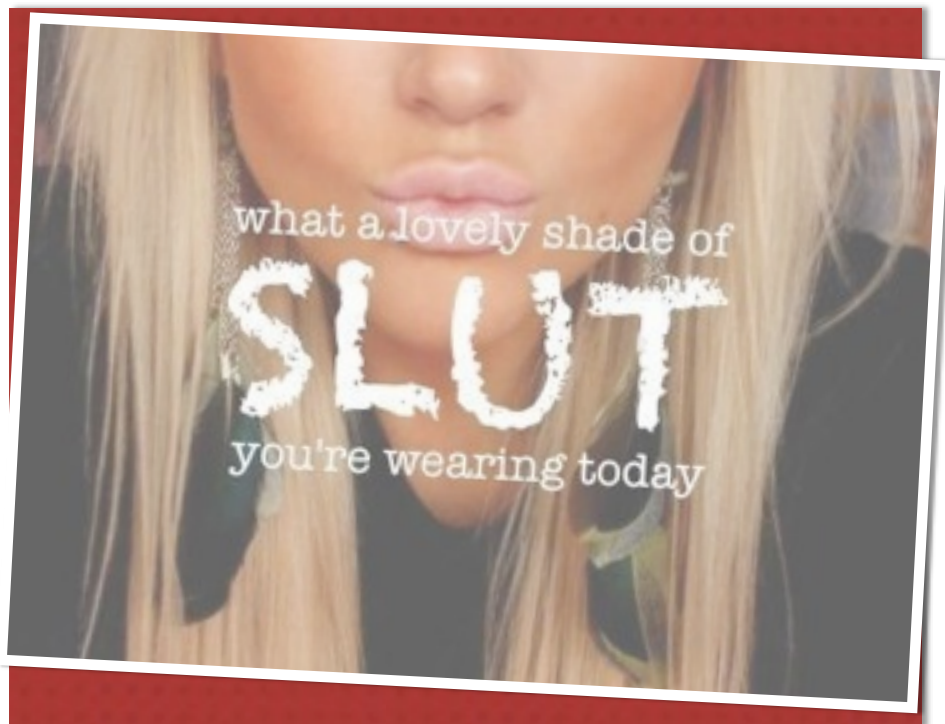


Utilizing Visual Culture to Deconstruct and Defeat Gender-Based Cyberbullying

While navigating the social maze of adolescence, students today engage in and encounter cyberbullying, slut shaming, and numerous conflicting messages about gender roles and sexuality. Often, these messages are distributed through internet images, known as memes. Slut shaming, a gender specific form of cyberbullying, can affect any female at any time for a variety of reasons: such as real or

perceived sexual activity, or clothing and makeup choices. At a societal level, slut shaming can lead to victim blaming and enforces hegemony and rape culture. Schools can work together to solve this issue by using cyberbullying prevention tactics, by utilizing school counseling resources. Art educators can use a visual culture approach to address cyberbullying and to encourage students to analyze images critically. Young artists can subvert, parody, and create artwork that confronts sexism, and they can also work collaboratively to make their voices heard against rape culture.

SLUT SHAMING IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS AND WE NEED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.



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Expect a lot of it.

I would slap you, but I don't want to get any slut on my hands.

