

# The slutty double standard



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She felt ashamed and degraded. I wanted to cry with her. I can't think of a more humiliating insult. First of all I am going to address a problem in our culture called "slut shaming" the concept of women being shamed and stigmatized. Slut shaming is a double standard that is highly noticeable in our society. I see it in the words that come out of my contemporaries, acquaintances or even my friend's mouths. I see this double standard in an overwhelming amount in our tabloids, blog posts.

It is also found in most TV shows, Movies and even song lyrics. One of the earliest definitions of slut is an untidy woman. It has changed and become a sexual slur targeted towards females. This aspect that there are few words as hurtful as insinuating female promiscuity says a lot about our society.

(Definition of slut shaming) Slut shaming also known as slashing, is the idea of shaming and/ or attacking a woman or a girl for being sexual, having one or more sexual partners, acknowledging sexual feelings, and/ or acting on sexual feelings. (From an article in psychologytoday) Furthermore, it's about the implication that if a woman has sex in which traditional society disapproves of, she should feel guilty and inferior. It is damaging not only to the girls and women targeted, but to women in general and society as a whole. Terms that imply female promiscuity include: tramp, whore, sank, hoe, and many more that are not appropriate for this forum. Terms that imply male promiscuity: playboy, gigolo, stud, sugar daddy, womanizer, playboy, and player.

One thing we should be conscious of is Terms that imply female promiscuity consist in a negative matter rather than the male terms that instead embodies notions of power and conquest. Feel as though a big cause

of this problem is how in most media females are defined by their sexual desirability but are expected to stay sexually inexperienced, while when men are promiscuous it is considered clever and fortunate. This perpetuates the double standard. In the movie *Pretty Woman*, Richard Gere is received as a sophisticated wealthy gentleman who just happens to be with a prostitute.

Julia Roberts, the prostitute is a low class hooker who is so lucky Richard Gere actually takes an interest in her. A 16-year-old girl attending a homeless prom and wearing inappropriate clothing despite prom guidelines got kicked out of prom because middle-aged homeless dads could not stop staring at her. Creepy grown men should stay to supervise because they are so responsible and obviously she was the problem. At the VMAs (Video Music Awards) when Miley Cyrus performed "We Can't Stop" I can't believe how much the media slut-shamed her for dancing.