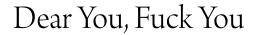
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Emily IVERSON, MADDIE MOFFEtt, and MAUP van Brankhorst.

Chapman University Dear Reader, No, we're not talking directly to you. We actually really like you. This is a compilation of feelings and facts in the form of strongly worded letters to people, places, and things that have oppressed US. We hope you enjoy reading this as much as we enjoyed making it Now, join US in saying: FUCK YOU! -E.M.J

The Dear You Fuck You manifesto So many girls ourselves included grow up hiding their talents. dumbing their intellect. & hating themselves because the patriarchy told us to. We want to say: Fuck That. Ladies, you're perfect_E.M.) and the

Dear Conservative Family Member Who Desperately Needs Feminism,

I'm really happy that you're satisfied living on your ranch in butt-fuck-Colorado-Utah where everyone is forced to listen to what you say and won't argue. I'm *SO* stoked that you gave birth to my awesome cousins. Seriously. I mean that. But let me tell you something. Just because you're the president of your Church council, doesn't mean you're the expert on morality. Don't tell me next Thanksgiving about how weird you think it is that I cross-dress. Don't make snide comments to my mom about how much I eat because you're worried that "I'm getting chubby." Don't criticize my driving. Don't come at me with your political bullshit on Facebook if you won't even listen to what I have to say. Stop rejecting the fact that your daughter is gay. Stop acting like her rape didn't happen because she was "asking for it." Stop keeping her prisoner. I know you don't mean to be hateful. I've seen how generous and loving you can be. All I ask is that you SHUT THE FUCK UP for once, and recognize that your "advice" is judgment that no one asked for. In fact, it's festered anxiety in both me and your

daughter for years. So please, open your eyes to this goddamn century, and realize that this family—this reality—is not yours to control.



Dear My Film History Professor, If I write your assigned essay about why your lesson indervalued Indian history and perpetuated post-colonial. Anglo-centric ideologies the last thing I want to read in your comments is "I taught it right." You didn't even address my arguement, just mansplained that I was wrong and your privileged, small-minded opinion was the only right answer. You're a bigoted, sexist asshole. I need you to go fuck yourself and maybe even die in a hole. on 🖓

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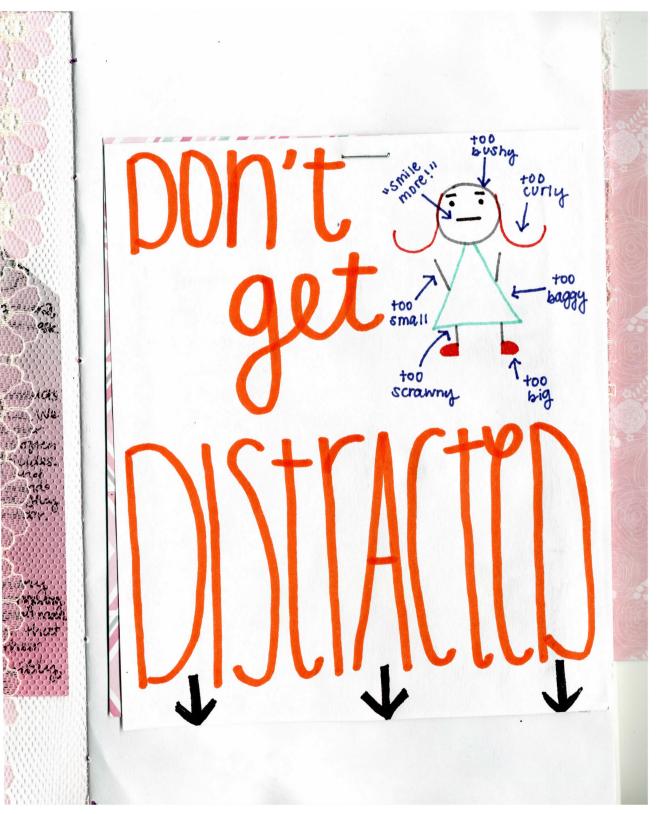
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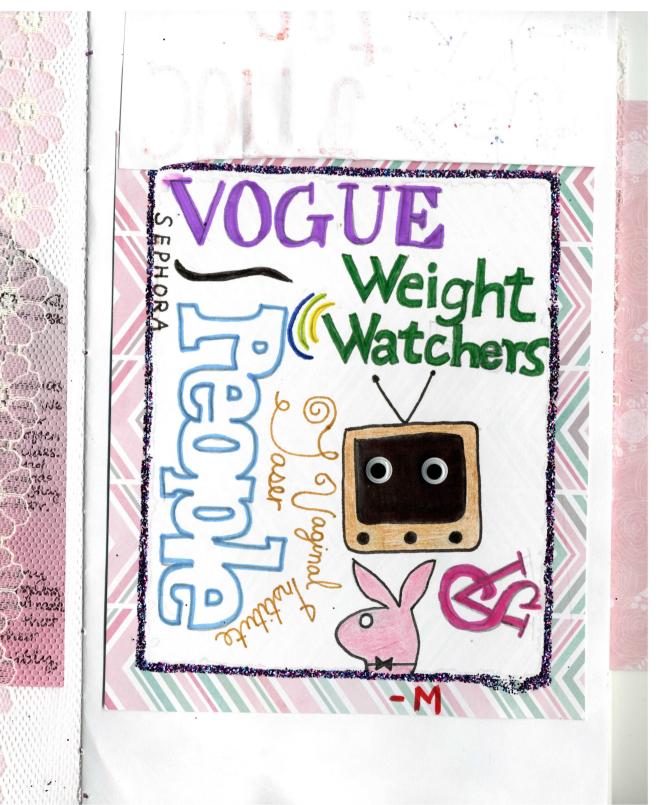
KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR TAMPONS

The narrative claims that feminine hygiene products are made simply of cotton, but this simply isrlt the. We don't think about it much - what were shoving into our bodies once a month-but it's quite important. Cotton is often generically modified and/or doused in harmful pesticides. Big manufacturers combine cotton blends with rayon and other synthetic materials that emit chemicals. In brands dike LOLA, Kali or Veeda rather than Tampax or Playfex. Huy use 100% pure natural cotton and can be scripped to your door.

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An Open Letter to My Molester. For a long time, I repressed what you did to me. For a long time after I remembered, I wanted to forget again. But I couldn't. So fuck you. I was 13, and the oldest of the 9 you abused. Fuck you for stealing our childhoods. You were our swim coach, a trusted adult. Fuck you for abusing that trust. I can't look at pictures from those summers anymore because you're in them all. Fuck you for tarnishing my memories. Most of all FUCK YOU for ising my body for your pleasure because I didn't know that I could say no. I hope I never see you again, you friking Jackass.

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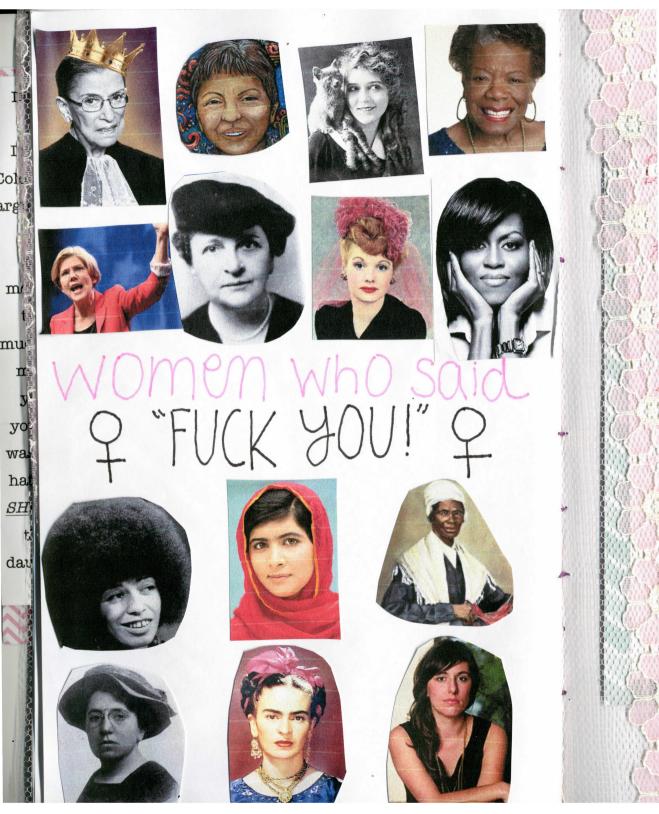
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Dear teenage me, I know you're going through some torigh stuff right now, and that's ok! You're going to make it, I promise, but intil then, here's a pep talk. * you are worth so much more than you think. * forget those magazines. No one is that gorgeous without photoshop. * you make your future for yourself. don't wait around for something to happen - make it happen. I'll love you forever - 1

Dear Future Daughter,

I hope you grow up in a world free From bias and misogyny. I hope you learn to love everyone you meet, although it may be difficult. I hope no one ever makes you feel like you aren't enough because of the way you look, act, or feel. YOU ARE ENOUGH. I hope you become confident, and learn to love the quirky, peautiful tools you were given. I hope you meet many wonderful people in your life who appreciate your gifts as much as I do. I hope you know that it's okay to make mistakes, that it's okay to say no," and that it's okay to fight back. And most of all, I hope you remain nopeful. -M

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