EVOLUTION OF CARTOON FEMINISM

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TIME	CONTEXT & LITERATURE	MIND - BODY	GENDER - SEX	CULTURE - NATURE	CONFIGURATIONS —	SUMMARY —
- AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION	PRE-PATRIARCHY				physical Ma F B • •	HUMANS AS BODIES
FUEDAL SYSTEM	INFILTRATION OF PATRIARCHAL STRUCTURES 19th CENTURY SEXOLOGY Being a man or a woman is fied the the body's reproductive function	Man is conceptualised as possessor of pure, rational and intelligent mind. Female and other marginalised bodies are excluded and retain their position in the realm of the bodily, animal, & biological The priviledging of the mind is			physical Ma F B • • Mi •	conception of the transcendant mind excludes female bodies, colonised bodies, lower class bodies
- 1800 -	CRIMINALISATION Deviations from the cis, heterosexual norm was considered criminal and immoral "Women are somehow more biological, more corporeal, and more natural than men" - Elizabeth Grosz	inscribed into systems of society and culture, devaluing the body and placing increased value on the white, male bodies associated with the mind Mi			non-physical	
— 1900 — 2	FIRST WAVE FEMINISM Women's rights movements argued for female inclusion in pursuits and realms associated with the mind, such as the right to vote, education and work "reproductive function is the main oppressor of women" - Shulamith Firestone	The body is regarded as a phyiscal cage in which the transcendant mind is trapped The body - or cage - becomes a source of shame, an animal which should be controlled and disciplined by the mind. This results in a distancing and ultimate disection of the self away from the body.			physical Ma F B • • Mi • •	inclusion of the female mind disassociation from the reproductive body to be liberated from restrictive cultural roles
RE-POSITIONIN	CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT Under the Contagious Diseases Act of 1860, police were permitted to force certain women to be examined for venereal disease. Josephine Butler lead a campaign condemning the acts; the acts were suspended in 1983 and subsequently repealed in 1986. Butler's work extended ideas of individual rights over one's body	Despite increased rights for women to control what happens to their bodies, the discourse of the time			physical Ma F B • •	SEXLESS MIND mind-body dichotomy utilised to argue that the mind has no sex
RE-POSITIONING	MOVEMENTS AGAINST BIO-POWER "Bio-power" was a term coined by Foucault to describe the subjugation and regulation of the body by modern nation-states. Feminists retaliated against bio-power following WWI during a time where state intervention in birth control and concerns surrounding eugenics were prevalent, making grounds for women's bodily rights.	bodies, the discourse of the time retains the idea of mind-body dualism whereby the body is considered to be an object which is owned by, and separate from, the mind body as an object body as property of the mind			non-physical	body is an object belonging to mind
1950	SECOND WAVE FEMINISM Women and men are untied from biology and rooted in culture SOCIALIST FEMINISM Socialist feminists acknowledged the oppressive nature of a capitalist society and believe that women's liberation must be sought in conjunction with the social and economic justice of all people. They fought for civil rights for women through the passage of laws, often focusing on equal pay and better opportunities in the workplace. They also recognise unpaid reportudcitve labour of women such as cooking, cleaning and child care. [Feminism should aim to create a] "genderless (though not sexless) society, in which one's sexual anatomy is irrelevant to who one is, what one does, and with whom one makes love" Rubin	The cultural roles established as a result of the mind-body dichotomy and associated heirarchies of bodies are recognised as a conceptual realm which is separate from the natural, phsyical and biological.	The gender-sex dichotomy arises from the mind-body dichotomy. Sex is seen as fixed by biology, and gender as the social-cultural meanings attached to such biology. Male-female exists therefore in a material site (body-sex) and an immaterial site (mind-gender).	A nature-culture binary emerges where nature aligns with body and culture with mind. This is reflective of the anthropocentric view of man as superior to the natural, animal world due to the human mind and the ability to construct culture.	physical N B S P P C Mi G Ma F non-physical	recognition that there are two readings of male/female sex read as nature; the fixed biology body, gender read as cultural construct mapped onto the body by the mind
— 1950	SEXOLOGY Through the work of the early sexologists such as Krafft-Ebbing and Hirschfield, transexuality became a recognized phenomeno variable for study and discussion. PATHOLOGISATION Trans-people were and in some countries, still are, pathologised by psycho-medical classifications and laws. Transsexualism and transgenderism were considered mental illnesses under the diagnosis of gender dysphoria. SEX CHANGE SURGERY "Sex change surgery" as it used to be known proferred to be a corrective procedure to realign the sexed body of a trans person with their acquired gender so that sex and gender could be unified	B Mi	Sexologists recognise those who feel that they fit into a category of gender which differs from the sexual classification of their body. This recognition however deems trans people mentally ill and as defects from a "correct" binary order.		physical Ma F N B S • C Mi G • Ma F non-physical	recognition of those who feel that their gender does not align with the sex of their body pathologisation of trans people
- 2000	GENDER RECOGNITION ACT (GRA) The GRA (2004) enabled trans people to change their birth certificates to their acquired gender without the requirement of surgical interventions. However, the criterion for gender recognition remained dependant upon the consent of medical practioners and psychologists. The GRA also did not recognise those who fell outside or between the binary categories of male or female and granted only heterosexual people the right to marry.	B Mi	Gender recognition is fied directly to the sex of the body - whether sex is declared at birth or following surgical procedure Sex becomes variable, gender is rigidly fied to sex		physical Ma F N B S Ma F N G Ma F non-physical	increased acceptance of transgender people within society 'corrective' methods used to re-align gender and body through 'sex change' surgery
KLASH	The GRA was reviewed in 2018 where the UK government opened a public conversation to address whether the right to self-identify should be granted in applying for gender recognition. Trans rights and allied groups argued that this would be a positive step in untangling recognition from its' problemtic history of medical pathologisation THIRD WAVE FEMINISM The concept of intersectionality—the idea that women experience "layers of oppression" caused, for example, by gender, race and class—flourished during third wave feminism. As feminists came online in the late 1990s and early 2000s and reached a global audience with blogs and e-zines, they broadened their goals, focusing on abolishing gender-role stereotypes and expanding feminism to include women with diverse racial and cultural identities.	B I Mi	body sex remains binary gender becomes potentially plural and allows for non-binary gender expression male-female binary is disturbed retained belief in distinct male/female biological bodies		physical Ma F N B S • • C Mi G F non-physical	GENDER AS NON-BINARY gender is doconstructed as non-binary
BACI	RADICAL FEMINISM Celebration of the distinctive modes of emodiment and experiential capacity of women. Female sexuality and capacity to give birth are seen as grounds for affirming the power and the value of the female body. Women's material bodies become a source of positive values stressing care and inter-subjectivity and women's engagement with the reproductive process is regarded as anchoring both anti-militarism and a respect for the natrual world TERF Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminsm emerged as a backlash against the proposed changes to the GRA to allow for self-declaration of gender. They argue that this would reduce the safety and well-being of cis women. "Interval a universal that is shareable by all, males and females, men and women, and can thus be of use in mediating bewteen us all. The same does not apply for already constructed worlds and cultures." - Luce Irigaray "[we seek to] re-affirm that women's human rights are based upon sex and that the inclusion of men who claim to be women undermines the whole notion of women's rights." - Sheila Jeffreys & Heather Brunskell-Evans	Feminists argue that man, mind and culture has excluded the female body and nature and this should be reversed. Sexual difference underpins this discourse The female body is celebrated and empowered. The human experience is understood as embodied - the mind therefore is implicitly tied to the body and so the dichotomy is undone Ma — — Mi F — — B man as mind, female as body B Mi Mi mind tied to body	Sex as natural biology becomes the defining component of womanhood - behind the superficia y of gender lies the substance of sex. Womanhood is reduced to reproducitive capacity and therefore sex is reinstated as the source of women's oppression. Oppression against women based upon factors external to biology are invisibilised, i.e. intersectional oppression related to race, ethnicity, sexuality, class and disability. sexuality, class and disability.	Existing systems of culture including language and technology are deemed products of man and the patriarchy which are exclusive and heirarchical. Radical feminists urge a rejection and erasure of these systems looking to nature as salvation.	physical Ma F N B S D D non-physical	bodily empowerment rejection of man's mind and culture nature as salvation
8 PCKIA	Fausto-Sterling points out the range of inter-sex bodies that are forced into a binary classification system. She points out that there is a such a diverse variety of bodies that no classificatory scheme could do more than suggest the variety of sexual anatomy encountered in clinical practice. Animal heterogeneity is used as evidence to argue against the idea of the male / female classifications as a natural order. MATERIALIST FEMINISM Materialist Feminists such as Christine Delphy challenged the notion that sex was objective, pointing out that sexed differences are read through gender. i.e. we have read and understood sex through a culturally constructed lens.	The body has been reduced to two classifications of either male or female. Any inbetween or outlying bodies have been forced to fit within these classifications. Research suggests that the mole/female sex binary could be broken down into at least five categories. Our understanding of the body is conceptualised by the mind and has been influenced by culture. Therefore readings of the sexed body are always a product of the cultured mind and cannot be objective	Sex is exploded from two categories into a spectrum. This demonstartes how our conceptions of sexual difference were in fact read through a prior conception of gender as a binary S intersex research explodes sex binary Our conceptions of the body and sexual difference have been conditioned throughout history. The cumulative research surrounding the sexed body has been undertaken through a lens governed by the mind and the mind's constructed concepts of gender. Therefore we cannot have a objective view on sex which is not		physical Ma F C S G Ma F non-physical	SEX AS NON-BINARY
1990 —	CYBORG FEMINISM Unlike society today, prejudiced and divided, Haraway speculates on the cyborg who is free from these constructed divisions and limitations. Cyborgs are supposed to put an end to human domination. They are here to destroy the last boundaries between huamn, animal, and technology, as well as the boundaries between people. A Cyborg manifesto imagines that the best scenario for all of us is the world in which there is no man, woman, race or religion - a post-gender world. XENOFEMINISM Xenofeminism is an attempt to offer a queer and trans inclusive communist feminism that is rooted in our bodies' inextricable relationship to technology and focused on 'repurposing', rather than outright refusing, the tools of capitalist technoscience.	Physical and non-physical sites are seen as an interconnected entity, thefore body and mind are not discrete entities - they are inexorably field together as one system	Sex can only be read and understood through gendred terms Concepts of sex and gender are exploded so that they become malleable, non-binary conditions S G sex can only be read and understood through gendred terms	Humans are no longer considered as transcended from the natural, animal world. Culture and nature are intwined in a continuous biotic relationship. The binary is unravelled by placing a stress on the potentialities within biological existense that enable cultural, social and historical forces to work with and transform that existence.	physical N B S C Mi G Ma F non-physical	BODY AS CYBORG
- 2020	GLITCH FEMINISM A manifesto developed in the lineage of Cyberfeminism based on the idea that the digital realm and the physical realm are deeply intertwined, the boundary between them dissolving. Glitch feminism understands that all technology is architected by people under neoliberal capitalism, white supremacy, and heteropatriarchy. However, in the remaining nooks and crannies of the internet is where one is free to 'glitch', where people have a right to complexity and to identity beyond the binary "When the body is determined as a male or female individual, A body that pushes bear of rules and requirements that validate and verify the humanity of that individual. A body that pushes bear at the application of pronouns, or remains indecipherable within binary assignment, is a body that refuses to perform the score. This nonperformance is a glitch. The glitch is a form of refusal." - Legacy Russell	physical Th digital self or mind is an extension of the embodied self, the two are intwined. In cyberspace the mind can inhabit multiple different bodies which are not classified like AFK (away from keyboard) bodies B non-physical	Gendered bodies are imaginary, manufactured and commodified for capital. Through the application of the glitch and dis-identifying, gender can be dismontled and new rules of the body can be made up	The idea of 'natural order' is cultural fiction. We may depart from the illusion of a 'natural world' by peeling back the layers of our presumptions born from the hyper object and cultural construction of gender. Glitches as encryption signifify hidden truths and allow for new readings beyond social and cultrual coding	N B S F F S Ma F	BODY AS GLITCH
	CARTOON FEMINISM Cartoon Feminism looks to cartoon bodies as inspiration for a new feminist discourse. The cartoon body can teach us lessons about the form of the body, the movement of the body and the behaviour of the body. Form: The cartoon body is cyborgian; often a hybrid of animal-human, machine-organism. Cartoon bodies may also be a glitch - undefinable by current social and cultural understanding and classifications. The cartoon body's ability to fluctuate between bodily classifications means that it alludes static definitions and does not have to behave according to the rules set by those definitions. Movement: Female bodies are taught to feel enclosed, self-conscious and that they should take up minimal space. The cartoon body however, is expressive; it squashes, stretches and exagerrates and moves through the world without apology. Behaviour: Cartoons use subversive humour to misbehave, undermining the forces which restrict them and breaking the rules of their universe, liberateing themselves from their expected performance	mind may become different digital bodies	glitching gender dismantles gender	cultural construct of 'nature' is decoded through glitch	N B S F F C Mi G Ma F	BODY AS CARTOON