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# 8WOMEN ARE NOT DAISIES, WE SHOULD BE TREATED FAIRLY

### DILL LUPUPA'S MAHIFESTO

WE believe that men should treat women with the same amount of respect and decency in which we are conditioned to treat them. Despite the progress in feminism, we believe that there is still a lot lacking in terms of female treatment which needs to change.

Stereotypes. They PERVADE society: the way we speak. The way we act. The way we ASSUME.

Unofficial research has suggested that men respond more kindly and promptly if we treat them challengingly. But it should not have to take a game of distance and mystery to get men to be kind to us CONSISTENTLY.

Men are entitled to their opinions, and some form the habit of viewing them factually. Women? We may require questioning.

We do not see why this should be the case. NO ONE's thought and opinions should be invalidated.

Shut down, dismissed and ignored ...

We believe this should be challenged.

### TAKE ACTION:

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Demand to be taken seriously as an equal being.

Remind them when they are being condescending.

And if all else fails, treat them like they treat us.







Every reader of MGC is a protagonist, a voice penetrating the murky waters of todays millennial constructs. By contributing to the MGC zine, whether through writing for us, and/or supporting its production, you will help raise the love child we birthed

two years ago and participate in our proudly feminist journalistic legacy.

This project, which started off as a hobby, is what we hope to quide us into the world of media as we learn to become better at expressing ourselves. Creating a physical format of our articles has catapulted the primary resolution we made on the one year anniversary of the blog: to self-publish our teams articles and artwork. To begin making our journalistic publication known on campus, if not beyond. Id like to thank the artists, illustrators and writers who contributed and encouraged us to write.

### Personal Blogs

Cultureanthropology.wordpress.com

Creating this zine has been inspiring. well-motivated, and truly a good opportunity all round. My Goddess Complex began almost two years ago as a blog on WordPress; we tried to create something of a social media brand. Just recently we hit the 50 articles posted online



JILL LUPUPA

mark, having taken needed breaks in term time. Warwick's Small Press module has been the perfect insight into the physical publishing aspect of the editorial world, and motivated our career goals of becoming professional editors; but, of course, we have societies for practice for now.

My only previous zine experience was coediting a small scale zine called Grapefruit Soup. Maya and I knew that if we were going to be political then we would definitely go towards an intersectional

Personal Blog: Indulgeculture.wordpress.com

Read our full editors notes and articles on www.mygoddesscomplex.com



BY ADAHLA OSMAH

"A panel with 2 men and 2 men who identify as women is not 50/50."

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It is the culmination of debate on how transwomen fit into feminist discussion, debates that have often been silenced due to the contentious nature of the topic. Saying that trans-women have or do benefit from male privilege is a dangerous point to make. But it is a discussion worth having.

I once spent a day in Birmingham with my friend who was approached by sexually aggressive men. No one approaches me. No one feels that they have the right to enter my personal space. Well they do, but it's rare. My experience of womanhood is very different from that of a cisgender woman. I wont call it male privilege though.

The perceived threat that "trans identifying" men are going to make

up half of any panel is unjustified. Some arque that anyone can wear a dress and pretend to be a woman in order encroach on spaces such as bathrooms and enjoy male privilege.

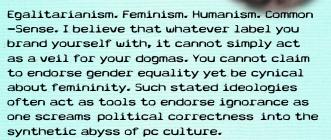
Where is this legion of men dressing up to gain

access to female only spaces such as bathrooms? Where are these panels where transwomen are overrepresented? I am yet to see where transwomen are over represented in places that access for cisgender women is being denied.

# **MONE OF THE BOYS IS**

FEMININITY IS NOT

MAYA KOKEROU'S MANIFESTO





The concept of 'tom boys' and girls that are ONE OF THE BOYS, is a wolf in sheeps clothing that breeds animosity between feminists. Between those who support women's choices to remain TRUE to themselves as they wish to be, and those who believe we must appear as serious as possible, dictating a man's world within a woman's sphere of autonomy.

A physical display of traditionally feminine traits remains a COVETED TOOL to gain male sexual attention and money. BUT

Im not like other girls - teenage girls trying to derive power by moving closer to masculinity.

You cannot label yourself a feminist yet look down on certain women who you view as conformists to heteronormativity. Femininity, both in men and women, males and females alike, is not something that should be spurned.

Masculinity does not make you stronger. And it does not necessarily make you a BOY. Therefore one of the boys, a phrase coined by hipsters and bad feminists, needs to die along with the SNEERING

derision

With which feminine people are

regarded.

# 9PRINT ACTIVISM AND DISTRIBUTION





This zine is the first, feminist themed, edition of our WordPress Blog/Website, founded on June 25th 2017 by three first year Philosophy and Literature students.

We hope to hand out the zine on campus and collaborate with more creatives, such as the one man small press operation *Bricked Forever* which uses Etsy to sell copies for cheap! We have also worked with, and interviewed, blog and zine *Grapefruit Soup* that based in Nottingham.

We will have monthly editorial meetings with our writers and host events such as MGC Night Out.

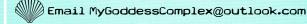






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Open submission window:





### BY MAYA KOKEROU

Some argue that even male feminist academics have a limited empirical conception as they lack insightful knowledge of the reality of patriarchal harms.

However, males who do not conform to gender norms and act noticeably androgynous are often shamed societally through the 'real boys don't cry attitude' (Van Der Gaag 2014) which stipulates notions of toughness and detachment that come with expectations of maintaining the role of provider and protector.

Sexism results in psychological and

even physical impacts on both men who subvert such aspects of dominance, such as stay at home fathers made to feel emasculated, as well as typically traditional men who main—



tain a strictly masculine facade. Men are also victims of institutional oppression themselves due to homophobic, transphobic or racialized discrimination that aligns with feminist aims: the dismantlement of oppression.

Feminism does not require one gender to lose for the other to benefit, therefore an inclusive space is necessary to achieve gender equality.



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Peter Page

Illustration: The Virgin of Guadalupe Dali,
Atlas bearing the world. Composed by Peter Page

I can only imagine how the chaos of the Universe might look without sex binding us to Earth.

We, as matter, are in a cycle, unaware, observing our civilization like an animal observes the wild, watching energy surge without source.

Women channel the world into themselves, as, for them, God grows from the world; God is She whose dominion She carries.

Men discriminate between gravities, as, for them, God is master of the world; God is He who carries His dominion.

Narcissus found a deathly balance between the mirror and the rose. Between him and the two poles Stand souls at every step,

But on their own, nobody truly Knows, As we grow from the to and fro; As the next step to God is Unity.

But the Cosmos suggests a UNITY so large that we could never understand as Atlas stands under Earth.

The epistemic distance stares us in the face.

The knowledge men possess:

Is the reward for achieving power,

Is a reflection of the world they master,

and from a bigger world, a bigger God may grow.

Growth is knowledge consuming us.

By this assembly of order, the path to our little God is paved.

Just so, in a world too dense to navigate, the collective corpus knows when to kill itself off.

All conflicting sects build towards the perfect orgasm; the divine conception.

We are animal slaves; reality is cruel. Time, also, is unbearably cruel; that we cannot immortalize The Moment, that is true cruelty.

Unless all of time is a single movement, The Cosmic Moment, immortalized As a cycle we build ourselves upon.

Suffering teaches simplicity as truth, failure is replaced with success, and thus people are encoded, and thus the world is deflected.

The quest for total dominion is to see and reflect through every mirror of reality, And to plant a seed in every temple.

I believe you could judge every person by this standard of truth, and find them where they are lost beneath the ocean of this world.



A play on the theoretical idea of a god complex, curated into a feminine pun. A God complex is not a classified psychological disorder but it refers to a narcissistic and Nietzschean morality: one who disregard social conventions and demands special privileges e.g. white male privilege. MGC seeks to subvert, question and challenge the authority of social conventions; minus the narcissism.



Botticelli's Birth of Venus (goddess of love) in her half shell is our current symbol.

The watercolour painting, close up and personal, is by Annabelle Liu. The modern twist of hoop earrings and makeup is inspired by graphic designer Ege Islekel.

MGC celebrates creativity, individuality, art, culture, music and fashion through a lens of absolute inclusion. And catalyses complete freedom of expression.

The blog and zine are a safe space for people of all races, genders, origins and sexual orientations.

we have a wide range of Warwick Students involved and are in the process of creating editorial and columnist roles.