse victims, it would mean a lot if you should possibly share my thread about it! I know your audience is largely survivors who would want to know the truth \checkmark

You bothered about this and not sharing the violence against Palestinian women ? Pregnant women are being raped in Al-Shifa hospital - in front of their husbands and if they close eyes ,they shoot them. You only advocate for those that you can monetize? Why are you silent?

Feminist coming for you

Too bad 😒

Its disheartening to encounter misogyny in any form. Your strength in speaking out against it is admirable. Lets continue fostering a culture of respect and empathy, inspiring others to do better. Love and solidarity to you.

Its disheartening to encounter such misogyny in todays world. Its a reminder for us all to strive for kindness and r spect in our interactions. Your strength in speaking out is commendable, and may it inspire positive change. Muc	
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Sending love <33	
They wanna say how rude you are for standing up for your kid, but won't acknowledge that their fav just tattled of that kid to his mum? About petty youtube drama of all things? Not to make fun, but it is just a little pathetic	n
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You deserve none of the rubbish you're getting. I hope you're okay and people learn to grow up.	
so much love you you Mrs.Simons!!	
Much love and hugs as always Sarah 💜	
Love u mother simons <333	
You're good.	
Honestly people are just awful sometimes. Twitter happens to be a cesspool sometimes.	
Hope you're doing ok queen. Make yourself a drink, you deserve it	
You are so right! So much misogyny from your own adult child!!! Thank you for finally acknowledging it 🧟	
Love u mum 💜	
im so sorry ugh people here suck. much love to u mrs simons 🚢	
Lots of love to you Mrs.Simons	
WE LOVE U MOM 🕰	

we love you mrs simons!!!! go treat yourself to a nice cup of tea for having to put up with all that bullshit. take a for a second. you deserve it	brea
Sending you so much love 💙	

It's insane how people will throw away their morals to defend someone who doesn't even know them
your so strong 🔍 sending love mrs simons
Im so sorry for all this shit Mrs.Simons, we all love you, you and Tommy deserves the best, we are with you \heartsuit
Love u Sarah!! Stay strong queen !! (exclamation marks are emojis)
Biggest love and hugs to you Mrs Simons 🚢 🎔
Love you Internet Mother
All the love to you! 🖤
So much love to you, Mrs. Simons <3
Just know you'll always have more allies than enemies, you're a lovely woman Sarah :) <3
I love you sm sarah wow you don't deserve any of this just because you had an opinion, people seriously need to un- derstand that not everyone has the name opinion
love to you
you got this sarah know we're always gonna stand up for you no matter what WE LOVE YOU
queen sarah
Love you queen Sarah 🎔
<3
we love u miss 💗
your ac an inspiration 就
Love you Mum!!!!!
Much love to you Mrs. Simons

You are so strong, I look up to you so much 🧡
All the love to ya Mrs Simons.
people are so rude it's honestly disgusting so sorry you're having to deal with this 💙
sending so much love your way 💜🂜
We're all sending you so much love !! 💞 Im sorry it's like this, maybe you should take a break from twitter. Don't let them get to you youre incredibly strong
sending you so much love. people can be cruel but there are always more who will be kind, it's just hard to see them sometimes
Sending you so much love!!
love you ma'am 🕰
we love u sarah (blue heart)
Sending you so much love. You truly are so strong 🖤
People are so annoying those people messaging you spend the majority of there time on twitter defending some ran- dom guy they don't know
all the shit that people are saying is so unnecessary, sending so much love Mrs.Simons!! 💞 💞
(pink hearts)
We love you Mrs. Simons
<3 Sarah I fucking adore you and your strength <3 luv ya
you deserve so much better VVV
lots of love 💝🚢
lots of love to u Mrs. Simons a sorry that ppl r so blindsided by thinking they know ccs better than ppl (semi) involved that they decide to be insufferable. take care <33

horrific but not surprising his stans r actually vile people im sorry you had to deal w them

You are indeed a strong, beautiful warrior woman!! I'm sorry that particular group of people went after you, they are honestly some of the nastiest I've ever seen. Thankfully they're only a small fraction of the people on the internet, most of us have more common sense.

hope you're doing well mrs simons! you don't deserve any of this bullshit 🕰

So sorry for the bullshit you get and see, you're a brilliant strong woman AWWW worries me so much to see all these younger people on here feed into toxic and misogynistic thinking

There was never anything you did to deserve being treated like that, you are such an amazing woman Mrs Simons 🚢

I agree, they can shout their shit out so they can take it back. No one ever got anywhere by not calling out others bullshit. I'm right beside you 💙

humanity's brains have been fried 😪 im sorry mrs simons

shit bro louise from bobs burgers? who knew you would grow up to be a twitter user 💔 🂔 🤤

Yes Brian, murder threats over a woman not wanting to have sex with you are just "out of line", this is why I don't trust you men who say you're the "good ones" 🙄

that is not the definition of either 🔍

People trying to justify what he said??

Friendly reminder that 98% of killers are men and men are responsible for 75% of domestic violence cases.

If you needed more reasons to learn to love yourself as a single woman today \mathcal{M}

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According to Google Maps.

Made me launch (among with gif)

THE #METOO MOVEMENT HAS RUINED WORKPLACES

Holy shit, seeing that face, I might start a "Not for me movement"

Who pushed up on her Frankenstein

I don't know/think so but women are underrepresented in these circles anyway so...this article in the Law Gazette sums up the problems...

white privileged woman in hold-my-beer moment...

#CharlotteProudman

#CharlotteProudman "The evidence has absolutely nothing to do with this case."

Benedict Cumberbatch Says He'll Refuse Any Project Where Women Don't Get Equal Pay

@MisandryE

she finally said the quiet part out loud. She's just angry that men have a male only space

you're strong

ate tf up granny

well, great, so there is no mysogyny problem in the west, because almost no one immediately thinks "that bitch didn't let me tap, so Imma end her, duUuUuUh"...

you are not a feminist, a feminist would not exploit other females, especially not their reproductive system and would not systematically support female massmurder

No one is entitled to anything that has to be forcefully taken from another. "Rationality and protecting conscious choice must be the basis for all of our moral reasoning"- Kant http://LPMaryland.org Check the platform--voluntary exchange. Vote Libertarian

Ok fatal attraction

We live in the age of easily accessible information. also it's pretty damn funny the lengths of the definitions, even girl wiki talks too much \mathfrak{D}

It must be hard to google words right?