解放?壓迫! 網路色情聊天室中的兩性互動

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摘要

女性「性意識」長久處於父權社會建構下而受到壓抑,網路因具有匿名、隱私、互動、易得等特性,被認為可以為女性提供追求情慾自主及性解放的空間。 但亦有學者認為虛擬互動受到使用者的社會、身體及文化經驗所形塑。本研究實地進入情色聊天室,對聊天室中的兩性互動進行長期觀察,同時深度訪談七位女性使用者,探索女性使用色情聊天室的動機及經驗,亦取得聊天室密談記錄,藉此與訪談資料相對照、呼應與補充。

研究結果顯示,聊天室滿足女性對性的好奇,提供女性展現另一個自我的機會,而女性在聊天室所從事的性對話與性行爲是相對較安全的,並可能藉著在聊天室所獲得的異性注目與追求而建立自信心。然而女性的網路行爲仍是受到諸多壓抑,除了否認在聊天室中談「性」、「色情」,更必須隱忍男性大剌剌的騷擾。聊天室的兩性角色和真實生活並無不同,甚至更爲僵化。女性談性仍必須是被動、閃躲、間接迂迴的。而高度匿名的虛擬空間卻未必能讓女性盡享性別錯置的自由與樂趣,男性在聊天室中仍是握有發問權、談話主題選擇權、調情挑逗主動權,甚至專家建議權。這些都再製了父權社會中男性支配、女性從屬的權力關係。

關鍵字:網際網路、色情聊天室、女性性解放/壓抑、父權、兩性互動、語言性別化

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Liberation or Repression?--An Analysis of Gender Dynamics in an Adult Chatroom

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Abstract

In a patriarchal society, women's consciousness of sexuality is often oppressed. How does the cyberspace enable women to seek sexual autonomy and liberation?

Qualitative method is used to analyze data in this research. The researcher took part in a WWW-based adult chat room for more than a year, and used the message text as research data. In-depth interviews were conducted with seven female users to understand their experiences in the chat room. Limited private conversations permitted by the website manager were collected to analyze the patterns of interaction between men and women.

The results show that the internet provides women a look into the erotic world, to express themselves differently from the real world, and to build up self-confidence by gaining attention from the opposite sex.

On the other hand, women had to deny their presence in the adult chat room to avoid bad reputation, and to bear men's sexual harassment. Women have to follow the gender "scripts" and norms even more strictly or they will be punished by getting verbally attacked or insulted. The gender norms in the chat room are not much different from those in real life. Men still siege the power to ask questions, to decide what to talk

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about, to initiate flirting, and to give suggestions and advices. These interaction patterns reproduce the power hierarchy, with males in the dominant, and females in the subordinate, position.

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