

# The Pornification of Culture

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## Syllabus

March 21

### Part One: What are we talking about when we speak of ‘pornification’ and what else do we need to think about?

**Watch in preparation:** Minaj in *Anaconda* (2014)

#### Read in preparation:

Rios, Carmen (2014). “Nicki Minaj’s Feminism Isn’t About Your Comfort Zone: On ‘Anaconda’ and Respectability Politics.” *Autostraddle*. Autostraddle.com. 25 August 2014. Web. 12 Oct. 2017.

Butler, Jess (2013). “For White Girls Only? Postfeminism and the Politics of Inclusion.” *Feminist Formations* 25.1: 35-58. Concentrate on parts about Minaj.

### Part Two: Historicizing Pornification

#### Read in preparation:

McNair, Brian (2002). “Porno-Chic, or the Pornographication of the Mainstream.” *Striptease Culture: Sex, Media, and the Democratisation of Desire*. London: Routledge. 61-87.

March 22

### Part Three: Pro and Anti Positions

**Watch in preparation: Pro:** Anna Arrowsmith at the beginning of the debate on “5 Perspectives About Porn.” *Better Sex Ed: Let’s Talk about Sex!* Bettersexed.org, 12 March 2014. <https://bettersexed.org/2014/03/12/5-perspectives-about-porn/>. Web. 30 October 2017.

**Against Pornification:** Dines, Gail (2010). “Visible and Invisible: Growing Up Female in a Porn Culture.” *Pornoland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality*. Boston: Beacon Press. 99-119.

### Part Four: Digitalization and Pornification

#### Read in preparation:

Paasonen, Susanna (2014). “Diagnoses of Transformation: ‘Pornification,’ Digital Media, and the Diversification of the Pornographic.” *The Philosophy of Pornography: Contemporary Perspectives*. Ed. Lindsay Coleman and Jacob Held. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. 3-16