

SEXIST HATE SPEECH

it's political, it's not comfortable and you can take breaks

*DISTORTED IN THE SEXIST
MIRROR, GENDER BINARY
AND THE PATRIARCHY OF
THE INTERNET ECONOMY*

a due feminist disclosure

“ I do not pretend to represent or speak on behalf of womanity or on behalf of all diverse-self-defining-not-conforming individuals.

I acknowledge my privileges, and I acknowledge solidarity as a political practice of love and recognition.

“ hvale vale

THE DIFFERENT DEGREE OF SEXISM

from the unpleasant to the aggression

women/feminists/activists have no sense of humor



THE RIGHT TO DISAGREE AND
THE FREEDOM OF USING
CREATIVE VARIATION
OF THE F* WORD

*"IF YOU CANNOT
STAND THE SPACE
OR THE CRITICS YOU
SHOULD LEAVE!"*

Who are the
intermediary of *our*
Internet interactions
and which
responsibility they
hold?

MONEYS MONEYS MONEYS



By the way, in the 10 seconds you've been on this page, these internet giants have profited \$23630, and around 50% of that went to Apple.

source: [realtime accumulation of wealth](#)

THE BIG FIVE



// The world's biggest tech firms are always out to make more money, and they're always looking for a new hook into your habits that can be turned into revenue.

THE TERM OF USE

THE HOSTS SAY THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE
BECAUSE THEY ARE *JUST* PLATFORM NOT
MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS, CONTENT IS A
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USER, STILL USERS
ARE NOT SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PLATFORM

*“ They give us algorithms of happiness, they frame
our news-timelines, they mainstream binary as
metadata!*

THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE WORLD

STATE/GOV

- How established and independent our (country) institution are? The citizenry rights divide, old vs fragile democracies
- The slow pace of institution and the fast speed of the Internet
- The hierarchy of reaction as hierarchy of value (terrorists - suspension of rights/state of emergency vs safety from violence)

CORPORATION

- Capitalism: the success of one via personal data of the many
- The ToS meaningless consent
- The false myth of empowering shared economy: exploited contractors without ownership and rights
- The technology hegemony: the internet of things and the extractive industry

There is a small world of users with 24/7 internet broadband access.

This small world is shaped by "***the winning" western-white-male narrative.***

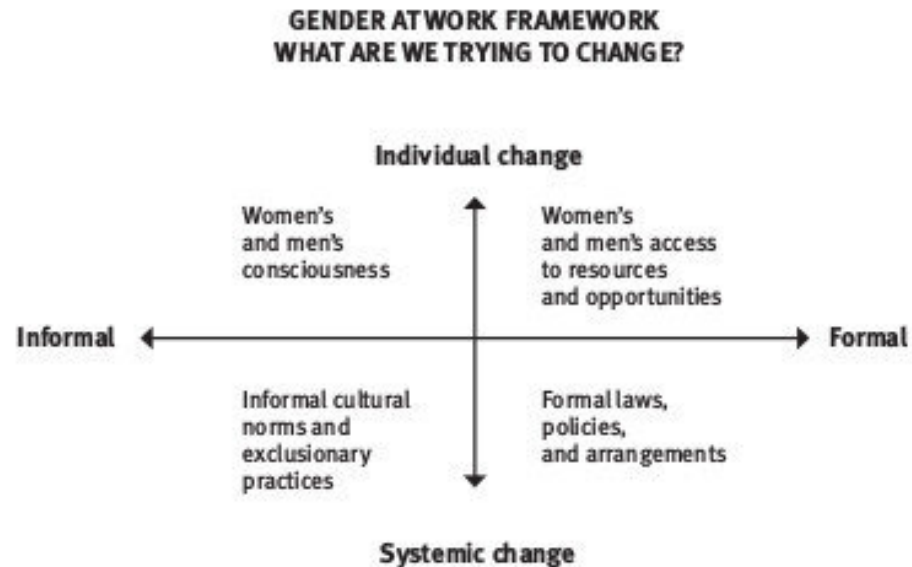
The powerful of the small world shapes the bigger less connected or yet-to-be-connected world.

SO WHAT NEXT,
SHALL WE HAVE
OUR FORCE
AWAKEN?

WHAT ARE WE MISSING?
HOW IS IN REAL LIFE?

INFORMAL CULTURAL NORMS AND EXCLUSIONARY PRACTICES

FIGURE 1.



WHAT ARE FEMINIST INTERNET ACTIVISTS ADVOCATING FOR?

- Protection?
- Censorship?
- Safe Space?

WHICH FEMINISM WE SPEAK AND PROMOTE ONLINE

It's always about sex/sexuality

the dividing 'issues' of feminism

- Sex workers
- Pornography
- Abortion
- Trans person

DO WE KNOW THE TROLLERS, THE PERPETRATORS?

- The evangelist of [legalizing rape](#) on private property
- The [#GamerGate](#)
- [Milo Yiannopoulos](#) or who's [counter-culture](#)
- The [bot's army](#)
- The [YouTubers stars](#) (role model / discourse settings)
- but also the pre-teen and teen (new millennials)
 - Viber / WhatsApp chats room: perpetrator / victim
 - Girls violence on girls (the nasty females)
 - Is cool to be "badass" (subversive language?)

DO WE UNDERSTAND HOW THE INTERNET WORK?

- Access
- Agency and Autonomy
- Economy
- Expression
- Movement



ACCESS/EXPRESSION

Class/Privilege/Culture

Education

Internet Infrastructure

Social

Sex, Sexuality, Relationships

ECONOMY

Capitalism

Technology driven

Ownership Shifting

Exploitation/Mining trade

AGENCY & AUTONOMY

Anonymity and Privacy

Consent

Security and Surveillance

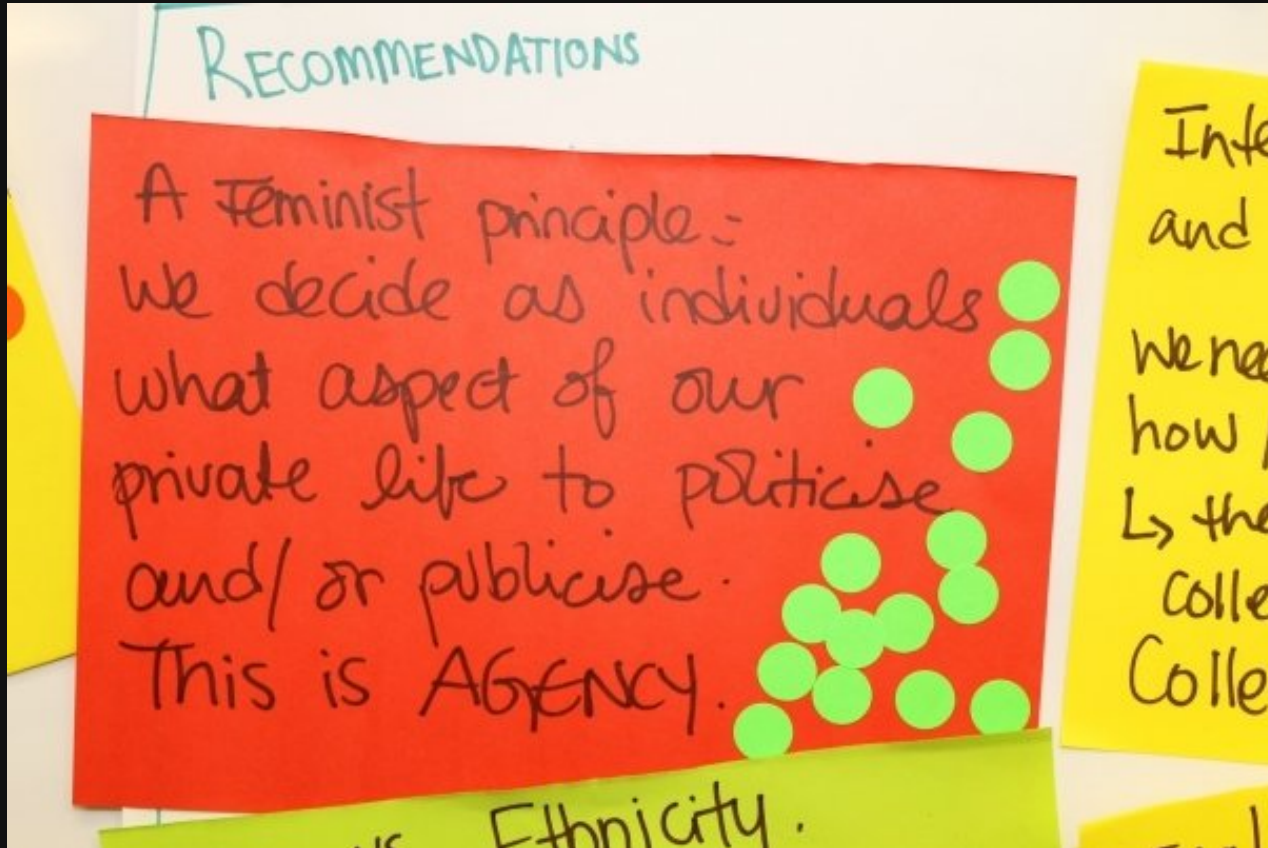
Violence

MOVEMENT

Internet Governance

Intersectionality and cross
movement building

#IMAGINEAFEMINISTINTERNET



Are privacy and anonymity desired rights?

THE FEMINIST PRINCIPLE OF THE INTERNET

to reflect on sexism and sexist hate speech we need to work on the intersection of: Internet rights, women rights, technology, privacy, sexual rights ...

source:

FeministPrincipleoftheInternet

1. A feminist internet starts with and works towards empowering more women and queer persons – in all our diversities – to dismantle patriarchy. This includes universal, affordable, unfettered, unconditional, and equal **access** to the Internet.

2. A feminist internet is an extension, reflection, and continuum of our movements and **resistance** in other spaces, public and private. Our agency lies in us deciding as individuals and collectives what aspects of our lives to politicize and/or publicize on the internet.

3. The internet is a **transformative** public and political space. It facilitates new forms of citizenship that enable individuals to claim, construct, and express our selves, genders, sexualities. This includes connections across territories, demands for accountability and transparency, and significant opportunities for feminist movement-building.

4. **Violence** online and tech-related violence are part of the continuum of gender-based violence. The misogynistic attacks, threats, intimidation, and policing experienced by women and LGBTQI people are real, harmful, and alarming. It is our collective responsibility as various internet stakeholders to prevent, respond to, and resist this violence.

5. There is a need to resist the religious right, along with other extremist forces, and the state, in monopolizing their claim over morality and silencing feminist voices at national and international levels. We must claim the power of the internet to **amplify** alternative and diverse narratives of women's lived realities.

6. As feminist activists, we believe in challenging the patriarchal spaces that currently control the internet and putting more feminists and LGBTQI people at **decision-making** tables. We believe in democratizing the legislation and regulation of the internet as well as diffusing ownership and power of global and local networks.

7. Feminist interrogation of neoliberal capitalist logic that drives the internet is critical to destabilize, dismantle, and create alternative forms of **economic power** that are grounded on principles of the collective, solidarity, and openness.

8. As feminist activists, we are politically committed to creating and experimenting with technology utilizing **open source** tools and platforms. Promoting, disseminating, and sharing knowledge about the use of such tools is central to our praxis.

9. The internet's role in enabling access to critical **information** – including conversations on health, pleasure, and risks – is essential, and must be supported and protected.

10. Surveillance by default is the tool of patriarchy to control and restrict rights both online and offline. The right to **privacy** is a critical principle for a safer, open internet for all. Equal attention needs to be paid to surveillance practices by individuals against each other, as well as the private sector and non-state actors, in addition to the state.

11. We have the right to access all our personal **data** online and to be able to exercise control, which includes knowing who has access to the data and under what conditions and being able to delete it forever. However, this right needs to be balanced against the right to access public information, transparency, and accountability.

12. We strongly object to the efforts of state and non-state actors to control, **regulate** and restrict the sexual lives of consenting people and how this is expressed and practiced on the internet. We recognize this as part of the larger political project of moral policing, censorship and hierarchization of citizenship and rights.

13. We recognize our role as feminists and internet rights advocates in securing a safe, healthy, and informative internet for **children** and young people. This includes promoting digital and social safety practices. At the same time, we acknowledge children's rights to healthy development, which includes access to positive information about sexuality at critical times in their development. We believe in including the voices and experiences of young people in the decisions made about harmful content.

14. We recognize that the issue of **pornography** online is a human rights and labor issue, and has to do with agency, consent, autonomy, and choice. We reject simple causal linkages made between consumption of pornographic content and violence against women. We also reject the umbrella term of pornographic content labeled to any sexuality content such as educational material, SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity and expression) content, and expression related to women's sexuality.

15. It is our inalienable right to choose, express, and experiment with our diverse sexualities on the internet. **Anonymity** enables this.

THE SOLIDARITY OF THE NETWORKED

BOUNDARIES ARE
BLUR

THERE ARE NO READY RECIPE

*// keep calm, stay self-centred, aware, connect on the
ground as online and believe that you can make it*

SO WHY ADA LOVELACE?

***// Because code is power
and moderation should be
based on an ethic of care***



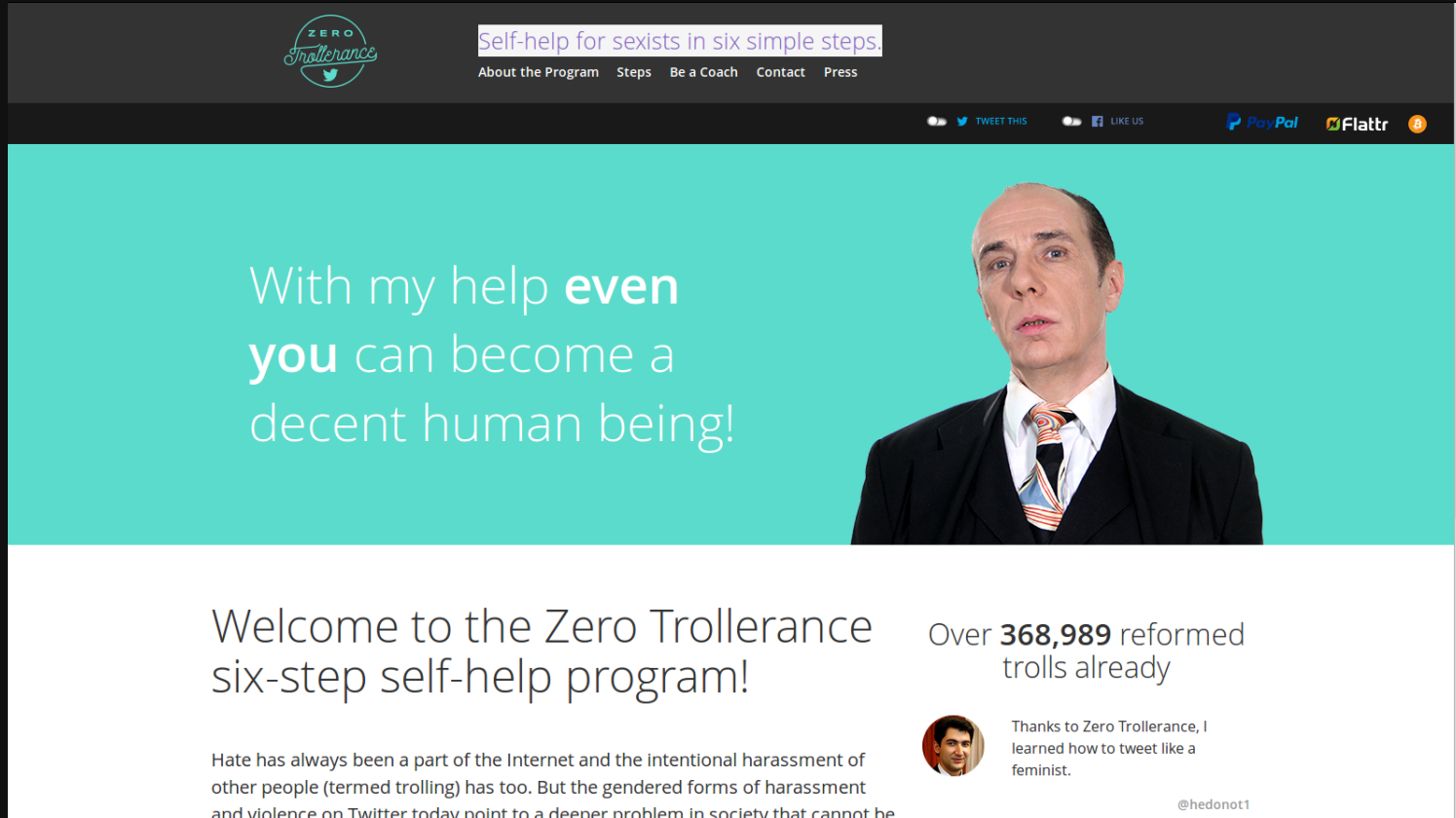
People current responses

*civil society, informal groups, individuals/hacktivist*s

Counter narratives: alternative genealogy, language diversity,
Awareness, irony and solidarity (off line as much as online)

The peng! collective, #takebackthetech

SELF-HELP FOR SEXISTS IN SIX SIMPLE STEPS



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Zero Tolerance website. At the top left is the logo, which consists of the word "ZERO" in a circle above the word "Tolerance" in a script font, with a small bird icon below it. To the right of the logo is a search bar containing the text "Self-help for sexists in six simple steps." Below the search bar are navigation links: "About the Program", "Steps", "Be a Coach", "Contact", and "Press". On the right side of the top navigation bar are social media icons for "TWEET THIS", "LIKE US", "PayPal", and "Flattr".

The main content area has a teal background on the left and a white background on the right. On the teal background, the text reads: "With my help **even you** can become a decent human being!". On the white background, there is a portrait of a man in a suit and tie. Below the portrait, the text says: "Welcome to the Zero Tolerance six-step self-help program!". To the right of this text, it says: "Over **368,989** reformed trolls already". Below this, there is a small circular profile picture of a man, followed by the text: "Thanks to Zero Tolerance, I learned how to tweet like a feminist." and the handle "@hedonot1".

Hate has always been a part of the Internet and the intentional harassment of other people (termed trolling) has too. But the gendered forms of harassment and violence on Twitter today point to a deeper problem in society that cannot be

Peng! Collective - Zero Tolerance

ONLINE ATTACK AGAINST #TAKEBACKTHETECH

On 9 October 2015, misogynists, trolls and a variety of people who associate with the #Gamergate hashtag decided to occupy and corrupt the #TakeBackTheTech and #ImagineAFeministInternet hashtags by posting thousands of anti-feminist and misogynistic tweets and memes

[the background on the attack](#)
[facts on #takebackthetech](#)

OVERWHELMING?

just remember that long time ago
Anonymous where troll

Anonymous emerged out of an enormously popular and anonymous image board, [4chan](#). It was primarily associated with a phenomenon—[trolling](#)—known at times to unfold there. Trolling on 4chan often consists of an unpredictable combination of the following: telephone pranking, having many unpaid pizzas sent to the target's home, DDoSing, and most especially, splattering personal information, preferably humiliating, all over the Internet.

Anonymous: From the Lulz to Collective Action, Gabriella Coleman

OUR TOOLS

- Anonymity
- Playing Identities: fake, multiple, collective
- Counter-speech
- Blocking [Block Together](#) and [Block Bot](#)
- Swarming -creating communities of support
- Creating [Bots against trolls](#)
- Take control over technology
- Reviewing and renaming the representation of the own self (the personal bias)
- Exploring alternative spaces

SOLIDARITY AGAIN

Solidarity is a political act but is trans-formative if done
with/for love

Sexist hate speech is a symptom not the cause / root
Censoring, filtering is the contemporary form of the old
"taboo", hide do no cure

RESPONSES

Investing in Coding - tech is not neutral

Moderation - user control

Language diversity - real access

Intersectional people governance of the internet

SOURCES AND RESOURCES

- The feminist principle of the Internet
- Zen and the art of making tech working for you
- Best practice forum (BPF) on Online Abuse and gender-based violence against women
- Sarah Jeong - the garbage of the Internet
- GisWatch - Women's rights, gender and ICTs (2013); Sexual rights and the Internet (2015) reports
- **and do not forget yourself, your network of friends, companions and allies**

MY AFFILIATION

- [One World Platform](#)
- [Zenskaposla.ba](#)
- [Association for progressive communication](#)
- [Takebackthetech.net](#)
- [AWID](#)
- (Pop up) [Gender tech institute](#)

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