

Sites of Male Supremacy Activity

Six sites

- Health care
- Home and family
- Paid Work and workplaces
- Schools and education
- Police, prisons, military
- Media and popular culture

Two questions:

- How does male supremacy show up here? (Salmon post-its)
- How is it being challenged and/or undermined here? (Yellow post-its)

Health care

Most health research is racialized and done about men's health & diseases affecting men

Industry run by men

Women's health care practices attacked and devalued to make way for male dominated industry

Alternative health care centers & cooperatives popping up

Attack on women's reproductive rights

Rising cost of reproductive health care i.e. time off for anyone involved in pregnancy, not supportive of pregnancy

Nursing as primarily women's work and a site for labor battles

Alternatives: mutual aid, barter, community-based

Universal health care that allows for preventive approaches, holistic healing

Ignores or outlaws natural/indigenous/women/democratic medicine (food, yoga, herbs etc)

Poor women of color who are in situations without health care in jobs detrimental to health

Economic: dominance by women in grassroots alternative health

Femininity = vulnerability

Masculinity = invulnerability

Contraception is favored for men, often dangerous to

Free contraception

Needle exchanges, harm reduction, internet about.com

Focus on wellness in the movement

Home and family



Paid work/workplace

Women still earning less for same work

Admin/clerical/caretaker work

Women do the work, men take the credit

Maternity leave, breastfeeding in the workplace

Rise of male unemployment --> crisis of masculinity?

Men getting glamorous roles

Facilitation of meetings and taking stock

No analysis of relationships

Products that exploit

Who's ideas are more valid

Democratic collective workplaces

Equal pay

Domestic Workers United

Work on sexual violence in the workplace

"Men's work"

Old boys club

In the absence of male-dominated trade unions, rise of women dominated unions (DWU)

Schools and education

Lack of funding opportunity & validity for real world & relevant experience education

Emphasis on parts of curriculum (math, science) while arts, music gets cut

Home/open/free schools

SOUL - political education for young people

Business model (mirror of male identity) of schools. Value rationality over nuanced approach to education.

Curriculum that valorizes men & ignores history of women's institutions, experience and oppression

Youth-led activist organizations

Social world of school; gender norms applauded, non-conforming questioned, damaged

Autonomous space & organizing for & by women (discussion groups, rape crisis centers, take back the night, informal spaces)

Peer mediation restorative justice programs

Not safe for "other" identities

Pro-abstinence education models

School is where the gender is first learned and enforced

Mentor programs & partners club

Good teachers, lefty stronghold

Critical pedagogy (making space for people's experiences & understandings of male supremacy)

Police, prisons, military

Rape as a tool of domination within gender exclusive prisons & co-ed military and police patrol encounter

Prisons enforce system of inmate vs. inmate punishment to maintain hetero-patriarchy

Most women in prison are mothers of color without regular contact with their kids

Homophobia don't ask don't tell: hyper masculine and the nation's security

Rape in military as a weapon of violence against enlisted women & others in general

All these institutions usually make people worse people & more patriotic/violent

Police breaking up families as results of [...] laws

Terrorism = sexual deviance

Masculinity being tough, strong, relentless in war

Prison birth project

More women with guns

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Same gender intimacy

INCITE is educating and mobilizing oppressed communities to resist oppression

Anti-military recruitment in schools/ campus

Transformative Justice

Media and popular culture

Domination of a few elites (mostly men)

Exaltation of some (white...), demonization of others (POC)

Fox news, Glenn Beck

Mike Tyson

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Queer eye for the straight guy

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Safe (sometimes) to be queer

**Our heroes: Ru Paul
Freddie Mercury
David Bowie**

Independent productions which make more space for liberatory values (eg independent hip hop)

Sexual objectification - white women represented as trophies or disposable objects; women of color as latter or butt of jokes (angry, fat, controlling, can't speak proper english)

Exotification, stereotyping

Music videos that objectify

Torture 'porn' & desensitization

Porn & our relationship to it

Alternative porn and our relationship to it

Being like a rock star & glamorous life and having access to anything especially women

Commercials that target insecurities

Warfare & gaming: anaesthetizing suffering

The Net?

Allied Media Conference and other radical media spaces