# **GDI**

## **Ad-Funded Disinformation: Misogyny**

Narratives, affected brands and ad tech companies



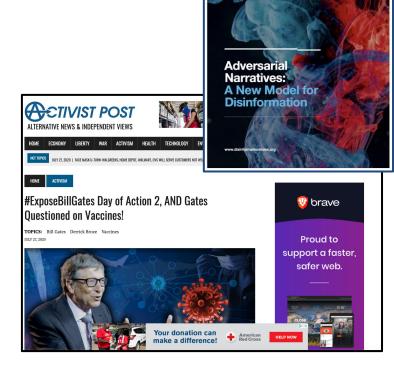
### Monetisation of misogynistic disinformation

- This deck highlights the role of ad-funded content that promotes misogynistic disinformation. Adversarial narratives include, but are not limited to, claims that the feminist movement has "destabilised Western society," women are predisposed to being "gentle and quiet," and abortion is "genocidal."
- The examples demonstrate ad tech policy gaps and inadequate enforcement which continues to facilitate the monetisation of disinforming content that perpetuates and spreads adversarial narratives directed at marginalised and at-risk groups.
- Despite the recent inclusion of "misinformation" in the <u>GARM brand safety framework</u>, GDI continues to observe ad tech vendors placing ads against content agreed by the ad industry to be "not appropriate for advertising support."
- Ad tech vendors are monetising content related to misogyny showing clear supply quality gaps and inadequate enforcement of <u>existing policies</u>.
- The examples provided in this deck were captured through monitoring of websites previously rated by GDI as having a high-risk for disinformation.
- Websites are manually assessed by GDI using our <u>adversarial narrative conflict framework</u> to determine disinformation risk.



#### **How GDI defines disinformation**

- Disinformation is more than **overly simple**, **false dichotomies** such as true vs. false or left vs. right.
- GDI views disinformation through the lens of <u>adversarial</u> <u>narrative</u> conflict. Adversarial narratives:
  - Can be implicit or explicit;
  - Are intentionally misleading;
  - Are adversarial against:
    - at-risk individuals or groups
    - current scientific consensus
    - democracy and key institutions
  - Most importantly, these adversarial narratives create a risk of harm.
- This definition transcends false binaries and identifies disinformation explicitly by adversarial narrative topic, such as anti-immigrant, misogyny, anti-vaccination, etc.



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### **Brands unwittingly funding disinformation**

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URBAN **OUTFITTERS** 



#### Policies of featured ad tech vendors

Vendor	Specific publisher policy?	Most relevant policy wording
Google	<b>✓</b>	<ul> <li>Dangerous or derogatory content. We do not allow content that:</li> <li>Incites hatred against, promotes discrimination of, or disparages an individual or group on the basis of their race or ethnic origin, religion, disability, age, nationality, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or other characteristic that is associated with systemic discrimination or marginalization.</li> </ul>
Criteo	<b>✓</b>	Harassment, Hate Speech and Violence. This includes, but is not limited to, content that:  • Is hateful or discriminatory to any groups or individuals based upon their race, sex, nationality, religious affiliation, age or sexual orientation  • Defames or threatens any group or individuals
Amazon Ads	<b>✓</b>	You will not place our Ads adjacent to any content that:  • promotes or contains content or activity that is defamatory, false (e.g. fake news), deceptive, obscene, hateful (e.g. hate speech), sexually explicit, violent (including the use of firearms), discriminatory, illegal, harmful, invasive of another's privacy, threatening, abusive, harassing or offensive



#### URBAN OUTFITTERS

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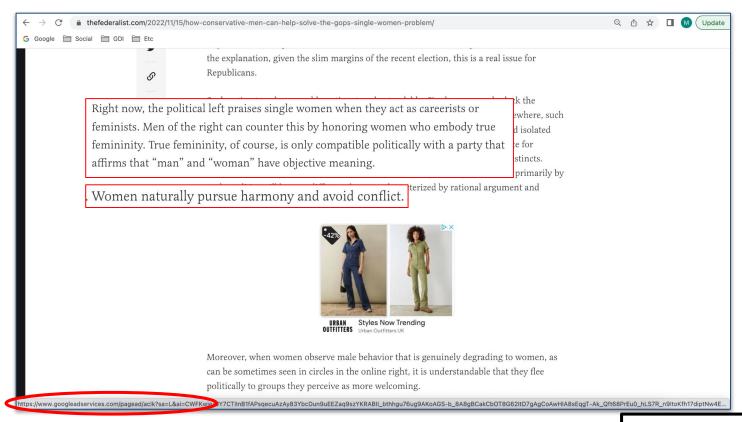


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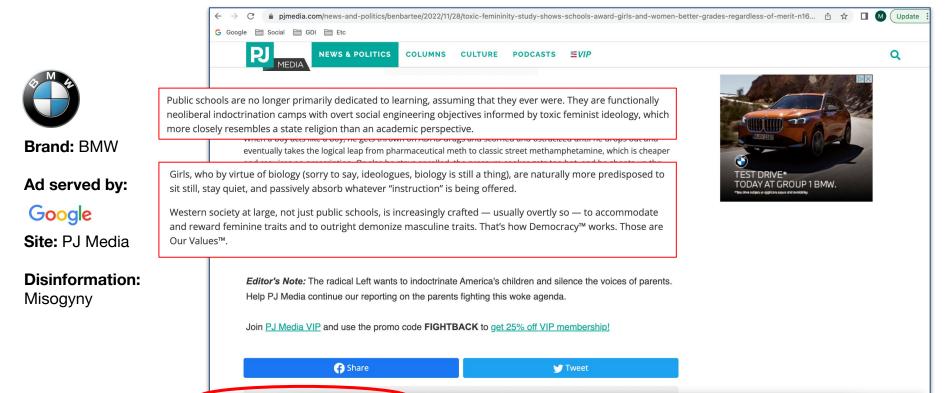
**Disinformation:** 

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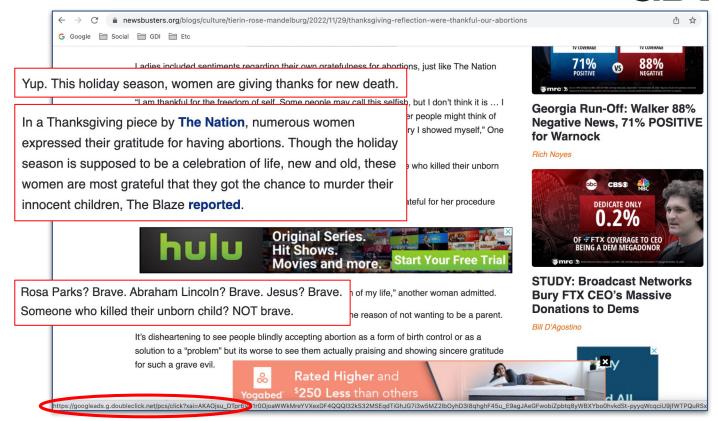
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Site: NewsBusters

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**Brand:** Fitbit by

Google

Ad served by: amazon

Site:

The Epoch Times

**Disinformation:** Misogyny

By far, the most destabilizing fault line in the Western world is the one that feminism has opened between men and women. It is set to widen even further if Reset proponents have their way. In its institutional forms, feminism is a radical ideology alleging that women are oppressed in a patriarchal order created and maintained for male benefit through institutions such as the traditional family. Developed in the North American universities of the 1970s and 1980s, feminism's assertions about male control of women have spread far wider into society as feminist students graduated and began careers in teaching, journalism, law, social work, public relations, and business. Though often claiming to seek equality between the sexes (itself a dubious, oft-unrealizable goal), feminists regularly call for special privileges for women and corresponding restrictions for men.

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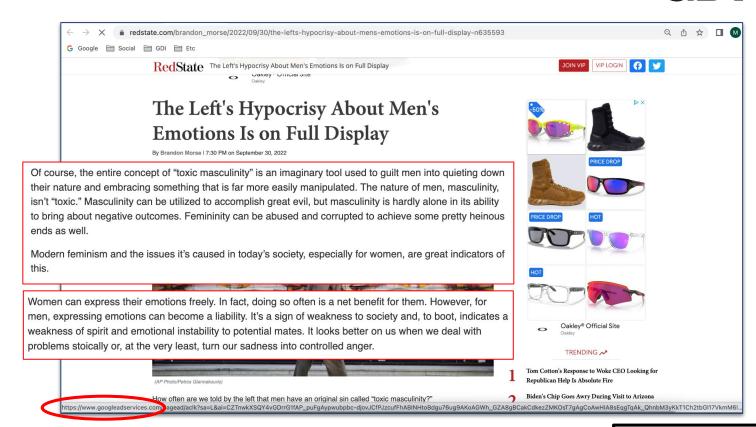
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Site: RedState

**Disinformation:** 

Misogyny



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I feel like I can't get on TikTok without seeing at least two or three videos of women outwardly wondering why men seem to be resistant to the idea of marriage. They guestion why men seem to be pulling away and not engaging with them on a deeper level, at least not the kind experienced by their parents. Especially not their grandparents.



**Brand: 1&1** 

Ad served by:



Site: RedState

Disinformation:

Misogyny

The sad truth is that many young women nowadays don't know how to be in a marriage. As I said above, they're not taught how to treat a man, but what to expect from him. Meanwhile, they're flat-out dissuaded from providing anything but their presence to the partnership. They believe that offering their love to the man is sufficient and that men should just be grateful to have them. The idea that women suddenly make a man happier by their presence is a storybook sentiment.

Still, more emphasis is put on being fierce in a "yas, slay queen! You're a goddess and you deserve to be treated like one!" kind of world.

So they offer nothing and expect everything. They're useless within the bounds of their own relationships with the only thing they bring to the table is what's in between their legs, and even that's something that can't be taken on a whim, and even then, the value of that fades over time

Women can't do that. Thanks to the design of the female brain, women have trouble having a thought without attaching an emotion to it. They're more likely to feel their thoughts than men are, and what's more,

Along the lines of never learning how to treat a man, women are never taught how to value a man's emotions unless they pertain positively to her. He must prove every day how much he values her for just existing. She expects this but is taught by our society to not reciprocate unless he earns it.



n yearn for that kind of stability, and it's clear that men are increasingly less numbers check out. Marriage is definitely on the decline. But before women men have gone, perhaps they should look at themselves first.

ised to hearing that it's their fault. To be sure, you don't shoulder all of the r a lot of it.

men are getting tired of the "hyper-sexualized woman" where I laid down a



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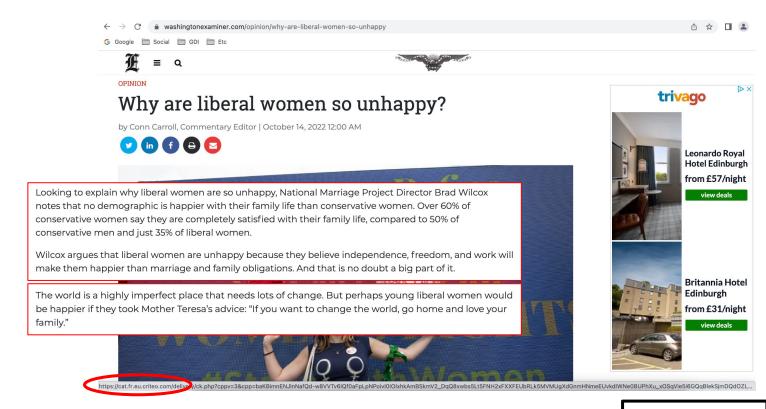
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**Site:** Washington Examiner

**Disinformation:** Misogyny



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