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Questions of social inequality as related to technology us
                                                                                                                                  🕇 digital divide – digital inequality
                                                                                                      Skill, literacy, competency
                                                                                                     gender + education + money + ... ?= skill
                                                                                                Gender was coming up as a significant variable
                                                                                                                                                   variation in skill
                                                              further research indicated that women considered themselves less skilled than men
                                                                            Differences in Actual and Perceived Online Sklls: The Role of Gender
                                                                                    gender not major factor in skill
                                                                                                                                                                      IT Research
                                                                         strong gender effect self assessed skill what explains differentiated internet usage?
                                                                                          Women were sharing less
                                                                           Gender was the only sigifnciant predictor
                                                    who is created more online material (movies, music, photos)
                                                                                                                   what matters more, actual skill or perceived skill
                                                                                           women sharing less
                                                                                hard to compare data since doesn't exist for manual studies qualitative analysis
                                                                                                                  Center for Women and Information Technology
                                                                                                     most people prosecuted were men
                                                                                                                                            Gender and Violence
                                                                                             females tend to turn inward, males lash out
                                                                                        real vs. virtual child/pornography
                                                                                                                            \triangleright ease of access of child/pornography
                                                                                            where to draw the legal line?
                                                            dramatic increase in access to child and adult pornography
                                                                     in the # and the violence depicted in those images \rightarrow technology allows for wider distribution Legal Practice
                             eliminated the 'shame' that men seeking it when they were going to rent a video at the stor
                                                   internet allows for like minded communities
                                                                                                 normalization and desensitization of pornography on the interne
society doesn't think of pornography as a bad thing (images of child sex abuse vs. pornography)
                                                                                                               promoting GPS use of domestic violence offenders
                                                                                    internet as a site of progress w/ gender against women and gender inequality
                                                                                                                                                                      Digital Age
                                                                                                                   how to provide a forum for these discussions
                                                                                                                             hold a series of weekly discussions
                                                                                                                     shared spaces for learning within Berkman
                                                                                                                think about language used to represent gender
                                                                                                                 theoretical interpretation of areas of discussion
                                                                                                  what do women want to achieve and what are the constraints?
                                                                                                                        research issues and experiencial issues
                                                                                                                                 bibliography of gender issues
                                                                                                                               avoid repetition of conversations
                                                                                                                             include queer theory in discussions
                                                                                                                                                                   Moving Forward
                                                                                                                           how to move this committee forward
                                                                                                                                             preserve diversity
                                                                                                             understanding/comprehension
                                                                            improving equalization of opportunities in participation for gende \longrightarrow zones of study
                                                                    engaged in projects that redress injustice related to gender and sexuality
                                                                                               russia project
                                                                                                                 existing research projects
                                                                                       restructuring of media
                                                                                                      specifically focused research projects 🗡 make it happen
                                                                                                                    compiling bibliography
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teaching

Gender and Technology

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discrimination, stereotyping, glass ceiling
                                                                                  liberal fem | internet run by rules
                                                                                                 gender biased
                                                                                                   celebrates different cultures of men and women
                                                                                  cultural fem
                                                                                                  privledging male culture over women
                                                                                  socialist fem radical class differences
                           7 trends of talking about gender in the legal academy
                                                                                                   gender identity, gay/straight
                                                                                  queer theory
                                                                                                    fluidity between people
                                                                                                      critical race theory
                                                                                  intersectional fem
                                                                                                       race theory – Kimberly Krenshaw/Angela Harris
                                                                                                               cultural/political/religious reaction
Contextualizing Gender
                                                                                  "traditional" gender theory
                                                                                                              family is central unit to think about gender
                                                                                                                internet is threat to family values
                                                                       man/woman
                                                                       gay/straight
                                                                      butch/fem (men and women)
                          distinguish people along many dimensions
                                                                       top/bottom
                                                                       tech/non-tech stereotypical dimensions
                                                                                               internet creates structures/occasions for violence against womer
                                                                                                Discrimination, stereotyping, discriminatory distribution of resource
                           Role of violence in constituting the relationship b/w men and wome
                                                                                                Stereotying is extremely distortive
                                                                                                Gender blindness is often an idea of *liberal* feminism
                      Gender and Technology in Africa
                      \{ Gender Information Technology and Developing Countries – Executive Summar
                      Women as agents of social and economic change
                                                        further divides, country level data
                                                        gender divide within digital divide
                                                        broadband access, 4/1000, women have much lower access rates
                                                        1%-6% internet access
                                                        comparing cost between developing/developed countries
                                                                     e-government)
International Arena
                      Digital Inequality, digital divide
                                                        |CT for D| \leftarrow |e-education|
                                                                     e-commerce
                                                        Access issues for women
                                                        women are >= men in number of users for mobile telephony
                                                        difficult to collect data
                      → Association for Progressive Communication – Gender and Internet research projec → apc.org > En > News > World > Erotics-research-partners-needed-brazil-egypt-iran
                      Entrepreneurship & Startups
                      underrepresentation of women in technology is not much different from underrepresentation of
Computer Science
                      implicit.harvard.edu
                      women make family decisions differently from men
                      Have we constructed tech jobs and leadership positions in such a way that you must make a trade off
                      between doing a good job and being a good parent?
                   Identity online differences between design of technology
                                              men had higher rate of writing online and getting more responses
                                              women wrote less and got less responses
                  gender neutrality online?
                                              It's difficult to think about people in the absense of gender
                                              if no gender specified, people made assumptions on gender based on writing style
                  gender as cultural categories
                  gender neutral online forums
                  artificial intelligence if a machine can correctly guess a person's gender does that mean it can think?
                                    looked a lot of online newsgroups in the 1980s
                                   tremendous amount of gendered activity
Gender Online
                                    Men, even in group were numerically predominant
                  Susan Herring
                                    There was a difference in style of interaction and politeness
                                    If you went online and didn't define your gender, people would make assumptions based on their
                                     speaking
                                  radical writer
                                  notion that gender is a cultural construct
                                  these are anatomical differences
                  Judith Butle
                                   gender was about cultural categories
                                  may or may not coincide w/ physical representations of gender
                                  Almost all of our social life is about some kind of performance
                             What are our theoretical interventions and research agendas and informed by a set of queer
                             studies/feminist studies?
                             What are we trying to learn? Is it the experiential side? Feeding into the work that we do **not as the
                             thing that gets tacked on**
                             Choices under circumstances // as we keep thinking about this subject, in organizing
                             forums/research, try to figure out how much women want to achieve? and what are the obstacles?
                             How do we prevent this issue from getting ghettoized -- the depressing pervasiveness of this issue
                             -- which means we have to do everything
Questions to Think About
                            How do we construct gender free space using technology?
                                                                              research projects (mainstreaming gender issues in other projects)
                                                                              reconstruction / of media (mainstreaming research projects already underway)
                                                                              bibliography idea ---- distributed information (catalogging publications + academic/nonacademic
                            what's the practical matter? what should we do?
                                                                              teaching - should we fold gender issues more into teaching - at HLS, the university as a whole
                                                                              meetings
                                                                              internal change
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