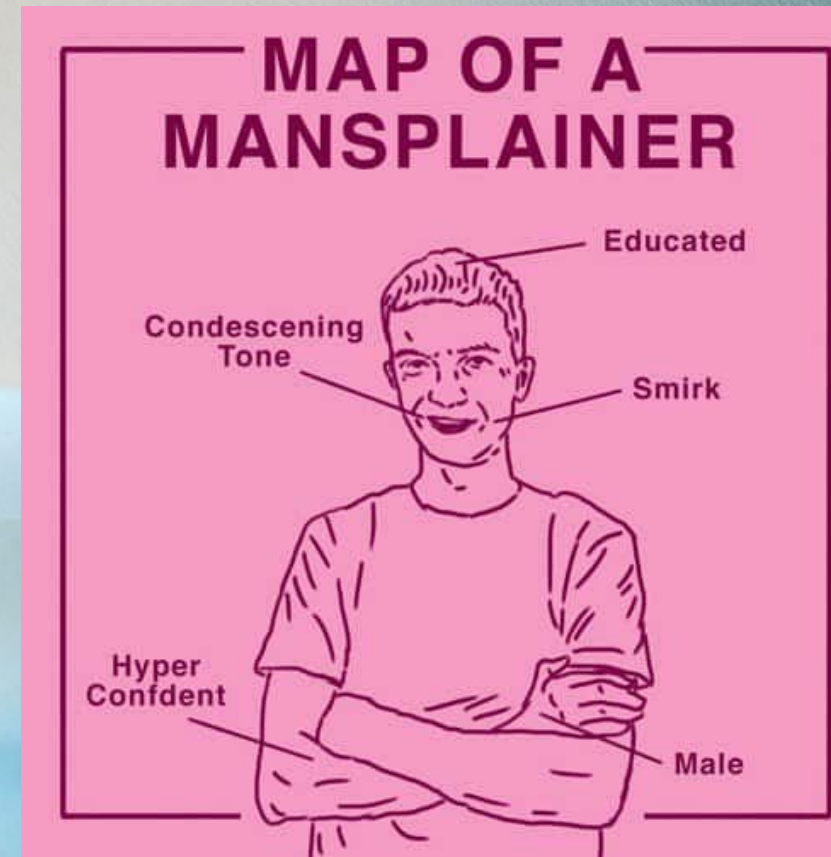


Who gets to talk about gender?

Mansplaining & the triple hermeneutic

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The "Male Midwife"

0.3 % of midwives in the UK and 0.6% of midwives globally identify as men

(NMC, 2019; Sannomiya et al., 2019)

0.4% of midwives in the UK do not identify with the gender they were assigned at birth

(NMC, 2022)

- "... If male nurses are admitted to the profession, it will not be so much because they are wanted in it but because people can see no very good reason for keeping them out." (Speak & Aitken-

Swann, 1982: p.79)

- Acceptable?
- Different?
- Necessary?
- Equal?

Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA)

Phenomenology

“Ignored obviousness” of how we experience the world (Zahavi, 2019:67)

Intentionality: “The relationship between a person’s consciousness and the world”

Hermeneutics

Cannot divorce experience from socio/cultural contexts

Dasein – Thrown into the world and must decide how to be

Compelled to be “meaning making machines” (Zimmerman, 2015:30)

Double Hermeneutic

The researcher making sense of the participant making sense of their experience

Idiography

“Detailed examination of a particular experience for a person” (Beck, 2021:93)

Allows for “complexity of human psychology” (Smith et al., 2022: 31)

Triple Hermeneutic?

Reflexivity

- Emic/Etic perspectives
- Shopping list positionality
- Shallow & performative

(Macfarlane, 2021)

Doing reflexivity or
describing bracketing?

(Trainor & Budon, 2021)

Third Hermeneutic Level

“The imagined reader of eventual write up”

(Smith et al., 2022:36)

“The researcher observing him or herself in the act of observing”

(Hamdan, 2009)

Autoethnographic gems

“extracts [which] are especially potent”

“pivotal”

“significance completely disproportionate to its size”

(Smith, 2011)

“I didn’t appreciate the mansplaining!!!”

What is it?

- “confrontational confidence of the totally ignorant”
- “trains us [women] in self-doubt and self-limitation just as it exercises men’s unsupported overconfidence”

(Solnit, 2014)

- Epistemic injustice (Fricker, 2007)
- Testimonial injustice (Dular, 2021)
- Epistemic authority (Joyce et al., 2021)
- Epistemic entitlement (Manne, 2020)

Concluding thoughts

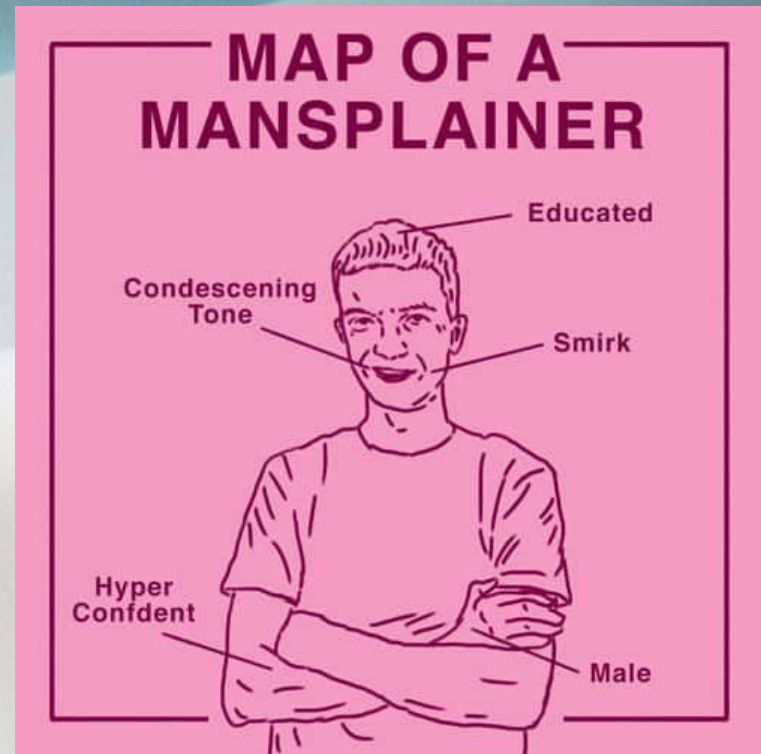
- “The research questions we pose, as well as the questions we discard reveal something.” (Guillemin & Gillam, 2004)

- “We may need to supplement phenomenology with an ‘ethnography’ of things. So our question, as an ethno-phenomenological one would be: How did I or we arrive at the point where it is possible to witness the arrival of the object?” (Ahmed, 2006:39)

Men not talking about gender makes gender the exclusive domain of women to talk about.....

“Silence on these issues performs the enforcing work of the status quo more predictably and inexorably than any attempt at analysis.” (Sedgwick, 2008: 21)

ANY?
QUESTIONS



**Apologies for
mansplaining
mansplaining!**

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