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- “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



# DATA BIAS

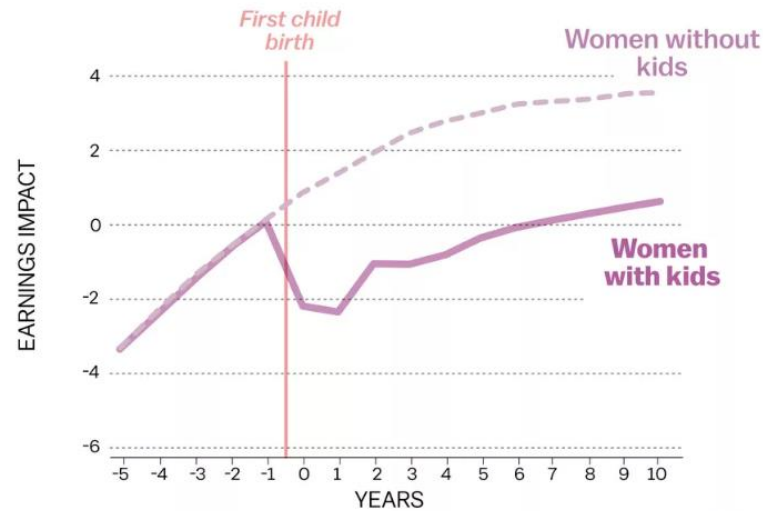
- “We literally know less about every aspect of female biology compared to male biology.”
  - Dr Janine Austin Clayton, the director of the US Office of Research on Women’s Health
- Biases in medical data
  - Very little medical research has included women
  - Women were only routinely included in medical 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

# DATA BIAS

- 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

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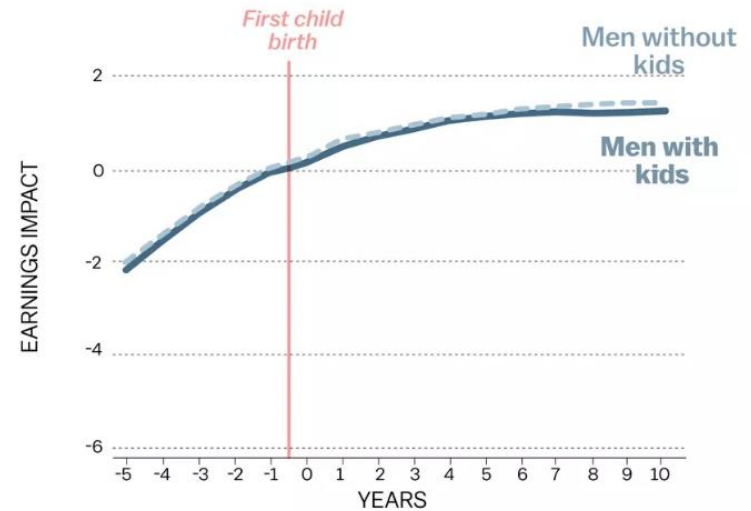
## Having a kid correlates with lower earnings for women



Source: "Children and gender inequality: Evidence from Denmark," National Bureau of Economic Research

Vox

## Having kids doesn't affect men's salaries



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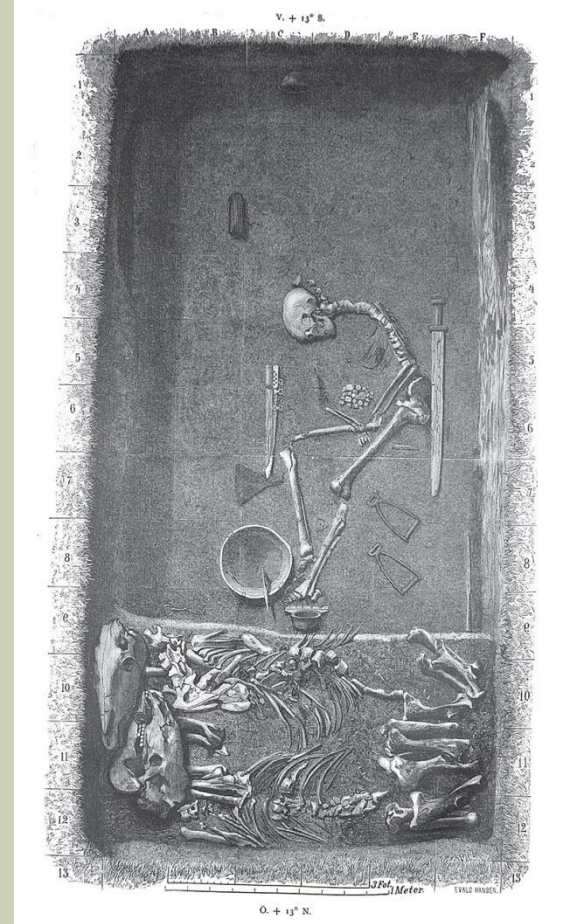
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# DATA BIAS

- 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





# THE PATRIARCHY

- **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



# PATRIARCHY & MONARCHY

- Social stratification developed in the Neolithic era
  - Around 12,000 years
- Developed as populations developed
- Also as more urban areas developed

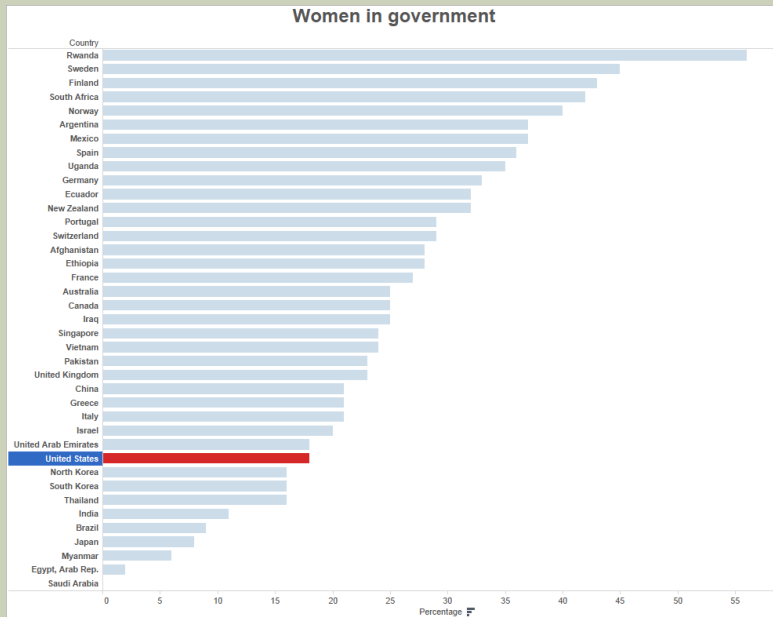


# PATRIARCHY & CHRISTIANITY

- 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

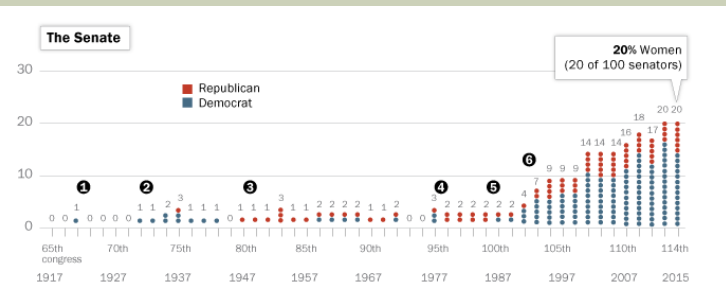
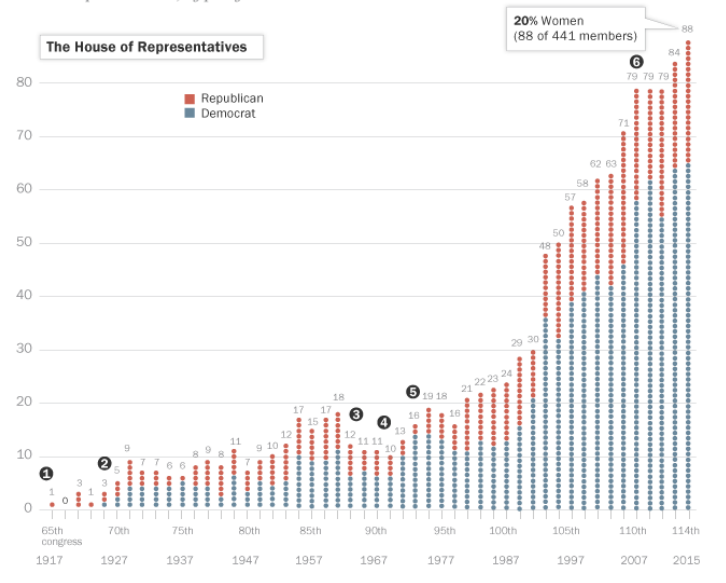


# OUTCOMES: WOMEN IN POLITICS



### Women in Congress

Women representatives, by party





# OUTCOMES: HEALTHCARE



# OUTCOMES: POVERTY

- Wage gap persists:
  - Women earn 80 cents to every \$1 a male counterpart makes
  - Gap is 39cents 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?**