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# Gender-Based Hate Speech

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## Where Do We Find Gender-Based Hate Speech?

- Threats and violence
- Incitement to gender violence
- Celebration of gender violence
- Sexual and gender harassment
- Glorification of sexual denigration of women in pornography
- Glorification of denigration of women in games
- Morality policing / hierarchy policing
- Stigmatization
- Sexist rhetoric based on prejudice and stereotype

# Why Talk about «Lawful» Gender-Based Hate Speech?

- It causes great harm to society

# The Harm: Hate speech:

- Promotes social exclusion
- Produces a «chilling effect» to participation in our democratic system
- Perpetuates bias (Not only a symptom; also a carrier of disease. Hate speech leads to more hate speech)
- Devalues women (also in the eyes of innocent bystanders)
- Produces fear, anxiety and distress
- Strips women of their dignity

# The Harm: Hate speech: (# 2)

- Can trigger discrimination
- Can lead to violence

# These Social Harms of Hate Speech are Not Discussed

- These harms are not on the agenda of political parties
- They are not addressed in present nor previous Government action plans
- Why Not?

# The Debate about Freedom of Expression Has Blinded Us

- When the topic of hate speech is discussed the focus always gets directed to a debate on restrictions or no restrictions on the freedom of expression
- This has blinded us to the social harms of hate speech and other types of measures that could be taken to counteract such harms

# Undue Reliance Upon the «Troll will Disintegrate» Belief

- Hate speech should as far as possible be countered by the undesirable speech being expressed and reacted to in the public sphere.
- Hate speech will, when expressed, be aired, cleaned and made decent through discussion and criticism.



# Is there any evidence that the Troll will Disintegrate in the sun?

- There is nothing to suggest that there is any truth to the proposition that hate speech, when uttered, gets cleansed and made decent through discussion and criticism.
- No research supports this!
- Today: more attention on radicalization (and a little bit on hate crime) but very limited efforts to combat lawful hate speech, including gbhs

# National strategies to Counter the Social Harm of Hate Speech


- Focus on hate speech and prejudice in school curriculum and course materials (root causes)
- Allocate monies to research on the prevalence and social harms of hate speech (so as to make the harms visible) and mechanisms to reduce harms
- Allocate monies to research on media self-regulation, eg. use of moderators, full-name policies,

# National strategies to Counter the Social Harm of Hate Speech (# 2)

- The legal duty on public authorities to actively promote equality in their roles as policy-makers and service-providers, should include addressing prejudice, stigmatization and stereotypes
  - (promoting good relations between social groups)
- Initiate campaigns of awareness to counter hate speech and promote responsibility in expression
- Support economically civil society's work against hate speech.



## CSW event on lawful gbhs online

- Increased knowledge about the ombud's work with lawful gbhs, both nationally and internationally
  - To bring together activists, representatives of local and national authorities and academia
  - To expand our international network in an effort to further our work nationally
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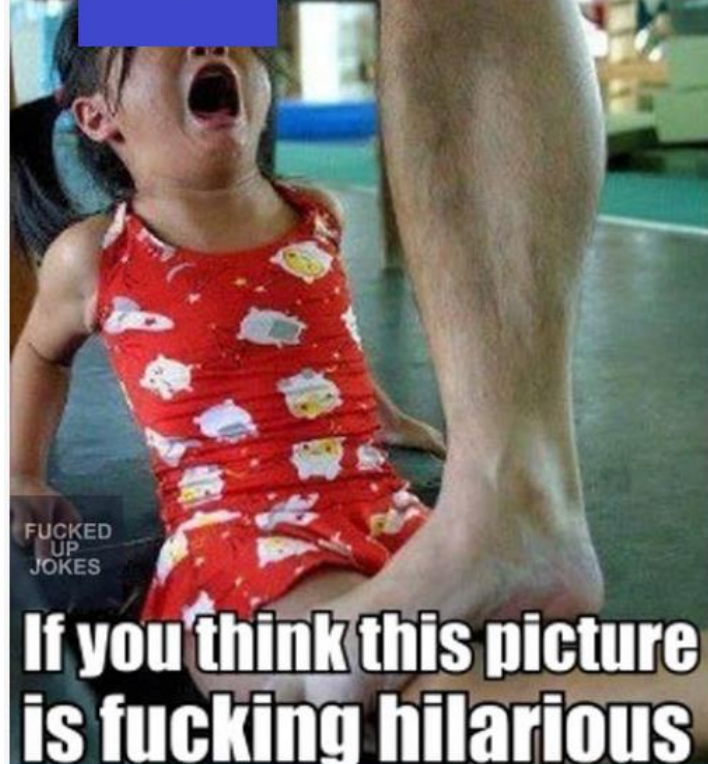
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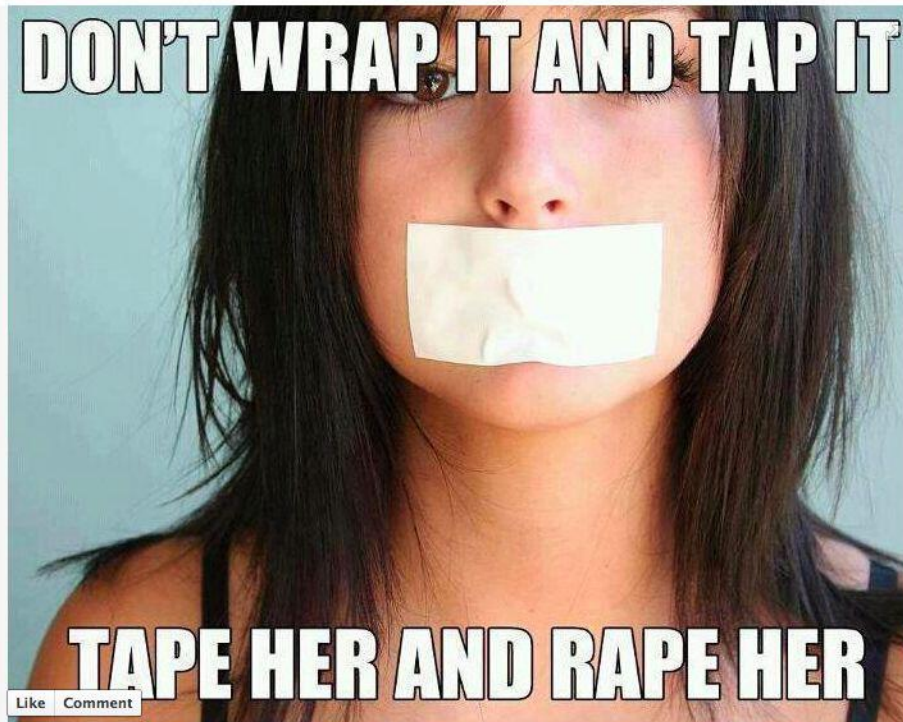
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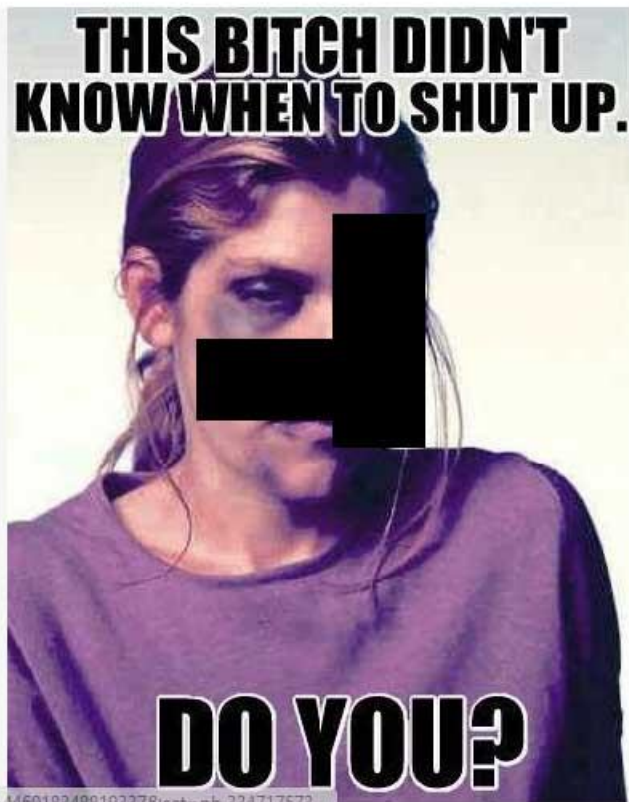


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Equality and Social Inclusion

Panel:

Dr. Ronald Craig, Senior  
and Anti-Discrimination

Dr. John Shuford, Director  
Hate Studies

Jamia Wilson, Executive  
Women, Action and the

Kristine Ask, Assistant  
Norwegian University  
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## What we achieved

- Praise from young people!
  - Political recognition and attention
  - Expanded network of valuable expertise
  - Increased collaboration with other organisations internationally
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## Follow-up conference

- With the growth of social media and the internet, we are witnessing a renaissance of misogyny and digital havens for those who hate and harass women and girls.
- How can we best increase our knowledge and understanding of the causes, consequences and mechanisms of such hate speech and how do we best combat it?

# Issues to be addressed include:

- **What is hate? Hate as a social and cultural phenomenon**

John Shuford, Ph.D. Director, Gonzaga University Institute for Hate Studies

- **Gender-based hate speech in online games and among gamers**

Kristine Ask, Assistant Professor. Norwegian University of Science and Technology

- **Combatting gender-based hate speech on Facebook; the importance of activism**

Jamia Wilson, Executive Director of Women, Action, and the Media

- **Gender-based hate speech – a threat to democracy**

Aina Landsverk Hagen, researcher , Oslo and Akershus University college of applied sciences

## Increased focus on VAW & ICT

- Collaboration with Association for Progressive Communications
- CEDAW as are primary advocacy tool
- Normative gaps
- And how to close them