

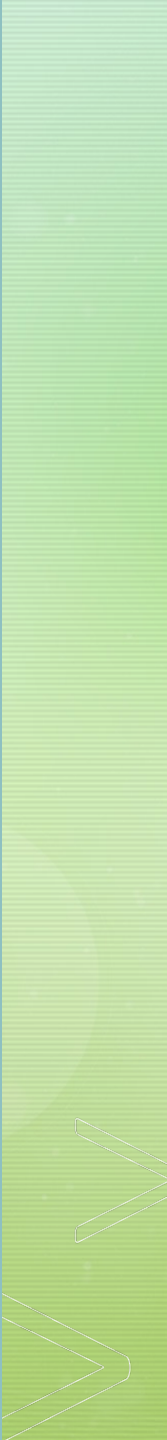
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Misogyny in Video Games



Main Focuses

- The representation of female characters in video games
 - Harassment women face in online video games
 - Modern day adjustments
 - My own personal experience
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Representation of Female Characters in Video Games

- Appearance Wise:
 - Sexualized outfits
 - Sexualized stances
 - Examples: Mortal Kombat, Tomb Raider, Bayonetta, Genshin Impact
- Objective Wise:
 - Kidnapping or “killing” of female characters
 - Examples: The Legend of Zelda, Super Mario Bros, Kingdom Hearts



“Kitana” from
Mortal Kombat 8



“Kitana” from
Mortal Kombat 11



Harassment Women Face in Online Video Games

- Women often mute themselves to conceal identity
- Often women will hear sexist comments
- Women are often told “This is a man’s game.”
- Example 1: Former CS:GO professional player jasonR mutes female gamers
- Example 2: Samantha Schwimm on YouTube “Spawntaneous”

Modern Day Female Representation in Gaming

- Female Video Game Streamers Becoming More Popular
- Active Changes from Sexualizing Characters
- More Objective for Female Characters



Call of Duty: Ghosts 2013





Call of Duty:
Modern Warfare
2019



Apex Legends:
Current
Character Roster
2022

My Own Personal Experience

- Played online since I was 11 years old
- Games I've played: Call of Duty, Destiny, Overwatch, and now Apex Legends.
- Banter and bullying is common for anyone, gender specified bullying is more common for women
- Matching with random people usually doesn't result well

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