Day 14: December 8th
Ownership and Objectification of Women

Women frequently face sexual objectification in daily interpersonal interactions and through the active and passive consumption of multimedia. This can lead to internalization of society's scrutiny, resulting in habitual body monitoring and self-consciousness. In turn it can increase feelings of body shame and appearance anxiety. (Emma Rooney 2016 - steinhardt.nyu.edu)

Laura's story

'I was the victim of a crime as a teenager, at the hands of a man who sexually abused me for several years. When I eventually told people about the abuse, some who were close to the abuser chose not to believe me. "*Why didn't you fight him?"* they asked. "*Why didn't you scream? You've always been so outspoken - if it really happened you would have told us earlier!*" I was branded a liar, labelled mentally unstable, and told I had got it all wrong. This blame left me feeling broken'. (Jessica Valenti, Guardian Columnist)

What is my reaction to this true story?

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Global Facts

- In 128 countries, laws treat men and women differently, making it difficult for a woman to **independently obtain** an ID card, own or use property, access credit, or get a job.
- Weight obsession affects millions of teenagers today, especially girls.
- Globally, one out of every seven women has or is struggling with an eating disorder www.webmd.com/mental-health/eating-disorders/ (2017)

In 'Laudato Sí' Pope Francis says:

'Each human being as a subject can never be reduced to the status of an object.' LS 81

UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG Goal #5 - *Achieve Gender Equality*
Target 5.c 'Adopt and strengthen enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women / girls at all levels.

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CEDAW (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)
www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/

States shall take all appropriate measures:

Article 5 (a) To modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women....to achieve the elimination of prejudices...and all other practices based on the idea of the inferiority or superiority, of either of the sexes

Art. 10 (c) The elimination of any stereotyped concept of the roles of men and women at every level and in all forms of education.

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) in the UK released a report calling for stronger regulation of adverts that feature stereotyped gender roles "which may be harmful to people" www.thejournal.ie/advertising-gender-stereotyping (July 2017)

Action

Affirm young people in who they are, with their unique gifts and talents.

Read about gender stereotyping **-** http://www.right-to-education.org/resource/gender-stereotyping-human-rights-violation

Notice how women are portrayed in advertising. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTlmho_RovY&feature=player_embedded

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries.

www.google.ie/search?rlz=1C1EODB_enIE584IE584&biw=1920&bih=974&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=pixiebay

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...

16 DAYS

49 **Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence.**

DAY 14...

8th December

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CHILD MARRIAGE....

www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay

15 million girls under the age of 15 are married each year.

See: www.mercyworld.org