Jean Améry’s description of being tortured:

“while the physical agony faded away, the realization that the others present were impervious to one’s own suffering never waned”.
Disparaged
Silenced
Suppressed
RISK OF EMPHASIZING SIMILARITIES OVER DIFFERENCES
Terror is always local.
FLUIDITY

OF DEFINITIONS
AGE OF CONSENT (UK):

12 YEARS

1874: 13 YEARS

1884: 16 YEARS

USA: BETWEEN 10 AND 18 YEARS
“SEX” AND “VIOLENCE”

BOTH CONCEPTS ARE UNSTABLE.

BOTH HAVE A HISTORY.
Susan Brownmiller’s *Against Our Will* (1975)

Kate Millett’s *Sexual Politics* (1969)
WE DON’T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE PERPETRATED ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE;

WE DON’T KNOW HOW MANY WERE VICTIMS.
Sexual violence is not a valued masculine trait.
“The Ordeal”
THE “TRAUMA SCRIPT”
IS PART OF THE
“GLOBALIZATION OF THE
WESTERN THEORY OF THE MIND”
Rwanda: 1994

80% women raped;

5-10% of people killed
‘Shaming’ victims, family & communities

There is no honour in killing.
1991-99 conflict in the former Yugoslavia: 20,000 women were raped
NEW YORK CITY
1896-1946

1 IN EVERY 4 PROSECUTIONS INCLUDED ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE CASE THROUGH MARRIAGE.
No wound; no rape
Hudood Ordinances (Pakistan) included rape under zina (adultery) offences.
1) POLITICAL STRATAGEM

2) A WEAPON WIELDED BY ONE ETHNIC GROUP AGAINST ANOTHER

3) A WAY OF COLLECTING INFORMATION DURING INTERROGATION

4) A WAY OF WREAKING RELIGIOUS VENGEANCE
Fear of rape
Children born as a result of rape
Rwandan genocide: up to 70% of raped women contracted HIV.
CONSENT
“VICTIM-PRECIPITATED”
CRIME
To become pregnant, a woman has to have had an orgasm.
Todd Akin

Sharron Angle
JURISPRUDENCE TEXTBOOKS:

“IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SHEATH A SWORD INTO A VIBRATING SCABBARD”.
“Jeans: An Alibi for Rape.”
GENDER
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:

41% OF FEMALE RAPE VICTIMS & 10% OF MALE VICTIMS WERE VICTIMIZED BY A WOMAN.
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, & TRANSGENDER COMMUNITIES
TODAY, 78 COUNTRIES CRIMINALIZE SEXUAL ACTIVITY BY LGBT PEOPLE.
THE MARITAL RAPE EXEMPTION

ABOLISHED IN THE UK IN 1992;

2006 IN GREECE
Male sex drive is an “irrepressible force”
HELKE SANDER
Winter Soldiers’ Investigation in 1971
Nanjing:
over 20,000 women were raped in 1937
End of war:
American troops raped 14,000-17,000 women in France & Germany
“WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”
Things That Cause RAPE

- Flirting
- The outfit I'm wearing
- Drinking too much
- Rapists

Real Me: Take NO for an Answer
Pink Sari Gang or the Gulabi Gang: the world’s largest female vigilante group, boasting over 20,000 members.
ONE OF THE MOST DEBILITATING MYTHS IS THAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS INEVITABLE
SEXUAL EQUALITY

HIGH LEVELS OF FEMALE ECONOMIC POWER

LOW LEVELS OF ARMED CONFLICT
“WHY ARE YOU
DOING THIS TO ME?”

(HISTORICAL SPECIFICITIES)