When Women Didn't Count

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The Chronic Mismeasure and Marginalization of American Women in Federal Statistics

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Quiz Time!

 When did the Supreme Court decree that civil differences between the sexes had come "almost, if not quite, to the vanishing point?"

 a. 1923
 b. 1953
 c. 1973

ADKINS v. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. 553

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Opinion of the Court.

of the maternal functions, and also in the fact that historically woman has always been dependent upon man, who has established his control by superior physical strength. .The cases of Riley, Miller and Bosley follow in this respect the Muller Case. But the ancient inequality of the sexes, otherwise than physical, as suggested in the Muller Case (p. 421) has continued "with diminishing intensity." In view of the great-not to say revolutionary-changes which have taken place since that utterance, in the contractual, political and civil status of women, culminating in the Nineteenth Amendment, it is not unreasonable to say that these differences have now come almost, if not quite, to the vanishing point. In this aspect of the matter, while the physical differences must be recognized in appropriate cases, and legislation fixing hours or conditions of work may properly take them into account, we cannot accept the doctrine that women of mature age, sui juris, require or may be subjected to restrictions upon their liberty of contract which

a. 1923

2. According to the 1930 Index of Occupations which of these jobs was not "peculiar" for women? a. Butcher b. Sheriff c. Stonemason



b. Sheriff

3. Which government agency was created because a "stunning group of girls"
lobbied Congress?
a. Bureau of Labor Statistics
b. Census Bureau
c. National Center for Health Statistics



b. Census Bureau

4. If a person wrote on a 1990 Census form that they were the "spouse" of someone of the same sex, how did it appear in the reports?a. Relationship was changed to "unmarried partner."

- b. Relationship was left blank.
- c. Their sex was changed.

How has the editing of reports of same-sex married couples changed?

Editing the responses of those who reported being married to a same-sex partner has changed over time. For cases where no imputations are made due to non-response, for either person on the relationship or gender items, the partner who reports being a *spouse* of the householder is changed to an *unmarried partner* of the householder. This procedure has been in place since Census 2000. In the 1990 Census, the *relationship* category remained the same (spouse), but the *sex* of the partner was changed.

c. Their sex was changed

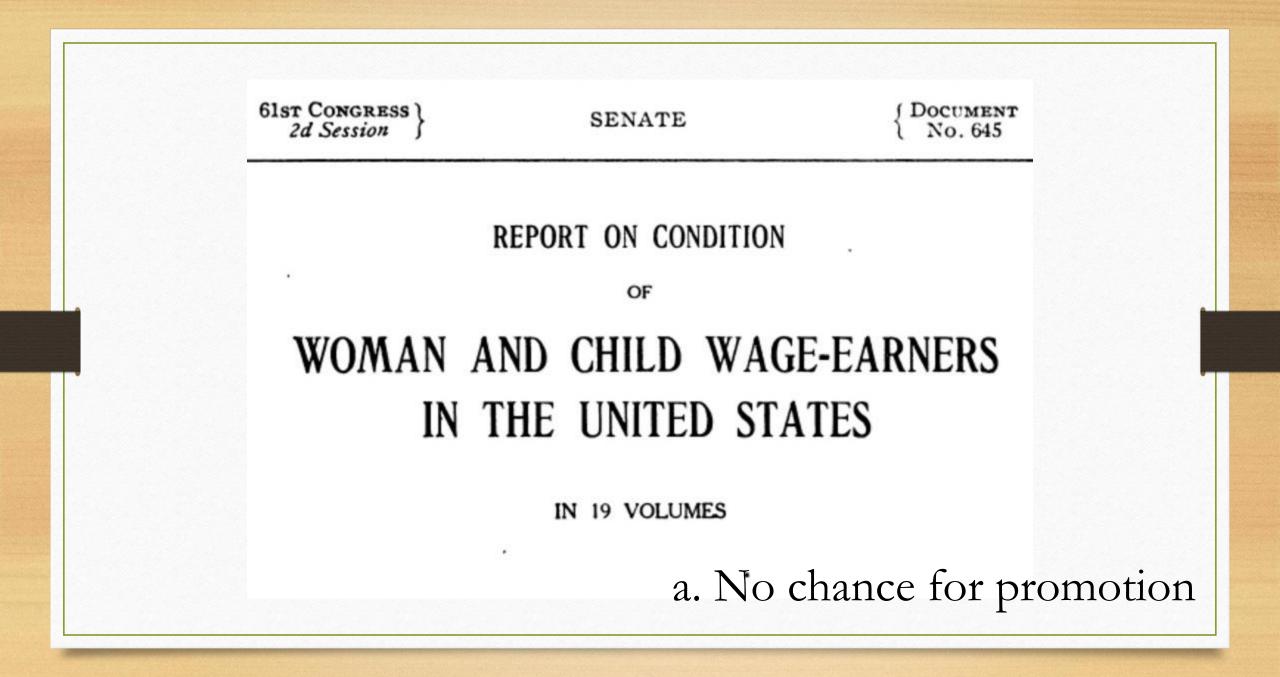
5. What was the name of the radio program the Bureau of Labor Statistics created during World War II?
a. Housewife versus Hitler
b. Housewife versus Hunger
c. Housewife versus Economist



c. Housewife versus Economist

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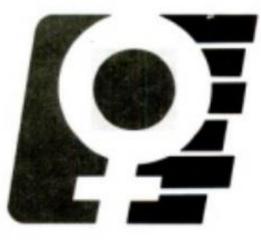
6. How did a 1910 report explain the high moral standards of female cotton mill employees? a. No chance for promotion b. No local churches c. No time to drink



In the organization of a cotton mill there is small opportunity for an overseer to show partiality for favorites. Within each workroom there are no promotions so far as female employees are concerned. Women never become section hands, second hands, or overseers. If a girl who has been spinning changes to weaving or some other occupation she has a new overseer. Under such a system an overseer can not offer girls higher pay or more desirable positions. In practically all occupations in which females are employed they are paid by piece rates, and therefore their earnings are governed solely by their skill and regularity of work.

7. What did the National Institute of Mental Health do with the first decade (1968-1978) of data on family violence they collected? a. Accidentally erased it. b. Copyrighted it so no one else could use it. c. Nothing

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Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski

During the course of the hearings on family violence, the National Institute of Mental Health told me that they had been studying family violence since 1968. That's already a decade. During that testimony, they told me, "We've been studying it for 10 years and it's in epidemic proportion." So I said, "Can you tell me how many women have been killed?" "No." "Can you tell me anything about battering? Can you tell me about the women who have been bloodied and burned and beaten?" "No." Then I said, "Even if you can't give me the exact numbers, you're sitting there telling me it reached epidemic proportion?" They said, "Yes." I said, "What the hell did you do with those numbers? Did you even tell anybody? Have you told Califano?" "No, he's new."

8. In 2011, when Senator Jon Kyl learned that his statistics about Planned Parenthood and abortion were wrong, what did he do? a. Apologize b. Change the official transcript c. Deny saying it

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b. Change the official transcript.



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How did this book get started?

• Official Housewife's Uniform, 1918. →



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OCCUPATIONS

Unusual occupations for women.-The Fourteenth Census enumerators, like the enumerators at previous censuses, returned women as following many occupations which are very peculiar or unusual for women. Careful examination of the schedules in such cases usually showed that errors had been made in the return, either of the sex or of the occupation. Most of these errors were found and corrected by the classifying clerks. Others were corrected during the work of final revision. Occasionally, however, no such errors were apparent on the schedules. These cases are reported, although it is probable that in most instances the women did not actually follow the occupations. The following are examples of such occupations: Apprentices to building and Machinists. hand trades. Blacksmiths. Plumbers and gas and steam fitters. Boiler washers and engine host-Brick and stone masons. Carpenters. Telegraph and telephone line-Cranemen, derrickmen, and men house the state hoistmen. The decrease from 1910 to 1920 in the number of women reported as pursuing certain skilled trades should be ascribed to the more rigid scrutiny of such returns in 1920. al account of the rol flass account

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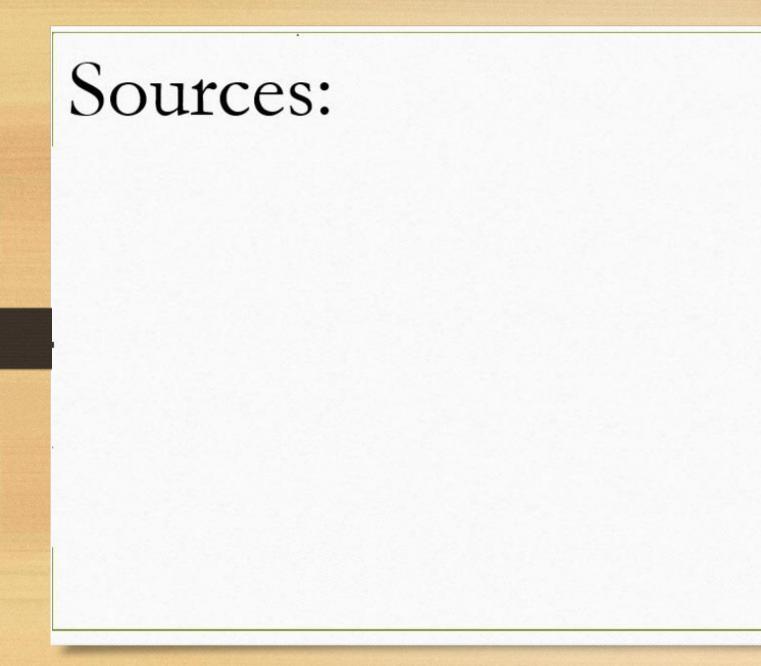
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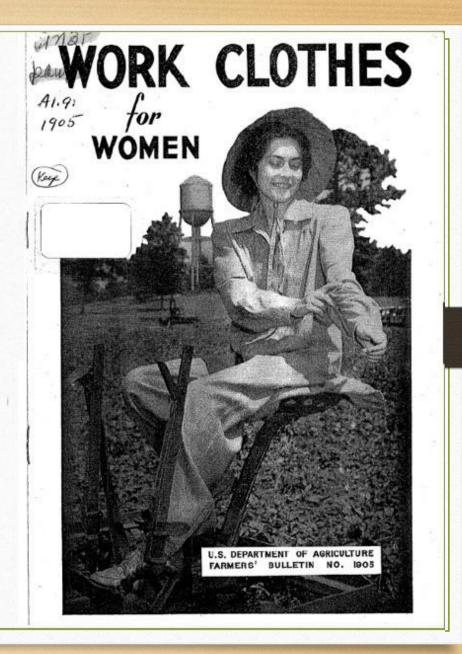


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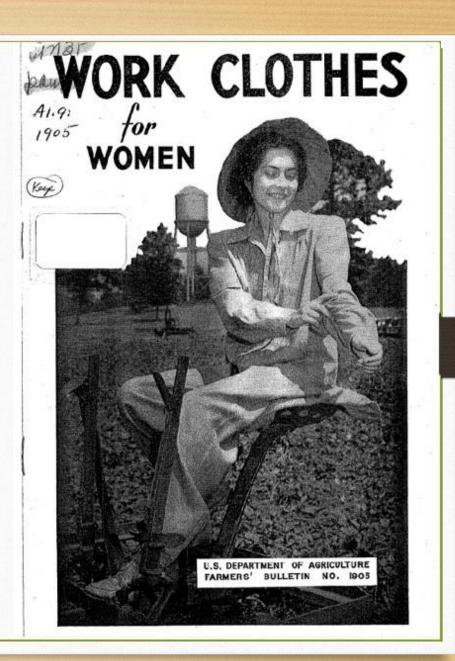
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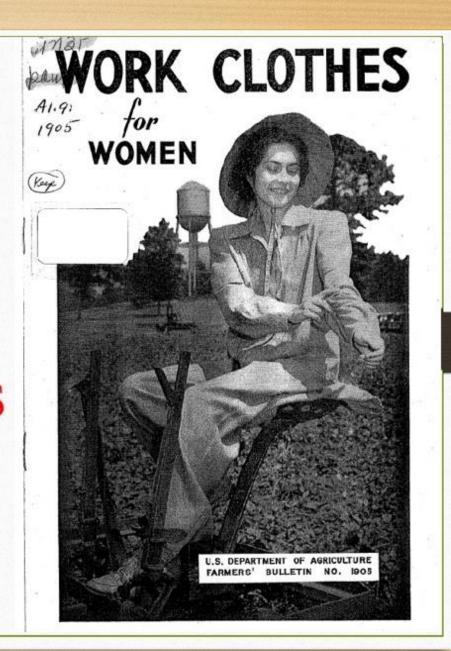
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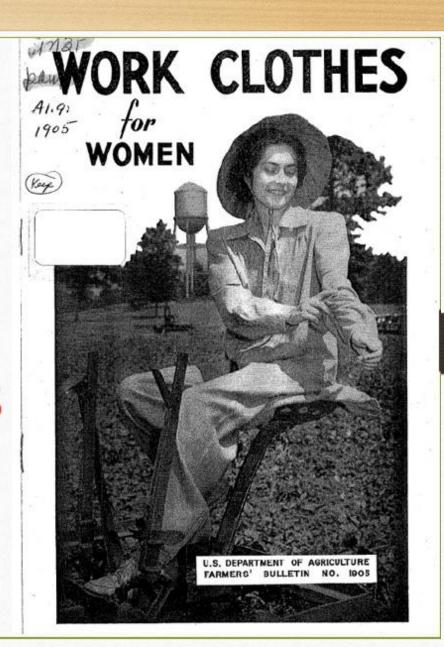
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The takeaway?

Social statistics are

very subjective.



Definition?



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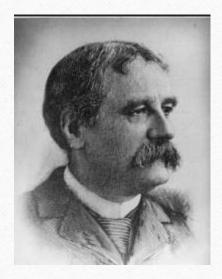


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Only 16% of women gainfully employed



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Francis Amasa Walker



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* 1.5 million women doing nothing



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Other explanations:



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- * Boarding houses



1900 Census



1900 Census

Not the same as "Productive Employment"



1900 Census

Professional athletes and clairvoyants



1900 Census

Professional athletes and clairvoyants NOT Farm woman keeping the books



1910 Census



1910 Census

* Definition included "pay"



1910 Census

* Definition included "pay"
* Women rose by almost 100%



1910 Census Alba Edward's explanation:



1910 Census

Alba Edward's explanation:

• Change in census instructions



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Alba Edward's explanation:

- Change in census instructions
- Too many farm women



1920 Census



1920 Census

• Instructions changed



1920 Census

- Instructions changed
- Numbers dropped

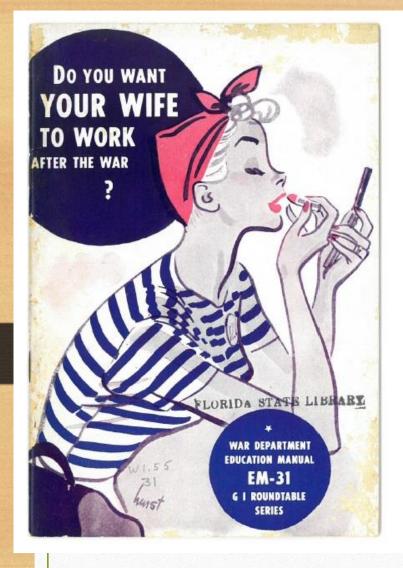


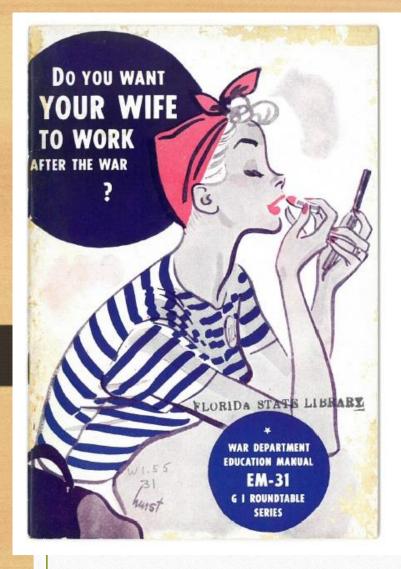
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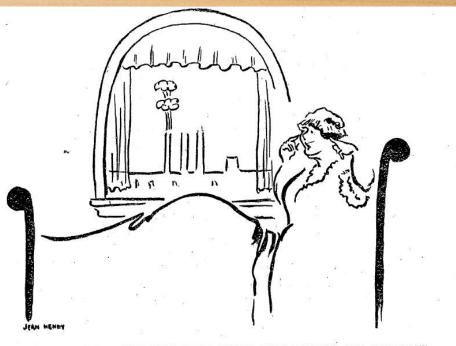


1940 Census "Labor Force"



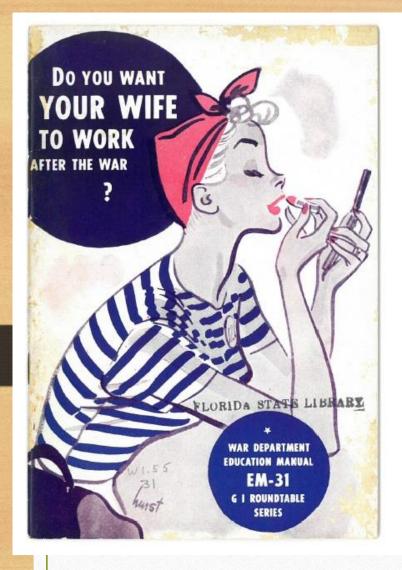






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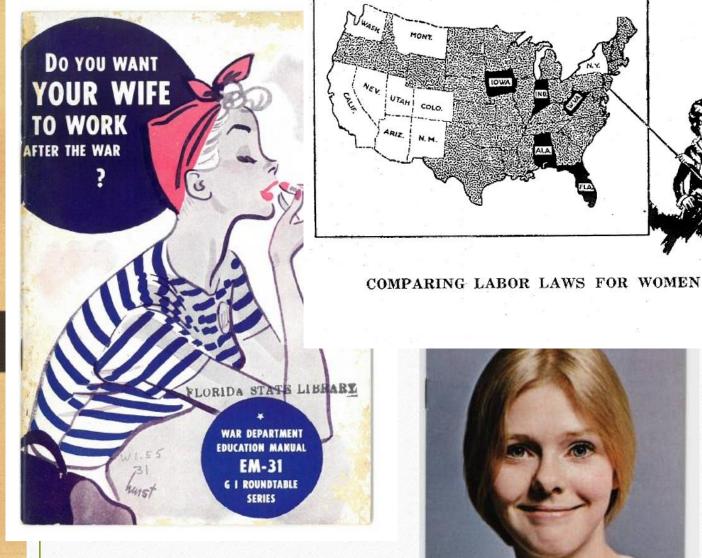






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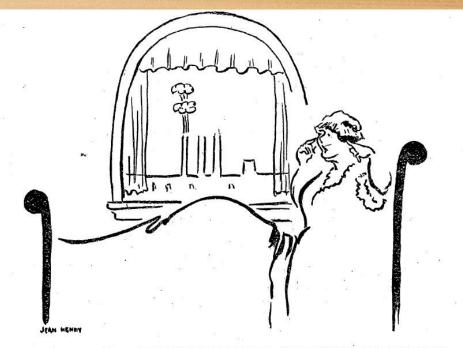
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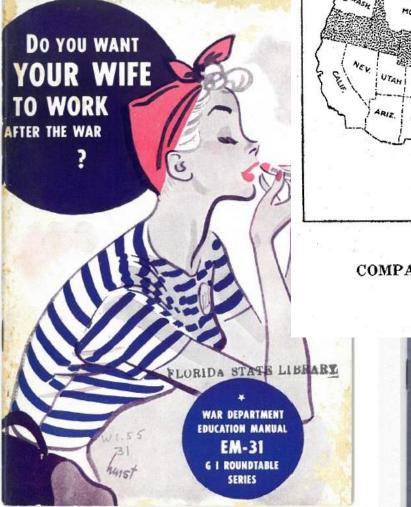
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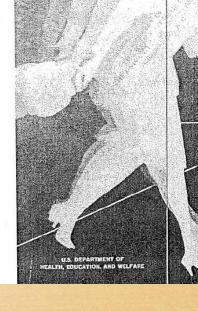
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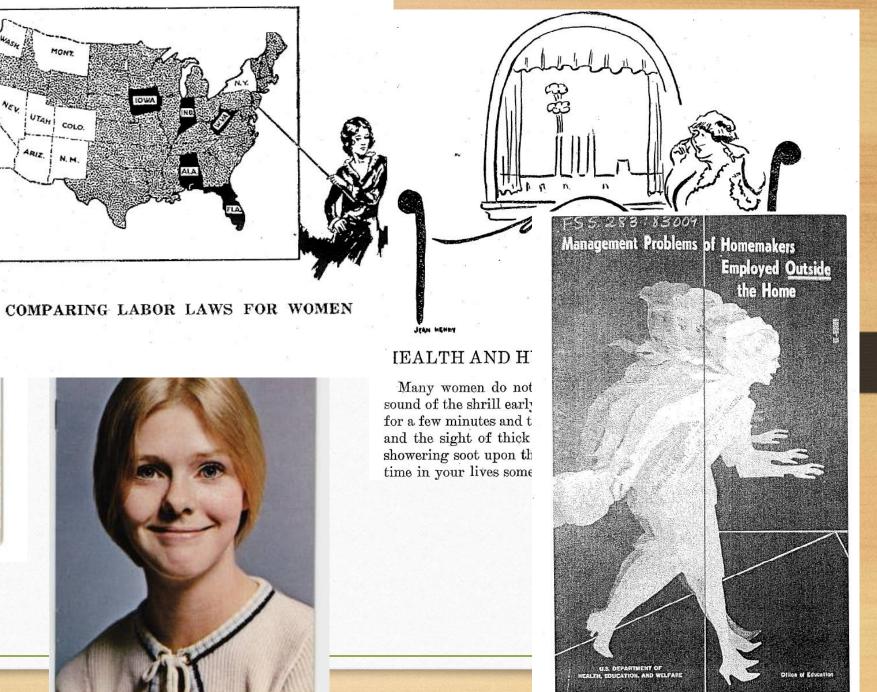


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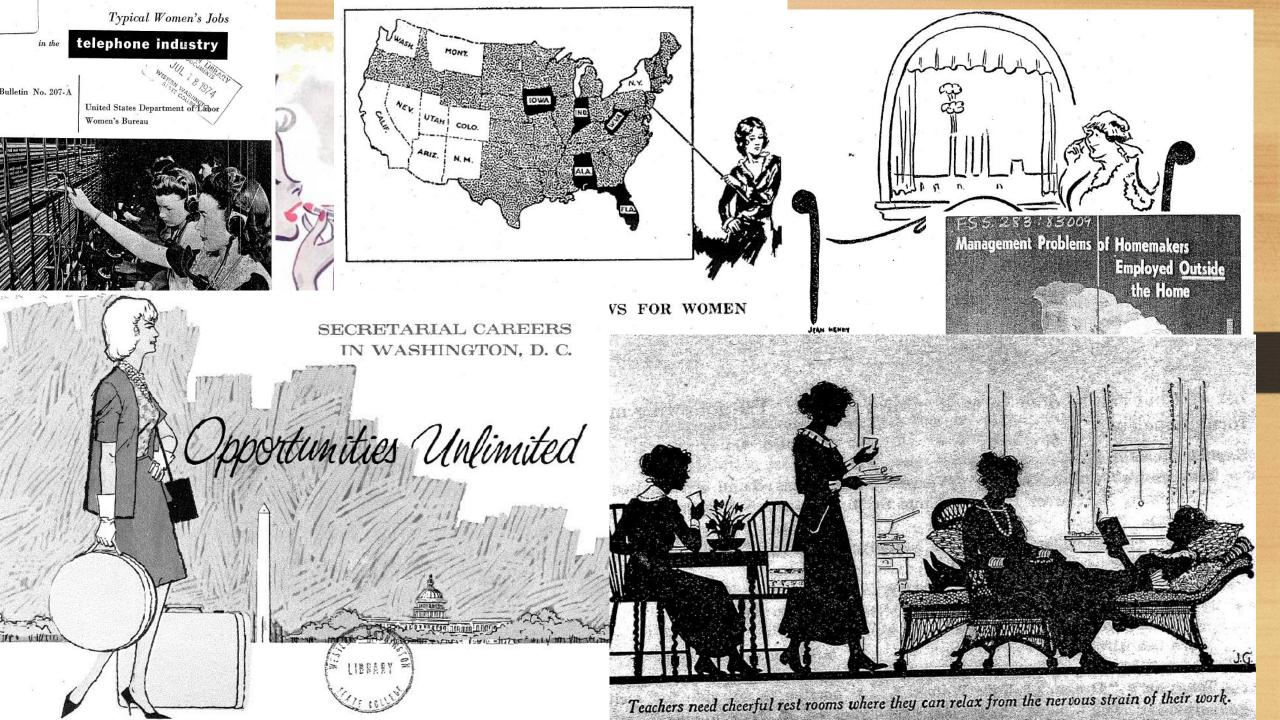
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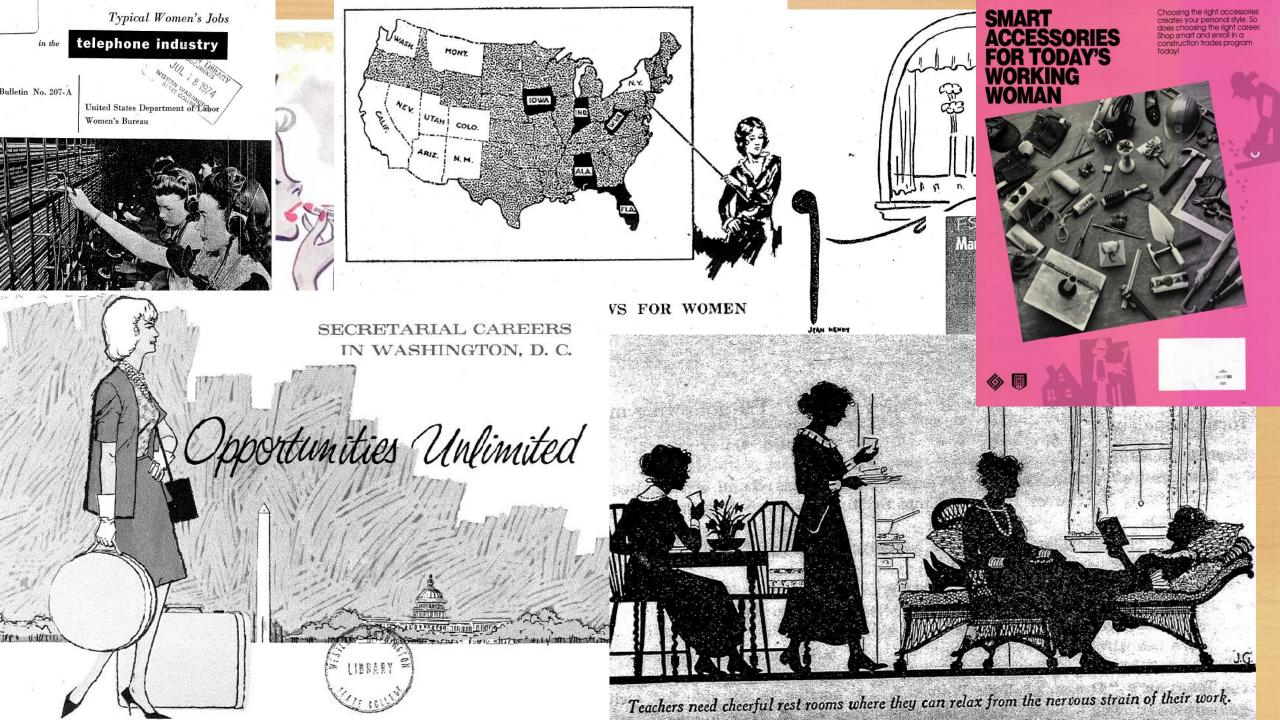
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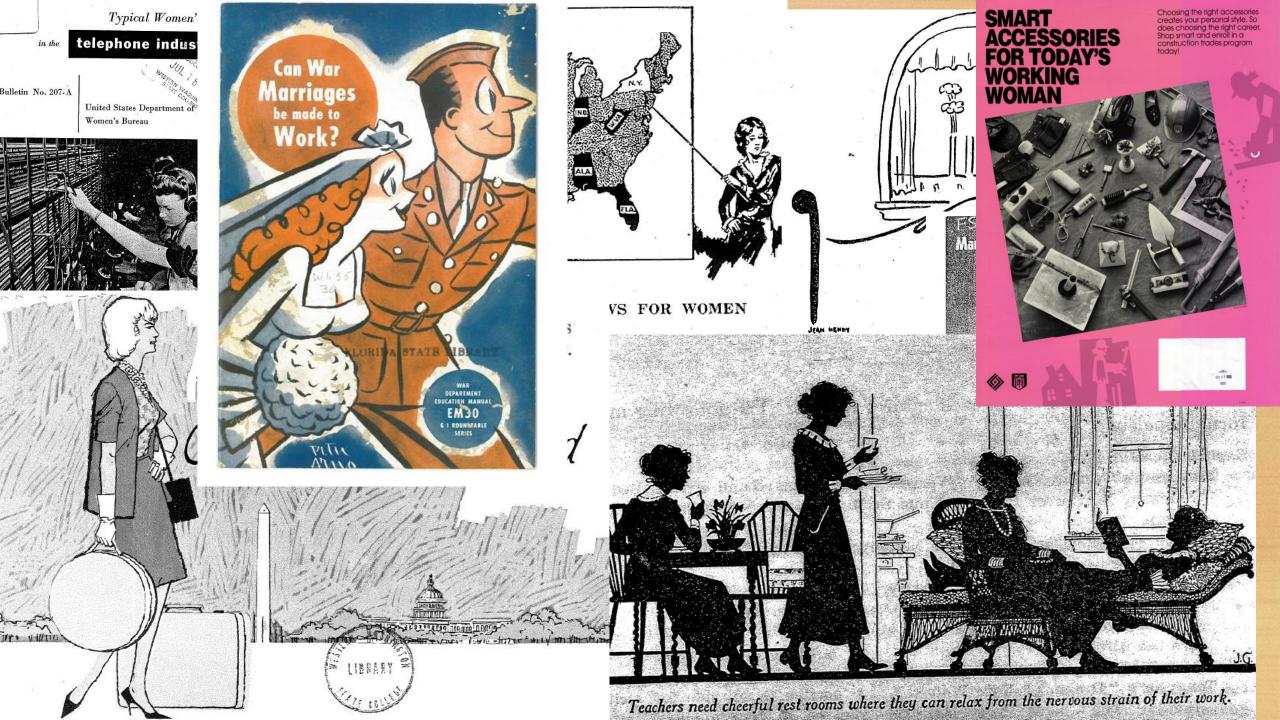


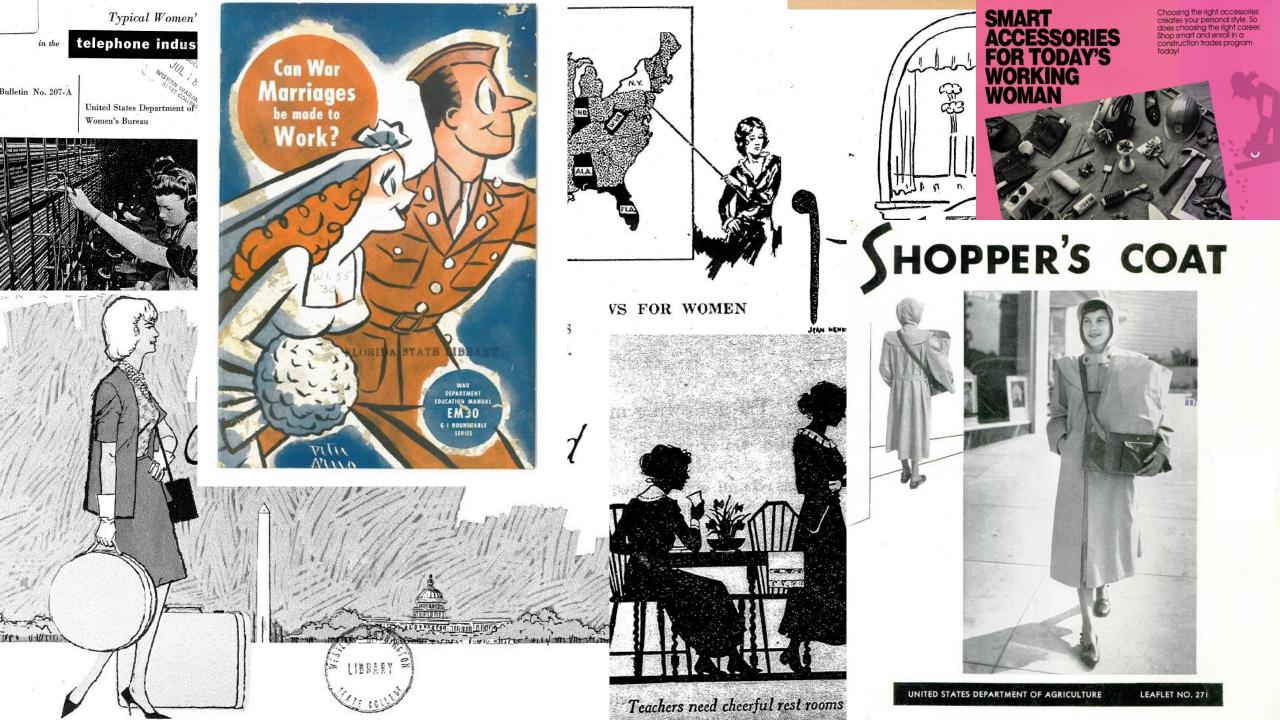


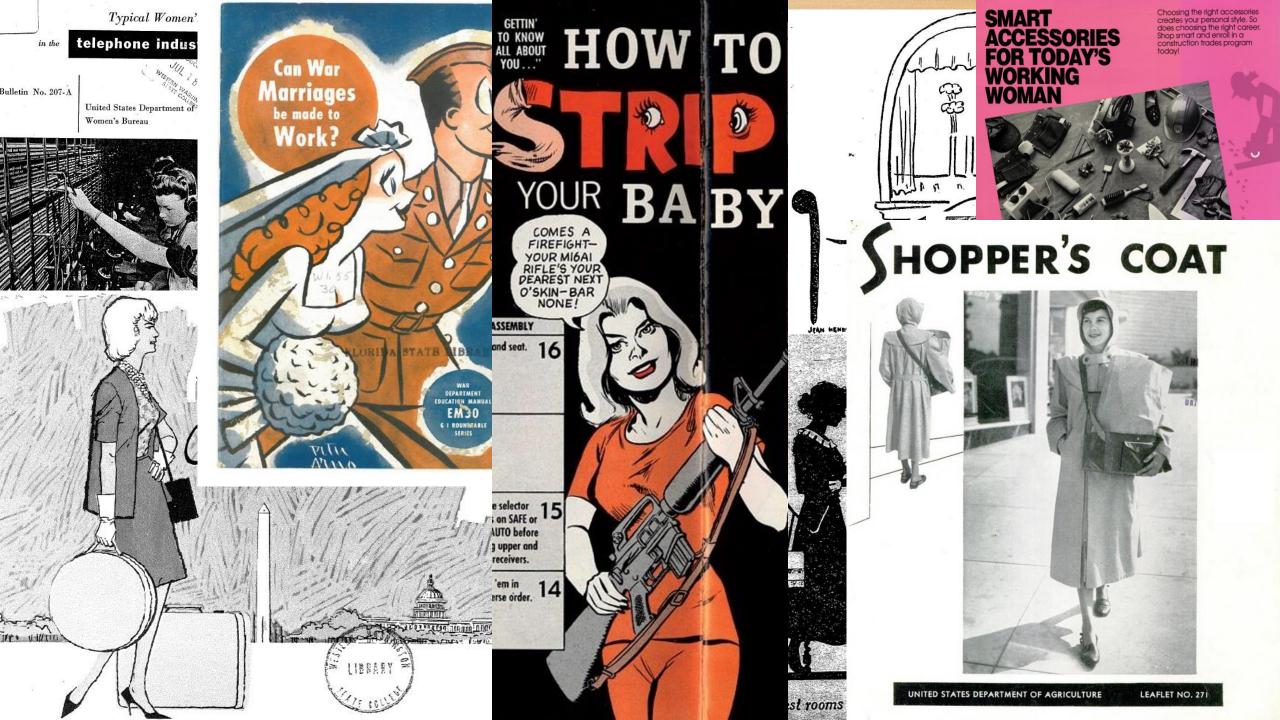


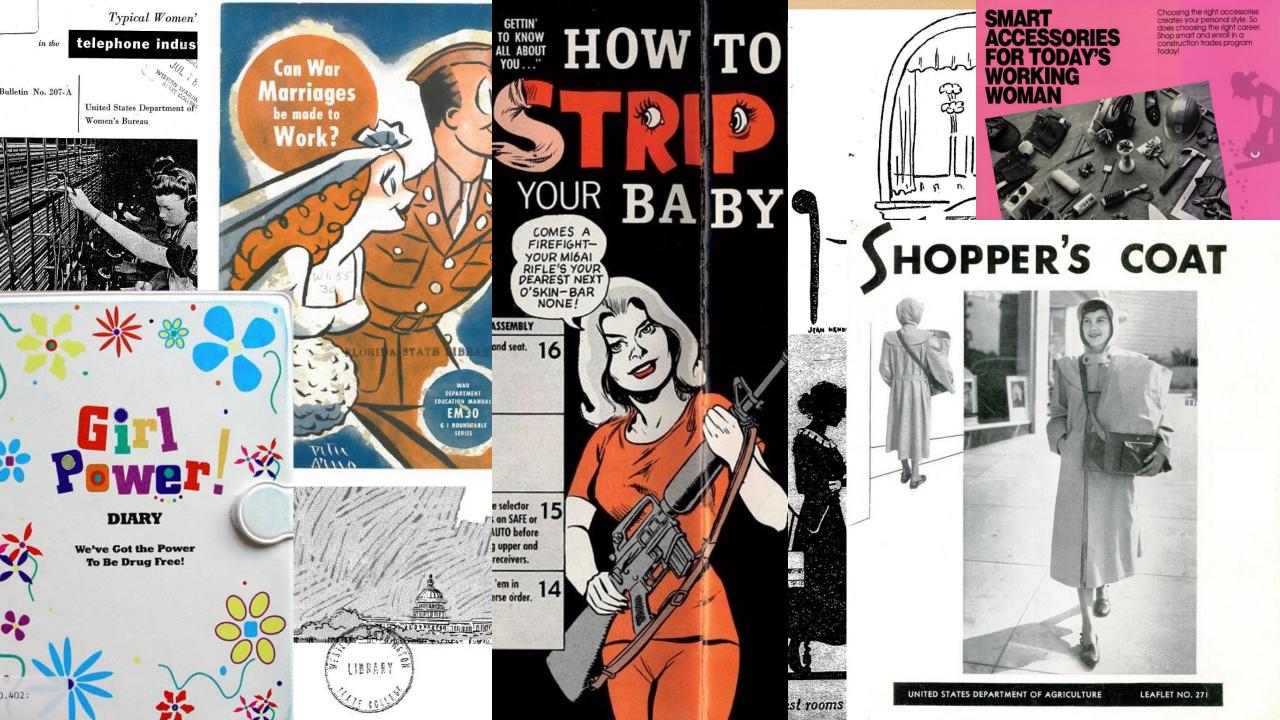




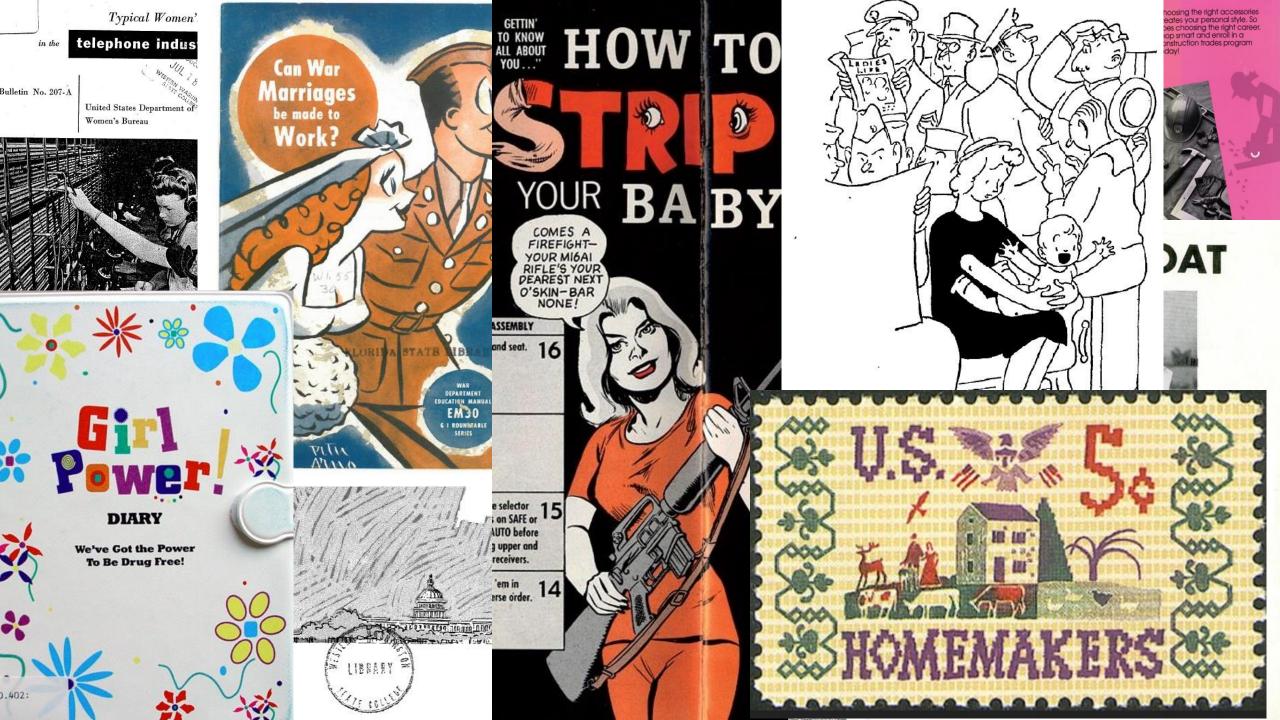


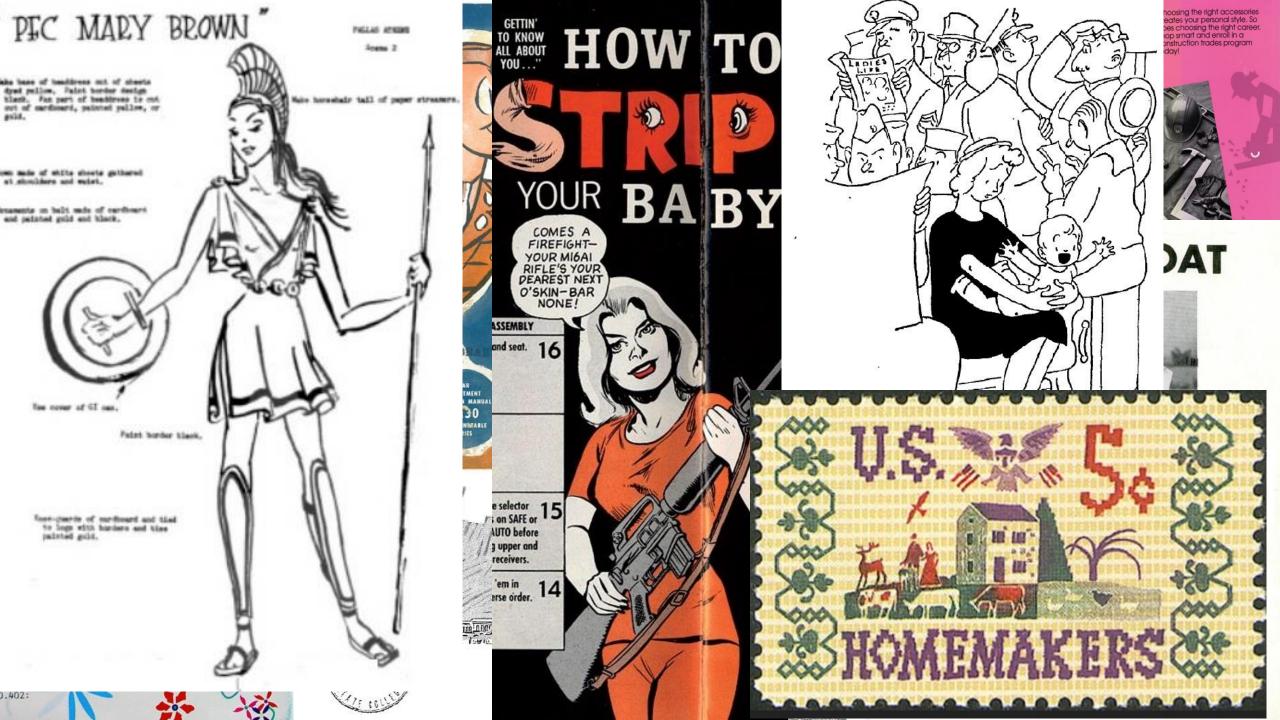
















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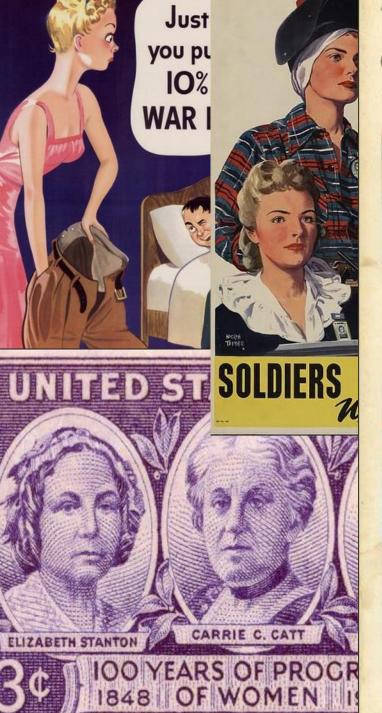
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