

**WHO
WANTS
TO
SMASH**

**THE
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CHY?**

CONCEPT PAPER

INTRODUCTION

An educational entertainment show on feminist issues.

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THE PATRIARCHY

... describes a hierarchical value system of male domination. The father is considered superior in all areas of politics, economics and society. All other genders, if others than binary ,ale and female are even considered, are inferior to men in public and also private settings. This leads to different opportunities being offered and can even cause dramatically differing wages being payed for doing the same job, talk about discriminating by measuring worth?!
#stoptheGenderPayGap

Sound kind of sad and bizarre when thinking about it, right?

SMASHING THE PATRIARCHY

..., therefore, means to question, protest and ideally change the systems that currently rule our society and to actively form a new and open-minded civilization that invites each and everyone to participate and provides opportunities based on skill rather than privilege.

FEMINISM

...the belief in social, economic, and political equality of the sexes. Although largely originating in the West, feminism is manifested worldwide and is represented by various institutions committed to activity on behalf of women's rights and interests.

ABORTION

...is a procedure to end a pregnancy. It is also called the termination of pregnancy. The pregnancy is ended either way by taking medicine or having a surgical procedure.

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THE SHOW

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OUTLOOK

Although this paper only shows a preview of one episode of WWTSTP, the format is constructed to discuss many further topics within multiple further episodes. One episode equals one topic. Possible topics could include:

- Sexual harrasment (at the work space)
- Intersectionality (at Universities)
- Inequality and misogynistic tendencies (in women in sports)
- The Gender-Pay-Gap

TRIGGER WARNING

Who Wants to Smash the Patriarchy? informs on societal inequalities that might include and therefore discuss sensitive topics that can be triggering for some viewers. This episode will discuss the subject matter of abortion. If this is a problematic topic to you, we recommend skipping this episode or having someone join you while watching.

DISCLAIMER

As this format deals with many issues that want to actively question and seek the source of certain stereotypes, said characteristics might be portrayed within the show. WWTSTP wants to use this to satirical and critically perform what we find in our society on a daily basis. However, there is a constant fine line between satirical performance and pure reproduction, the last not being the aim. This is a place to openly question set structures and to re-think what we deem 'normal'. #lessgenderrollsmorecinnamonrolls

AIM

This being said, WWTSTP wants to educate and inform (hopefully everyone or at least as many people as possible) about feminist issues. This seems like a pretty big and unspecific task, but this only shows how internalized the structural disadvantages and discrimination that women face on a daily basis is.

So, what do we make of this and who do we point and shoot our content at? Let's be honest, everyone should be interested in these topics. Yet, not everyone will want to watch this format. I know, right? The WWTSTP viewer might already be informed on the topic but doesn't have to be. This is extremely important to the concept as we want to educate on the topic and welcome everyone to join the conversation and not to be ashamed to ask questions and to learn.

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PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the show are what makes this show. The questions just by themselves would not cause a discussion but their opinions surely do so. Different participants with different opinions are the key.

FEMINIST

We find her (yes, she/her is correct, thank's for asking) on the frontlines of every women's-rights protest, wholeheartedly shouting "My body, my choice". She actively participates in or might even be considered to lead the fight against sexism, social injustice and the gender pay gap (oh, and smashing the patriarchy of course). Ask her anything, she is happy to explain what is going wrong in this world and why, by offering you some cold hard facts. Just don't argue with uninformed, belief-based opinions as she is allergic to #FakeNews. Also don't even dream about telling her that that's just how things are and that they have always been that way. It's almost like that's the whole point of a revolution.



LIZ

- 25-year-old female
- student of sociology and political sciences
- Pro-choice
- hobbies: reading feminist literature, standing up for her rights, repotting her plants
- wants to donate her money to a fund for political educational resources

OLD WHITE CIS MALE

This participant might be deemed the winner in this game we call the patriarchy, that is if we consider the patriarchy to be a game. He (pronouns shall not be questioned) is by far at the top of the privilege pyramid. We find him in well-paid jobs, at board meetings and in other impactful positions making important decisions over the top of other people. He isn't necessarily "bad" or "evil", he just usually hasn't reflected his own privilege and the societal structures around him enough to notice that, had he been born a female, he might not be where he is today or even if so, his wage would probably look a bit different. And he has never been asked if he got to his job by sleeping with his superiors, who would even think that?

PHILIPP BRENKMAN

- 60-year-old male, 2 kids and a wife
- senior financial consultant at big consulting-firm (travels a lot for his job, his wife takes care of the kids and the house, traditional gender-role performance)
- hobbies: Golf, Barbeque/smoker, photography
- wants to donate his money to a young talents program



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SUSAN BOLD

- 40-year-old woman, 3 kids and a husband
- works as a gynecologist in her own clinic
- Pro-choice
- hobbies: Traveling, reading and her job
- wants to donate her money to a women's refuge

GYNAECOLOGIST

This woman might be the perfect icon of a typical upper working class mother. She is a hard-working, successful woman who happens to manage having children and pursuing a career. An inspiration to all young women out there. She would claim that none of this would have been possible without the support of her loving husband, but let's not give him too much importance. She works as a gynecologist, yes she is a damn doctor, in her own clinic and knows the female body better than everyone (oddly enough, she still does not earn the same money as her colleague Thomas Smith). Nevertheless, with great power comes great responsibility. She must face a lot of pressure, when it comes to positioning herself in the abortion debate, managing to inform young women about their options while not breaking the law or losing her reputation. She may be pro-life, but her career is her first priority.

MARIA RAND

- 56-year-old women, no family
- works a lot in the church
- very religious
- believes in God and is pro-life
- hobbies: reading, Painting, going to church
- wants to donate the money to an orphan house



NUN

When we look at this participant, we see the perfect portrayal of a full blooded christian. Yes, they still exist. Her beliefs and values are marked by the highest judicial court, the holy words of the bible. Her life is dedicated to the church and religious services. In her appearance you better avoid discussing the existence of god and don't dare to talk about your alcohol consum, your divorce, your children before marriage or how you lied to your mother about her new haircut. If you do so, you will have to hear a long lecture of how your sins will lead you into hell. She may seem like a holy person, but she also just wipes her bottom with toilet paper. Amen.

PARTICIPANTS

QUESTIONS

What are the gestational limits in Germany?

- a) 10 weeks
- b) 12 weeks
- c) 14 weeks
- d) 16 weeks

In how many countries abortion is prohibited with no excuses (like women life or health at risk)?

- a) 0 countries
- b) 5 countries
- c) 17 countries
- d) 24 countries

According to the World Health Organization, how many women die caused by unsafe abortion each year?

- a) 7000
- b) 16000
- c) 23000
- d) 40000

How many countries allow abortion on request?

- a) 21
- b) 56
- c) 72
- d) 101

Who said: "The decision whether or not to bear a child is central to a woman's life, to her well-being and dignity. It is a decision she must take for herself."?

- a) Pope Francis
- b) Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- c) Emma Watson
- d) Betty Friedan

What does the chant "My Body, my Choice!" and the movement behind it stand for?

- a) the freedom to decide about which clothes to wear
- b) the freedom to decide on getting vaccinated or not
- c) the freedom to decide about getting an abortion or not
- d) the freedom and importance of consent

Upon which charges was the German gynecologist Nora Szász processed in court?

- a) prescribing wrong medications to a pregnant patient (§220a)
- b) providing information about abortion on her clinics website (§219a)
- c) performing an abortion past the gestational limits (§219c)
- d) refusing to treat a patient (§213b)

How high was the fine that German gynecologist Eva Waldschütz had to pay because she provided information on her clinics abortions options, therefore breaking the law (§219a)?

- a) 250€
- b) 6400€
- c) 3500€
- d) 4700€

On a global scale, how many abortions are performed using unsafe methods?

- a) 10%
- b) 45%
- c) 72%
- d) 37%

The WHO states that about 45% of all abortions are unsafe. How many of these are performed in developing countries?

- a) 73%
- b) 52%
- c) 85%
- d) 97%

How many unintended pregnancies end in an induced abortion?

- a) 5 out of 10 (5/10)
- b) 3 out of 10 (3/10)
- c) 9 out of 10 (9/10)
- d) 6 out of 10 (6/10)

According to the WHO how many induced abortions take place worldwide each year?

- a) around 50 million
- b) around 73 million
- d) around 90 million
- e) around 23 million

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DIALOGUE

Host Tina: Welcome to the game show "Who wants to smash the patriarchy?"! Sounds like a game to you? Let me give you a brief introduction of how we play it. The goal of the game is pretty simple: You just have to answer the given questions correctly to win money. Sounds easy to you? Then keep reading. In this show the price gets donated to an organization chosen by the participants (and no, you cannot donate it to yourself, no matter how broke you are). This is how it works: Every week, we present a quiz on a certain topic with ten questions. This week the questions will all be about abortion laws and rights. I can already hear all feminists scream and men moan from a distance, but that is the game. The four participants compete against each other. Each participant has his own table with a computer where the questions will be shown with four possible answer options (a,b,c,d). Yes it's pretty classic, I know. The host will be presenting the questions and from then the participants have 60 seconds to answer. Every correctly answered question will give them 1000 dollars to their account. If you answer wrong, you will not win any money, but will also not lose any money. Pretty fair, ah? And before the big questioning starts, no there will not be any jokers and no you cannot go to the toilet during the question. If you are very smart, you can win 10000 dollars to donate to your chosen organization. And most importantly, while playing, do not forget, it's just a game, isn't it?

And now, let's introduce today's candidates:

Here we have Philipp Brenkman, 55-years-old, joining us from Pennsylvania where he lives with his wife and two kids. He works as a senior financial consultant and loves to play golf. Phillip, tell us, where will you be donating your money to?

Philipp: Thanks for having me in this great show Tina. I will be donating to a young talents program called "We are the future"!

Tina: Moving on to our next candidate Elizabeth Turner, from Boston, Massachusetts. She is currently enrolled in the sociology and political science program at University of Massachusetts. Fun fact, when not in class you find her in the front line of every womens' rights protest. Elizabeth let us know, which organization did you choose?

Liz: Hey guys, you can call me Liz, she/her. I plan to donate my money to a fund for political educational resources.

Tina: We love to see that. Our third candidate is Dr. Susan Bold, visiting us today from the sunny state Florida. She works as a gynecologist at her own clinic in Tampa. When she is not at work, she loves to spend time with her three kids and her husband. Tell us Susan, where your money will be going to!

Susan: Hello everybody! I am planning to donate my money to a women's refuge in my hometown New Orleans.

Tina: How wonderful! And last but not least we have Maria Rand, who lives in Raleigh in North Carolina. Maria has dedicated her life to the church and religious services. We are all interested to hear where your money will be donated to.

Maria: Good evening. I am going to donate the money to an catholic orphanage that is located next to my church in Raleigh. God bless you sisters.

Tina: I am happy to have you all here! Is everything clear about the rules? If so, then let's go and see "Who wants to smash the Patriarchy?" (camera movement on the logo)
First questions here we go: (melody starts)

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60 seconds go. (Timer sound)

Philipp: That's a tough one.

Tina: ten seconds left (timer sound becomes louder and more intense). candidates give your final answers now - times up! (timer runs out, alarming sound) Let's have a look at your answers. Correct answer and with that 1000 dollars go to Liz, Maria and Susan. Sorry Philipp, surprisingly we are not talking about vaccination tonight. The movement is about the freedom to decide about getting an abortion or not.

Philipp: Oh no, I guess I missed the discussion on that topic.

Liz: How surprising. Time to catch up then and check your privilege old man.

Philipp: Excuse me, between working overtime and trying to spend time with my family, I sometimes miss out on the newest trends in hypothetical discussions.

Maria: Is not a movement in the name of god anyways. Abortion is murder. A sin!!

Susan: Well scientifically speaking abortion is not murder if you act within the gestational limits, which can vary from state to state. We are talking about a medical procedure.

Liz: Thanks for stating actual facts Susan. Us women have to stick together on this one especially. It's our body and life that is getting affected. Men shouldn't make laws about that. It's funny when men think they can make choices about women's bodies.

Tina: Okay guys, interesting discussion, but let's keep an eye on the prize and move on to the next questions.

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