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Are We Living in a Man's World?

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ARE WE LIVING IN A MAN’S WORLD?
“humanity is male and man defines women not in herself, but as relative to him; she is not regarded as an autonomous being... He is the Subject, he is the Absolute – she is the Other.”

Simone de Beauvoir
“We literally know less about every aspect of female biology compared to male biology.”

- Dr Janine Austin Clayton, the director of the US Office of Research on Women’s Health

**Biases in medical data**

- Very little medical research has included women
- Women were only routinely included in medical trials from 1990 on
- Women make up 70% of chronic pain patients but 80% of pain medicines have only been tested on men
- 7/10 prescription medicines taken off the market by the FDA were due to adverse side-effects in women
Can snow-clearing be sexist?

- *Invisible Women*, Caroline Criado Perez

Men and Women travel differently

- Decisions on what roads to prioritize when it snows impacts men and women differently

- Men are more likely to commute to and from work as single journeys, whereas women are more likely to make stops
  - "Trip-chaining"
  - Yet very little transportation data is reported by gender, even when the information was collected
DATA BIAS

**Having a kid correlates with lower earnings for women**


**Having kids doesn’t affect men’s salaries**

Unpaid work is killing women
- *Invisible Women*, Caroline Criado Perez

- 75% of all unpaid work world-wide is done by women
- 61% of all household work is done by women

Consequences:
- Women have higher rates of stress, anxiety and depression
- Moderate over-time increases women’s hospitalization and mortality rate, increases risk of heart disease and cancer
  - But has a beneficial health impact for men
EVERYDAY BIAS
Contested concept but relates to the power men hold within society

- Societies which privilege men are known as patriarchies
- From the Greek meaning “rule of the father”
- How specifically you define this depends on what branch of feminism you subscribe to

Seen as a social construct

- Developed around the same time as agriculture
  - Hunter-gatherer societies were relatively equal
  - Large-scale hunts were relatively rare
Social stratification developed in the Neolithic era
  - Around 12,000 years

Developed as populations developed

Also as more urban areas developed
I Corinthians 11:3 – But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

Mary Magdalene v. Mary of Bethany (John) v. anonymous woman (Luke)

Only men were disciples, and subsequently ordained
OUTCOMES: HEALTHCARE
Wage gap persists:
- Women earn 80 cents to every $1 a male counterpart makes
- Gap is 39 cents for Black women and 46 cents for Latina women

16 million women live in poverty

Women make up 2/3 of all elderly people in poverty

34% of women-headed households lived in poverty
- Compared to 16% of male-headed households and 6% of married families
Is patriarchy inevitable?