

WOMEN: A SAD TRUTH

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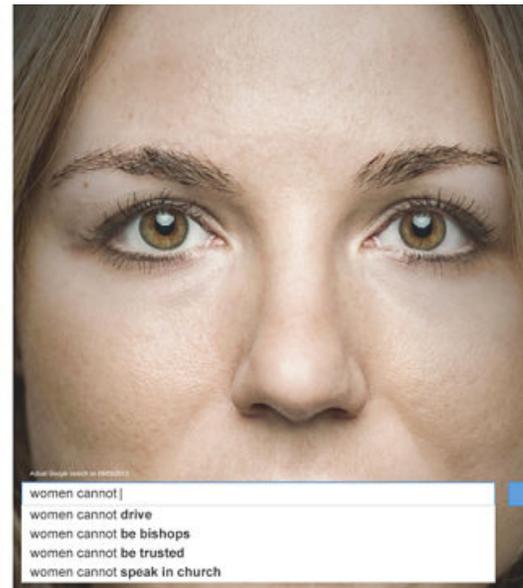
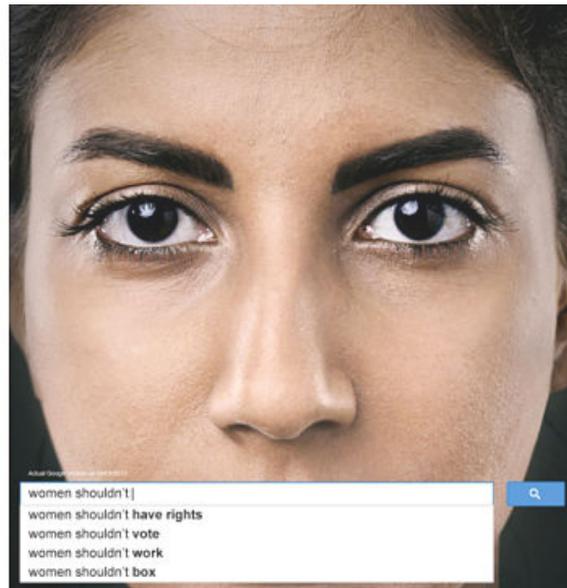
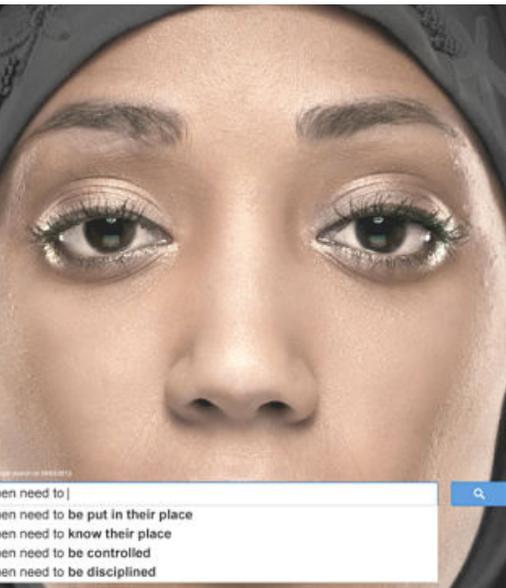
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Women who changed the world never needed to show anything but their intelligence.

Despite Rita Montalcini's claim, women in Europe and in Italy in particular do not have an easy life.

The disparity between men and women is still great even though considerable progress has certainly been made since the beginning of the last century.

There are several fields in which it is possible to recognize such disparity, first of all at work. The salary of a woman is 7% less than that of a man for the same job and there are many cases of layoffs due to pregnancy. Even today women are often forced to choose between careers and children. Do not we realise that the exploitation of women has positive effects on the economic level, given their ability to make a contribution in all fields of work?

Although there are laws that protect the motherhood of working women, these very often have to give up their job, thus bringing about the gradual ageing of the population. In fact while Northern European countries, where laws protecting maternity are more advanced, the number of babies per 1,000 inhabitants is quite high (15 in Ireland, 13 in Iceland, 12 in Norway and Sweden) in Italy, where things continue to worsen with increasing economic difficulties for families because of inadequate public nursery schools and recreational areas for children, this number is down to 9. But what is more worrying is the increase of violence against women

128 women killed by their husbands or partners

6945 cases of harassment

3086 cases of sexual violence

6154 beatings

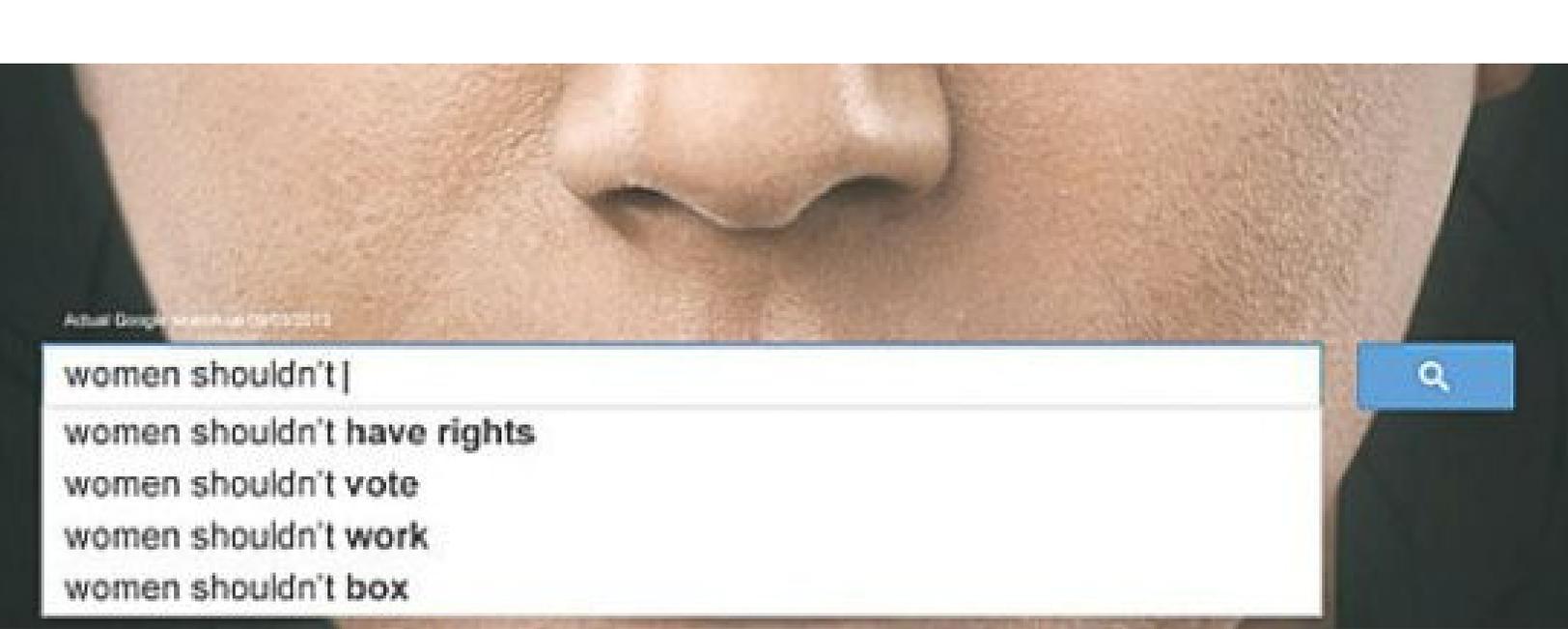
These are the data recorded in Italy in 2015 which confirm that women in 2016 still live in a heavily male-dominated, discriminatory society. The current situation regarding the discrimination against women allows us to understand the level of our country but also their role in our society.

It is clear that the "European Strategy for Gender Equality 2010-2015" whose objectives were: equal representation in decision-making centers, equal economic independence and the birth of a society which guarantees equal rights to men and women, has failed.

The stereotypes in the media and advertising, in which the woman is often thought of as an object are still widespread as they are functional to the market and therefore accepted rather than condemned.

There is a lack of awareness campaigns aimed at breaking down the wall of discrimination affecting the climate in which women are forced to live.

The actions taken by governments to inform parents about gender equality issues and to involve them in the promotion of gender equality in education are also scarce. Girls usually reach higher levels of education and get a higher score in diploma exams than boys,



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while the latter are more likely to drop out or repeat the year at school. Many young people in vocational schools and those in secondary education still choose careers which reflect traditional gender roles.

Women represent the majority of students and graduates in almost all countries and are particularly present in the world of education, health, welfare, the humanities and the arts. Men tend to prevail in engineering, manufacturing and construction. But despite this men find it easier to get a job.

Will this discrimination and this world machismo end? How long will it take women to stand side by side men rather than behind them?

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women should be in the kitchen

women should not speak in church

women should have the right to make their own decisions

(RITA LEVI MONTALCINI)