



## Entering the dawn of the critical woman (Yuck)

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Kim Kardashian, Priyanka Chopra and Kangana Ranaut. These are just some women critical thinkers who were not sent to jail. The list has been cherry-picked so we can all have a laugh and by all, you know exactly who we mean. Having failed to incarcerate these women, they have inundated the world with their feminine views. At the same time, their views have wreaked havoc across all boundaries.

Let's be honest guys: the men are pissed off. Which brings us to the main point of

this important essay: Women being critical disrupting the existing hegemony of the society. Women, right? Can't live with us, can't live without us. Regardless, we can all say that women have been called out for too long for being too critical.

The criticism aimed at us actually boils down to two very good reasons: a) that time of the month or b) bad mood. When these aren't enough, another good reason can be how bad we are at communicating, or when we said something but the male ear chose not to register it as they were busy doing their man things.

Basically, any critical analysis by any

woman will eventually have to be dissected by the far superior male gaze. Only then can we make sense of what we were really thinking. Please do tell us what we meant by what we said.

The best thing to do then on International Women's Day is not to make criticism that will not amount to anything. We also should not make any promises that we cannot keep. The male gaze will follow us no matter where we go because we are always up for scrutiny. Doing our best just isn't good enough.

You can cook, but can you cook the dish that is expected of you even without all the ingredients present? You can work, but can

you also do a 9-5 at office and do the 5-12 at home? You can speak, but is your tone gentle enough? Are your words carefully thought out so as not to offend? You can wear clothes to look pleasant, but is it too pleasant?

These are all normal things to expect from the man, who runs your world and is even sweet enough to borrow money from you to buy you things. And by things, we mean that exact thing we sent them a picture of so they don't mess up with their very bad taste in all things they refuse to understand.

Much ado has been made about how men are not allowed to be critical. At this point, we must extend to them our sympathies, for we

have hardly ever been allowed to be critical of anything but ourselves.

This year, let's accept that the glass ceiling does not exist. That we are no longer diversity tokens. That we can actually pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. Only if we stop criticising everything. In the end, I hope my male editor agrees to run this piece and pays me less than what an experienced man would make.

Also, if I digressed, I ask for forgiveness in advance. I will smile more often in exchange.

Lubnan Khaleesi loves the month of March and has been rewarded with mulberries which she is willing to share.

## Government officially launches The Snitches Club

### Snitches get riches, Ministry of Misinformation declares

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The Government of Chapasthan officially launched The Snitches Club earlier yesterday. An initiative of the Ministry of Misinformation, the club was inaugurated by the country's leader, who attended virtually from their official residence.

The Snitches Club comes with the motto "Snitches get riches" and promises bounty for its top-performing members. To join, one needs to sign up at the [www.snitchesclub.com](http://www.snitchesclub.com) website, which has the worst user-interface imaginable.

The primary duty of a Snitches club member is to monitor the Facebook status of everyone in the world and find those that they believe "tarnish the image of the country".

"Find those who are speaking inconvenient truths about the government and this regime and file cases against them under the newly passed Very Vague Law. This will prevent everyone from bad-mouthing everyone else, unless they wear a different colour," a spokesman for the ministry said.

The Very Vague Law is vague enough that cases filed under it do not have to be restricted to the digital sphere only. If anyone says the wrong thing at any rally and hurts the country's already very fragile ego, then action can be taken against them too.

"If anyone hurts your patriotic sentiment by saying anything against this beautiful, middle-income country of ours, then please sign up for our club and start filing the cases. Our law enforcers will help you at every step,"

Misinformation Minister Bakaya Saki said.

The head of Chapasthan's police, Junaid Alam, also welcomed the decision. "It usually takes us a decade to make any head way into murders. But with this, it is usually an open and shut case. If you are a government-leaning snowflake, then polish up your emotions because they are about to get really hurt."

For many government veterans, who have fallen out of the party's favours, or those who want to fast-track their career progression, the club offers ample opportunities. The website promises points per case filed successful. Those with maximum points get a presidential pardon, a coveted seat at the party and a piece of land forcefully grabbed from those less fortunate.



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## 'Only upload photos': Country's Facebook expert suggests

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Unpopular philosopher Choclates once said, "I have nothing to say lest it should fall under any act and thus my act of speaking gets deactivated forever."

Facebook keeps insisting you say what's on your mind and has so many reactions that sometimes users become frustrated and suffer from indecision.

Thankfully, now all your reactions can be curtailed. Bangladesh Haha/Hot Acts Impose Agency (BHAA) has imposed some new restrictions to help guide the country's social media users on how to exactly conduct themselves online, lest they be called names.

Actar/Actaruddin, Head of BHAA, says, "We want to make this platform neat and clean. Me, Actar and my team, are working under the sun and rain to produce new incredible restrictions. We also have a small team which works on inventing new acts and laws. For instance, boys, who text girls for nothing, will heavily be punished in case the girls don't reply to the sixteenth message and keep it unseen. We have invented this just hours ago."

This new move, however, has concerned

a veteran Facebook user, a great photo uploader, who holds the record for the weirdest expressions, poses and captions to go along with his pictures. Young boys and girls were texting him pleading to find a solution on how to circumvent any new restrictions. Contacted, the man said, "I knew it. That's why I have been uploading thousands of photos for years. Look, I am continuing my social media use without violating any acts or laws. So my suggestion to all of you is stop posting and sharing garbage. You better upload photos only."

About the latest restriction on messaging people, the expert said, "Modern problems require modern solution. So I have a solution to your problem. What you want to say to a girl, or whoever you want to text, write it in the caption of the photos instead of inbox. She will surely read it! I have been writing those 'almost love message' in the caption of my photos since the birth of my account and nothing really happens; rather the ladies love it. Look at my shares." Saying this, he started to pose to take some photos and googled some quotes to use in the caption.

