



PATRIARCHY

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What is patriarchy?


Patriarchy means “the rule of the father”

Patriarchy is a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, social privilege and control of property.






History of Patriarchy




Patriarchal societies date back less than 10,000 years.

Hunter-gatherer societies remain remarkable for gender equality, men and women contribute a similar number of calories.



For our species, culture is our natural and key to understanding our behaviors and motivations. We are driven by culture more than instinct.



An illustration of four stylized human figures of diverse ethnicities and genders standing in a row, holding a large white rectangular sign. From left to right: a man with a beard and brown hair wearing a dark blue shirt; a woman with dark skin and a blue headscarf wearing a yellow top; a man with dark skin and a shaved head wearing a blue shirt; and a woman with blonde hair wearing a red top. The background is a solid light beige color. In the top left corner, there is a blue circular shape with red and brown wavy lines extending from it. In the top right corner, there is a rainbow with a yellow circular shape below it. In the bottom left corner, there are blue, brown, and orange wavy lines. In the bottom right corner, there are several brown circular shapes scattered on the ground.

Children who speak Hebrew, a strongly gendered language, know their gender a year earlier than speakers of non-gendered Finnish.

Characteristics of a Patriarchal System

Male Dominance

Men make all the decisions in both society and in their family unit, hold all positions of power and authority, are considered superior.

Male Identification


Men are concerned with identification that includes qualities of control, strength and forcefulness.

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Male Centeredness

The center of activity and progression is on men and what they do to move the society forward. Men are the heroes in all situations and are the center of social engagement.



Obsession with Control

Men living in a patriarchal system or society must be in control at all times. They have a desire to control all social and family situations and must make all decisions regarding finances and education.

Statements that Perpetuate Patriarchal Ideas

What we say

What it means

“Boys will be boys”



Men are programmed to behave certain ways

Celebrating “macho” men



Language and media foster the image of what a “real men” look like

Doing things “like a girl”



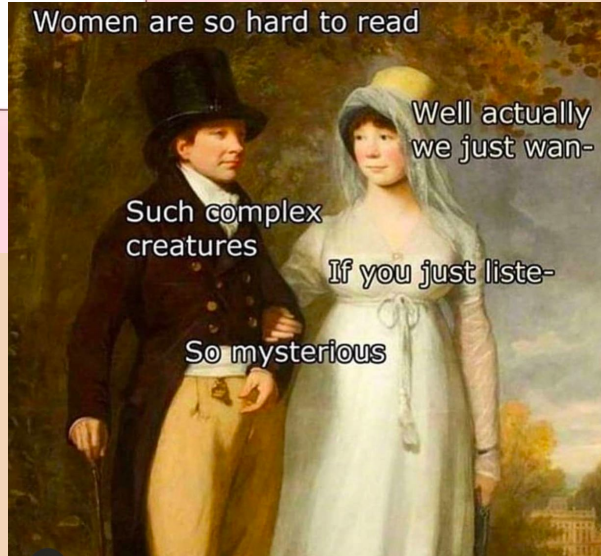
Doing something badly or not good enough



Patriarchy Also Known As

- Boys will be Boys
- The Bro Code
- "Submit to your husband"
- "You owe me 'xyz' because I bought you 'abc'"
- "He's not all that bad"
- "Do you have proof?"
- "You should've been more careful"
- "What were you even doing there?"
- "But I know he's not like that!"
- "Why didn't you report?"

BeBADASS



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its always amazed me how "i have a boyfriend" is the strongest card to get guys to stop harassing me bc they'll respect a man they don't know before they respect the woman in front of them



How patriarchy is seen in society



Media

Negative coverage of sexual violence
Objectifying women's bodies



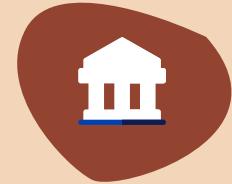
workplace

For every 1 dolar a man makes, woman makes 0.81 dolar
Men occupy top leadership positions



Sexual violence

Patriarchy tells men that their need for love and respect can only be met by being masculine, powerful, and ultimately violent

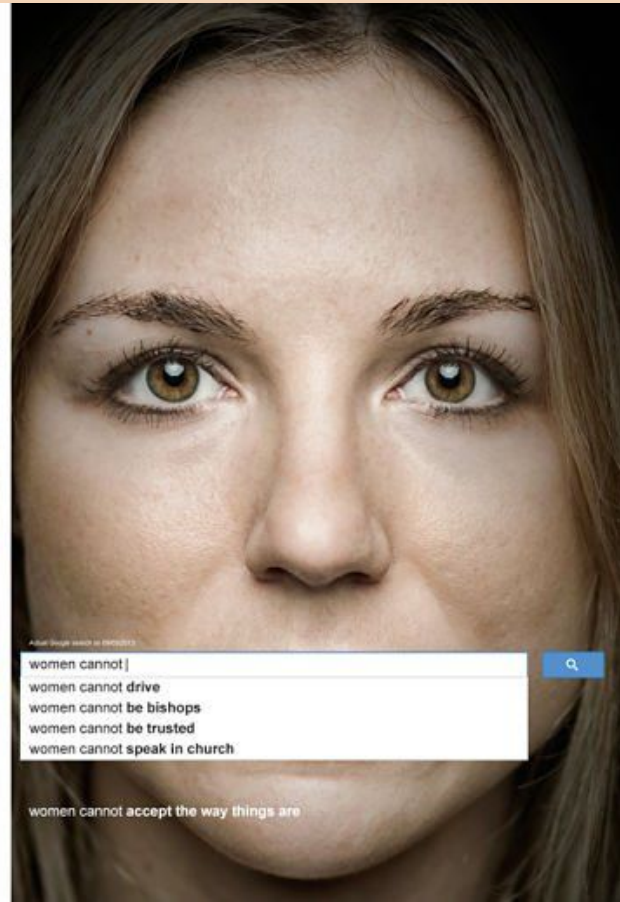
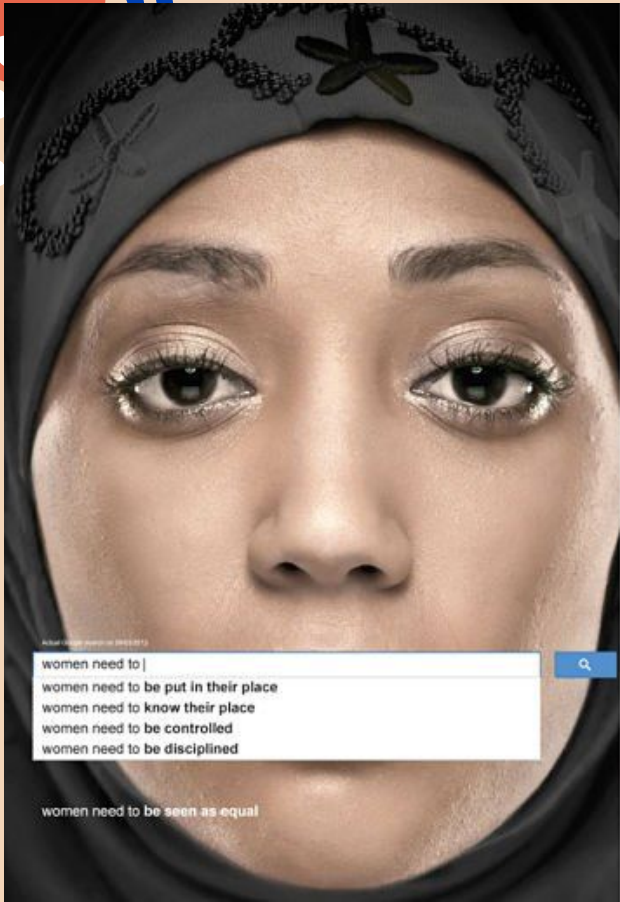


Family

Men seen as the authority figure, the breadwinner
Women seen as the nurturers



Why Patriarchy is Bad for Women



Why Patriarchy is Bad for Men

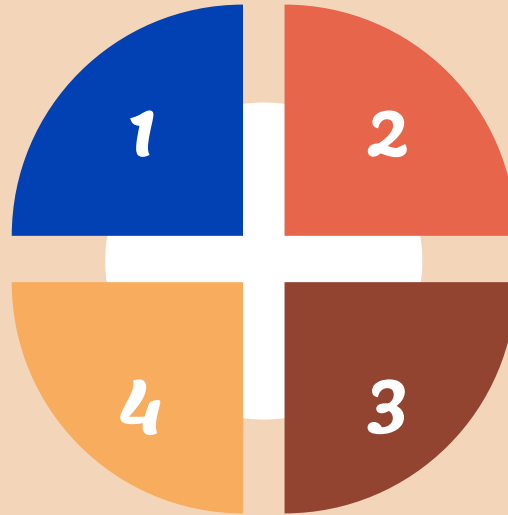


Reflectiveness

A big aspect of upholding the norms of masculinity is that men often don't put too much effort into questioning or reflecting on such norms.

Status Quo

It enables men to remain comfortable in their privileges, in their dominance, in their reverence, while never having to question the issues women and nonbinary people have to deal with in relation to their comfort.

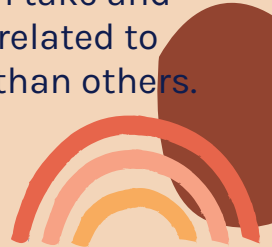


Hierarchy

Men are paid more, offered jobs more often, pay less for products, men aren't subjected to constant catcalling or sexual violence, men don't have to face their insecurities, and men are happy about that.

Competition

A lot of the actions men take and the way men think are related to the desire to be better than others.



Why Patriarchy is Bad for Men



Rape Culture 6

Society has set up in a way that makes rape, sexual violence, or romantic manipulation not only possible, but rather a normal, expected occurrence for many people.



5 Ignorance

Patriarchy wants men to believe is that all men are equal, while it also supports the systems that oppress people who aren't white, or rich, or able-bodied, or cisgender, or any combination of traits that are considered the "norm."

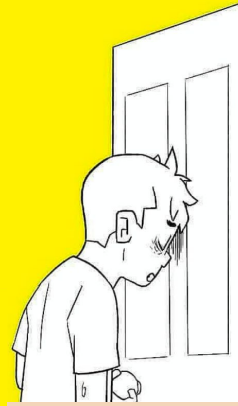
7 Toxicity

Patriarchy makes everything worse not only for those who are subjected to all of its negativity, hatred, and oppression, but it also makes things worse the men who benefit from it.

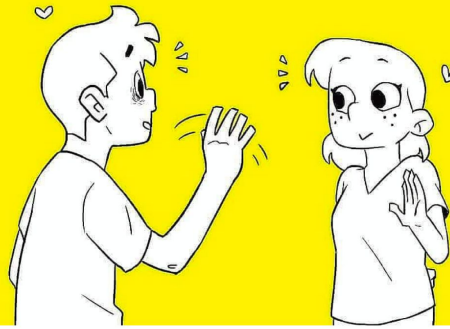
Why are you acting like a girl?



Men don't cry.



Men should always make the first move.



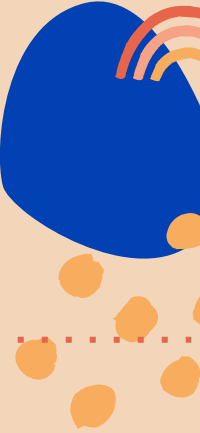
Man Up!!



Patriarchy Statistics

Women are 47% more likely to suffer severe injuries in car crashes because safety features are designed for men

For every female film character, there are 2.24 male characters



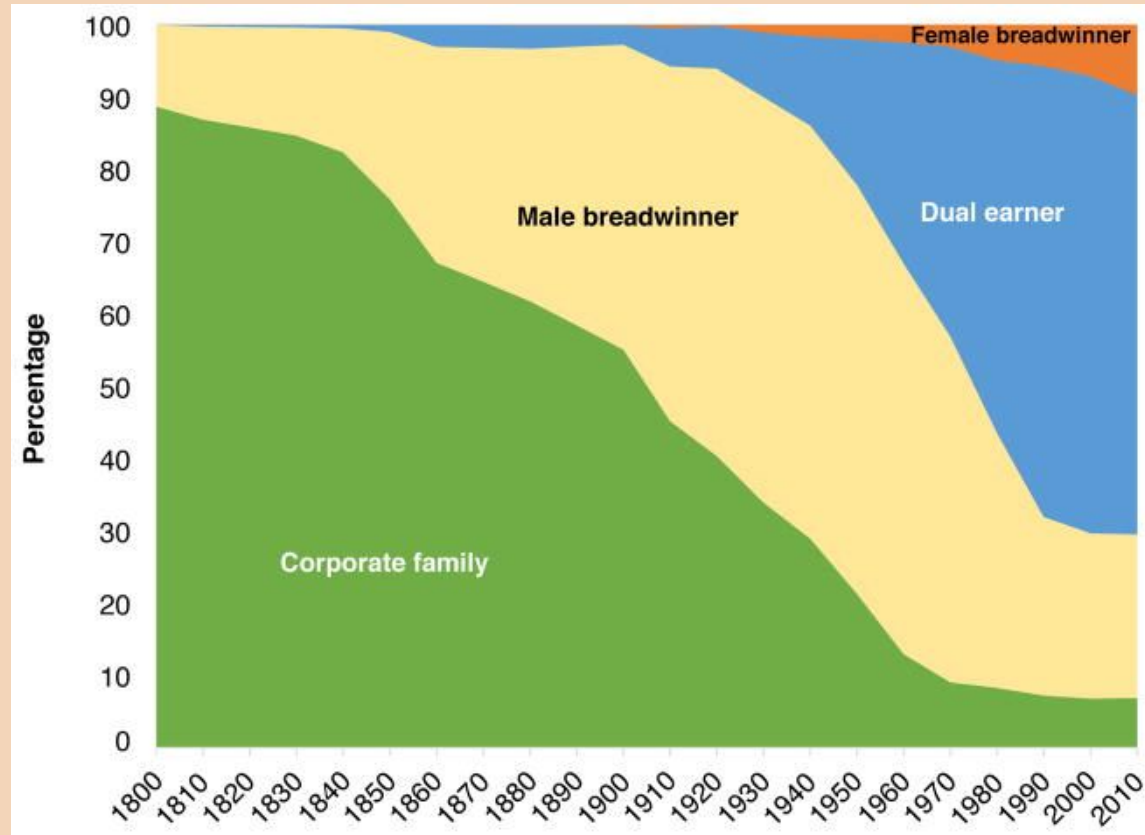
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Only 6 countries give women equal legal work rights as men. A typical economy gives women three-quarters the rights of men.

In the STEM departments only 22% of the students are females, compared with 78% who are male.



Patriarchy Statistics



How to end patriarchy



Action #1

Holding men/boys accountable for their language and actions



Action #2

Support a spectrum of ideas of what a “man” or a “woman” looks like



Action #3

Reframe patriarchy as an issue for everyone



Action #4

End the viewpoint of the traditional nuclear family as an ideal



Action #5

Advocate for a definition of consents based on “Yes” rather than “No”



Action #6

Teach boys and men how to authentically communicate their emotions



How to end patriarchy

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Implement
comprehensive
sex education

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Create
accountability
systems for
handling sexual
violence.

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Train men to
challenge others
on their
patriarchal and
sexist ideas and
actions.

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Hold the media
accountable for
the focus on
dominant culture.



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