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THE LANGUAGE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

REVENGE PORN

Revenge porn is in fact the non-consensual sharing of intimate material: it is the publication and dissemination of photographic material and/or videos showing people engaged in sexual acts or sexually explicit poses, without their consent.

The expression revenge porn is considered by many academics to be incorrect, because its definition internalizes the culture in which a toxic idea of masculinity and victim blaming prevails. Revenge porn has nothing to do with the concepts of revenge or pornography. When talking about revenge, it is taken for granted that the victim has done something that deserves punishment, whereas pornography requires an awareness of the immortalised or filmed subject.



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STALKING

The verb to stalk can be translated as 'to stealthily pursue the prey' and derives from the technical jargon of hunting. Stalking is a form of persecution and harassment, and includes a series of attitudes by an individual who harasses another person, persecuting him or her and causing anxiety and fear, which can affect the normal course of everyday life.



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STEALTHING

Stealthing is the practice of removing or damaging a condom during sexual intercourse without the partner's consent to unprotected sex.

The practice of stealthing could be assimilated to the crimes of sexual assault and reproductive coercion: sexual assault could occur because of the non-consensual and potentially harmful intimate contact during intercourse; reproductive coercion occurs because stealthing can interfere with a person's decision-making autonomy regarding their reproductive health.



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FLASHING

Flashing (or cyberflashing) is a term that identifies the harassing practice of sending sexually explicit material to someone who has not requested it: the perpetrator sends disturbing photos or videos (usually of genital organs) to a victim chosen from among the people around him, using instant sharing systems such as AirDrop or Bluetooth, exploiting proximity to the victim.

The main characteristic of flashing is that it is carried out by someone who is in the immediate vicinity of the victim, making him or her feel spied on, unsafe, physically vulnerable, as well as having their personal digital space violated.



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DICK PICS

Dick pics can be considered as a technological reinterpretation of the phenomenon of sexual exhibitionism: images of male genitals in a state of erection sent via social networks to unknown or known women, but outside the context of a consensual erotic messaging interaction (sexting).

This phenomenon is as widespread as it is insidious, because its non-violent nature, the possibility for the victim to ignore or delete what has been received, and the anonymity guaranteed by the web, open up the possibility of misleading interpretations of what is, in fact, sexual harassment, often passed off as playfulness or even a slightly too daring attempt at courtship.



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GLASS CEILING

The glass ceiling - literally 'crystal sky', a term coined by the director of Family Circle, Gay Bryant, in 1984 - is the set of constraints, of a discriminatory nature, that prevent certain social categories, in this case women, from progressing in their job sector: a transparent wall from which women, having reached a certain point in their career, can see who is above them, just a step away, but without being able to reach it. The glass ceiling can be perceived in that set of social, cultural and psychological barriers that stand as an insurmountable, but apparently invisible, obstacle to the achievement of equal rights and the concrete possibility of a career in the field of work for categories, such as women, historically subject to discrimination.



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PAY GAP

Gender inequality in the labour market is evident in the pay gap - the so-called gender pay gap or gender wage gap: women earn on average less than men, for the same job, role and working hours.

Some causes of the pay gap to consider in data collection:

- Choice of part-time jobs to balance unpaid work hours (childcare, domestic environment)
- Career breaks for reasons of childcare, relatives in need of assistance, family responsibilities
- Over-representation of women in relatively low-wage sectors such as care, sales or education
- Low representation of women in managerial and executive positions, with salaries that could compete with the male average.



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CATCALLING

Catcalling refers to the range of sexist behaviours that some men engage in towards women they do not know and who they meet on the street, or anywhere in their daily lives: Whistling, honking, jokes about clothing, comments on physical appearance, shouting, clapping or chasing on foot or in a car, verbal harassment. The term catcalling refers to the sounds made to call the attention of cats. The literal translation of catcalling is in fact 'cat call'. Many people associate catcallers' gestures with expressions of appreciation, as if they were a compliment. In catcalling the approach is directed at the woman as a sexual object and not as a person. Catcalling often conceals asymmetrical male-female power dynamics and is therefore a true manifestation of gender-based violence and toxic masculinity.



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SLUT SHAMING

The term slut-shaming is a neologism originated in feminist philosophy to define the act of making a woman feel guilty or inferior for certain behaviours that refer to the sphere of sexuality, a process in which women are attacked for their transgression of sexual codes of conduct (having multiple sexual partners, wearing clothes considered "provocative", being polyamorous or sexually fluid, bisexual...), or admonished for behaviours or desires that are more sexual than society finds acceptable.



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VICTIM BLAMING

Victim blaming is when someone believes that a victim is at least partly responsible for the wrong done to her.

Victim blaming is a psychological process that mainly affects women victims of sexual and/or domestic violence and is fuelled by gender stereotypes: 'if the woman had behaved like a woman, if she had not been so inconsiderate, then nothing would have happened'.

Blaming those who are physically, sexually or verbally assaulted means not only justifying the conduct of an abuser, but also increasing the victim's own responsibility for the incident and consequently reducing that of the perpetrator. It is as if the roles are reversed: the wrong committed is transferred from the oppressor to the oppressed, who would have acted in such a way as to deserve that injustice.



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MANSPLAINING

The word 'mansplaining' was created in 2008 in the course of an online discussion following the publication in the Los Angeles Times of an article by writer and journalist Rebecca Solnit entitled Men who explain things,

This word has been used for a few years now to describe the patronising attitude of some men (but not only) when they explain something obvious to a woman, or something she is an expert in, because they think they always know more than she does, or they think she doesn't really understand.