



# Gender Discrimination in the Arts

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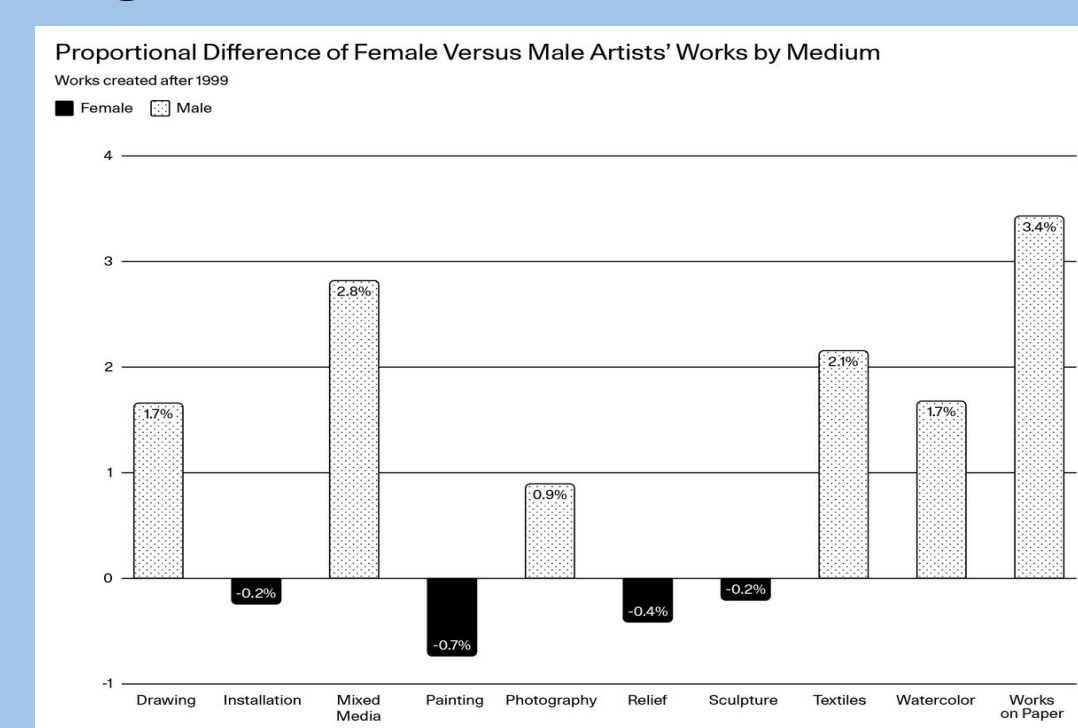


## INTRODUCTION

Throughout history, society has paid more attention to male artists than female artists. Female painters are selling their artwork for almost 50% less than male painters (Sun, 2018), and female artists' work is sometimes considered inferior (Gajewski). A possible cause of this problem is the historical trend for women to take on household responsibilities, while men work outside the home

How do female artists fight through discrimination? What is being done to ameliorate unequal treatment? How many people are aware of gender discrimination in the artistic fields and steps toward addressing it?

Figure 1



## DATA AND FINDINGS

- Gender didn't really play much of a role in whether the student was aware of discrimination against females in the arts.
- Rarely were students, both female and male, aware of any programs that address gender discrimination in arts fields.
- Majority of the females doing an art-related activity were aware of discrimination against female artists.
- A lot of males believed that males were the ones who were discriminated against in the arts.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES

- 1 Qualitative research
  - a case study on the issues female artists face
- 2 Survey
  - surveying Paly art students asking what they think about this situation
- 3 Observe
  - observe whether there is gender diversity in the answers

## CONCLUSIONS AND ANALYSIS

### What is being done about this situation?

Guerrilla Girls, which is a collective of women artists and art professionals who are fighting discrimination and are raising awareness of the issues that women face in the art world.

### How many people are aware?

Results are shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3.

Figure 2

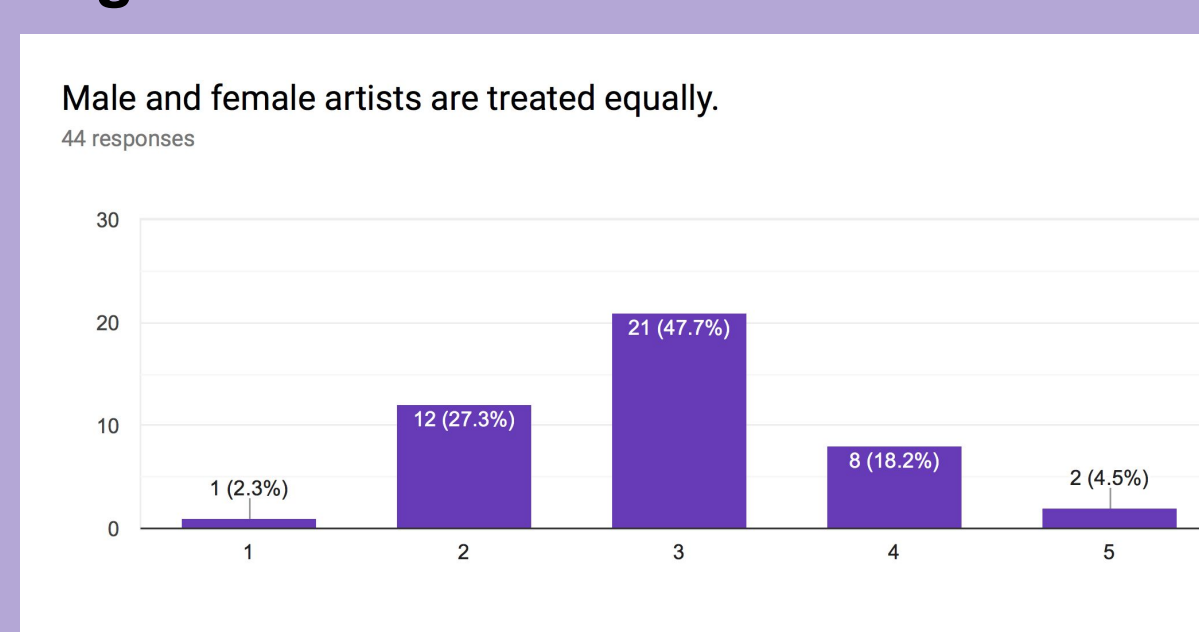


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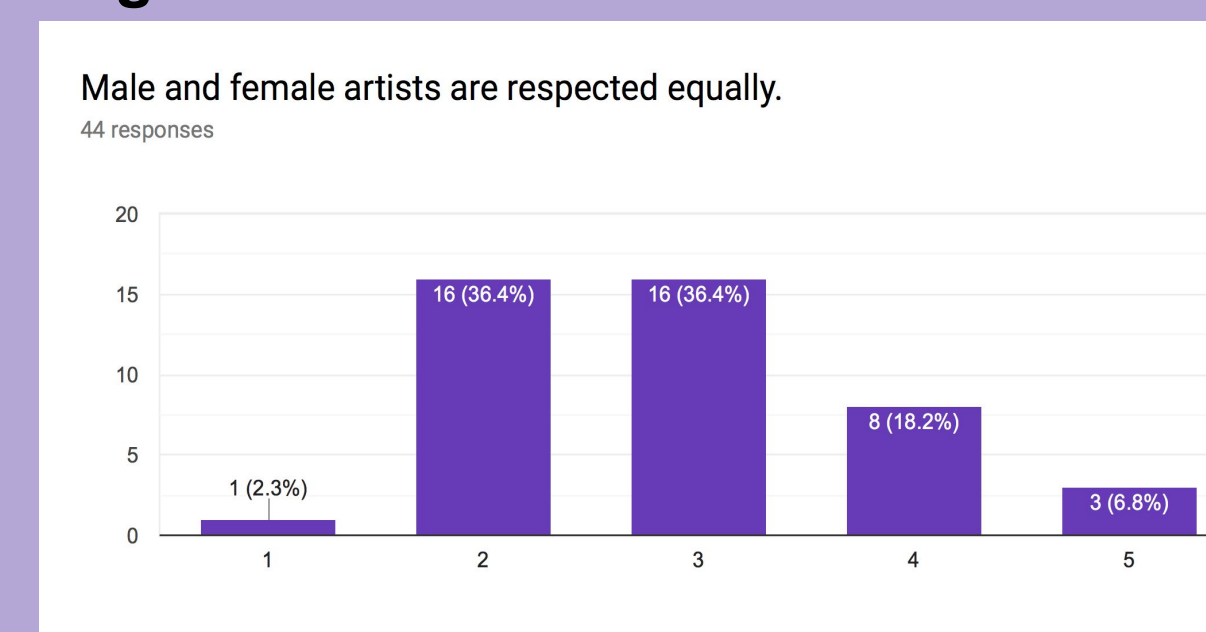


Table 1: Art Related Students

Gender	"male and female artists are treated equally"	"male and female artists are respected equally"	"gender discrimination negatively impacts female artists"	aware of any programs that address gender discrimination in art field
Female(10)	Agree: 1 In the middle: 5 Disagree: 4	Agree: 1 In the middle: 2 Disagree: 7	Agree: 6 In the middle: 1 Disagree: 3	Yes: 2 No: 8
Male(3)	Agree: 2 In the middle: 0 Disagree: 1	Agree: 1 In the middle: 1 Disagree: 1	Agree: 0 In the middle: 0 Disagree: 3	Yes: 0 No: 3
Squirrel(1)	Agree: 1 In the middle: 0 Disagree: 0	Agree: 1 In the middle: 0 Disagree: 0	Agree: 0 In the middle: 0 Disagree: 1	Yes: 0 No: 1

Table 2: Non Art Related Students

Gender	"male and female artists are treated equally"	"male and female artists are respected equally"	"gender discrimination negatively impacts female artists"	Aware of any programs that address gender discrimination in art field
Female(18)	Agree: 2 In the middle: 8 Disagree: 8	Agree: 5 In the middle: 6 Disagree: 7	Agree: 10 In the middle: 4 Disagree: 4	Yes: 0 No: 18
Male(12)	Agree: 3 In the middle: 7 Disagree: 1 Didn't answer: 1	Agree: 4 In the middle: 6 Disagree: 1 Didn't answer: 1	Agree: 8 In the middle: 2 Disagree: 1 Didn't answer: 1	Yes: 2 No: 10
Trans(1)	Agree: 0 In the middle: 1 Disagree: 0	Agree: 0 In the middle: 1 Disagree: 0	Agree: 0 In the middle: 1 Disagree: 0	Yes: 0 No: 1

## IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Based on the results of this research, the next step would be to spread more awareness about this issue. If people aren't aware, then the situation won't get any better. Another step includes letting more people know about the hard work the Guerrilla Girls are doing, because not a lot of people are aware of their efforts.

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