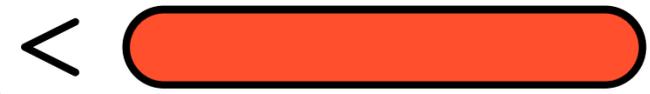


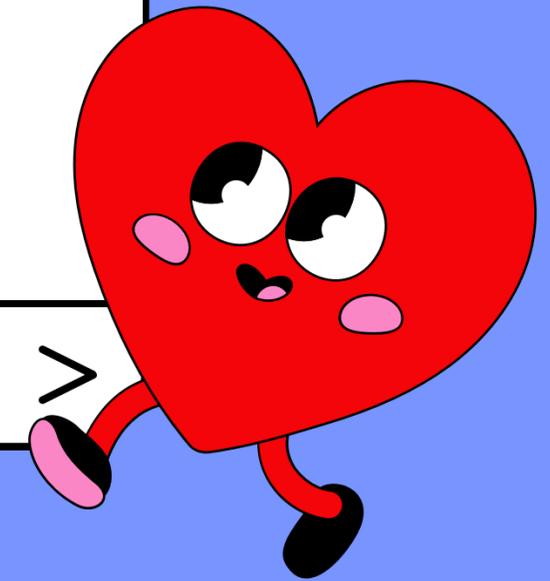
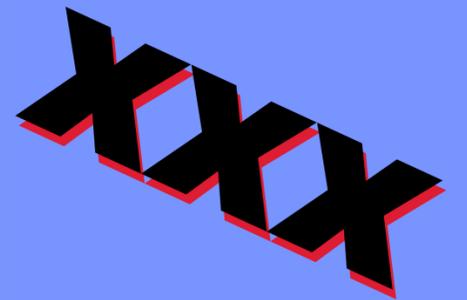
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SEX WORK AND SEX MEDIA



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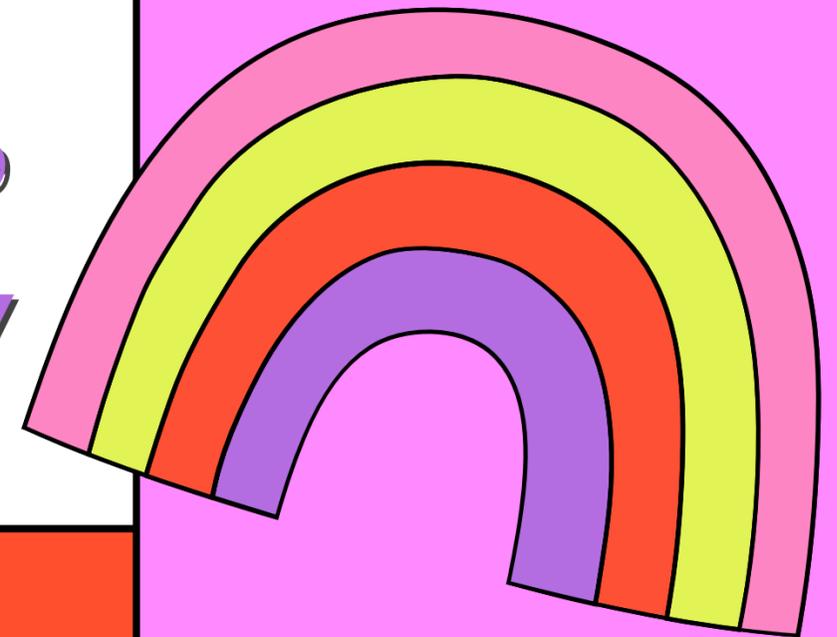
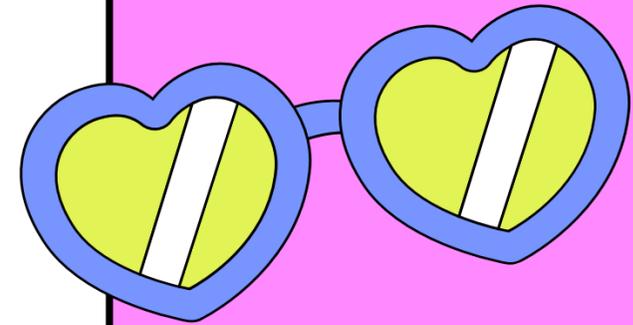


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Trigger warnings:

**MENTIONS OF SEX,
SEX WORK,
WHOREPHOBIA
SEXUAL VIOLENCE,
STRONG LANGUAGE,
ANTIBLACKNESS,
AND PORNOGRAPHY**



CURRENT STATE OF MEDIA & SEX MEDIA

Navigating sex media during fascism



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Right-Wing MAGA Sluts
Are Superior
★★★★★ (2)
Call Now
\$2.99 per min.

- Age Verification Laws
 - Used by non-sex and sex-based platforms alike
 - Privatizing personal data
- Rise of MAGA Content on Platforms
 - Increase in raceplay and MAGA-based content
 - Platforms have become even more lax around white supremacist content
- Rise of AI and the threat of stealing likeness and livelihoods
- Lasting Impacts of FOSTA-SESTA
 - Shadowbanning and censorship
 - Perpetuation of whorephobia
 - Another method of surveilling and criminalizing sex workers
 - Marginalized sex workers are disproportionately and negatively impacted

HOW CENSORSHIP EFFECTS SEX PLATFORMS



**Porn
hub**

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STREAMING/ AGGREGATES

Users in states
like GA, VA, MI
must verify their
ID to see adult
content

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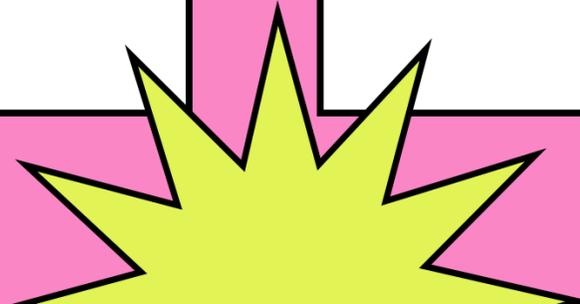
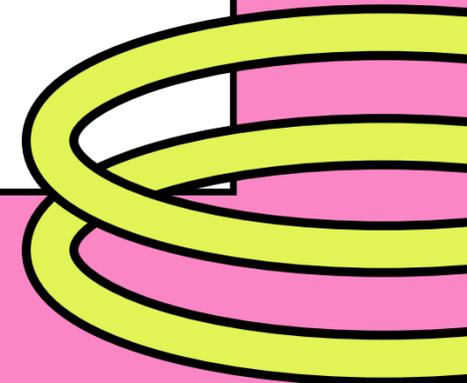
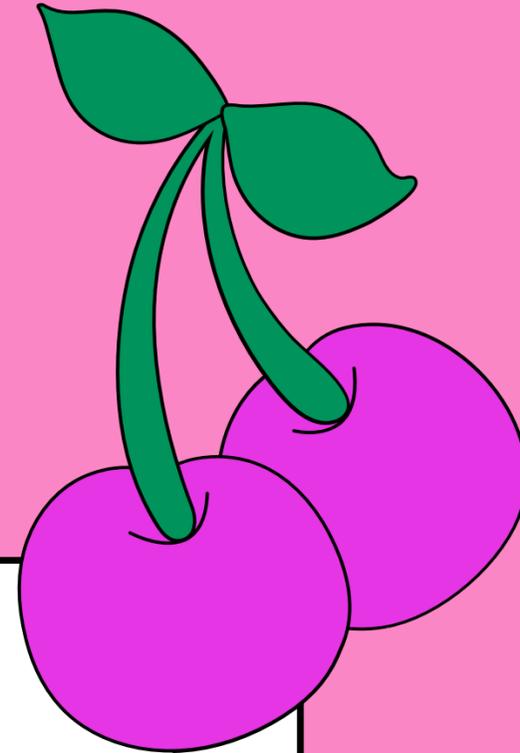
CONTENT CREATOR

Lack of banks,
Content
Suppression

3

SEX TECH

Suppression of
repro justice and
sex ed/health
content, less
resources

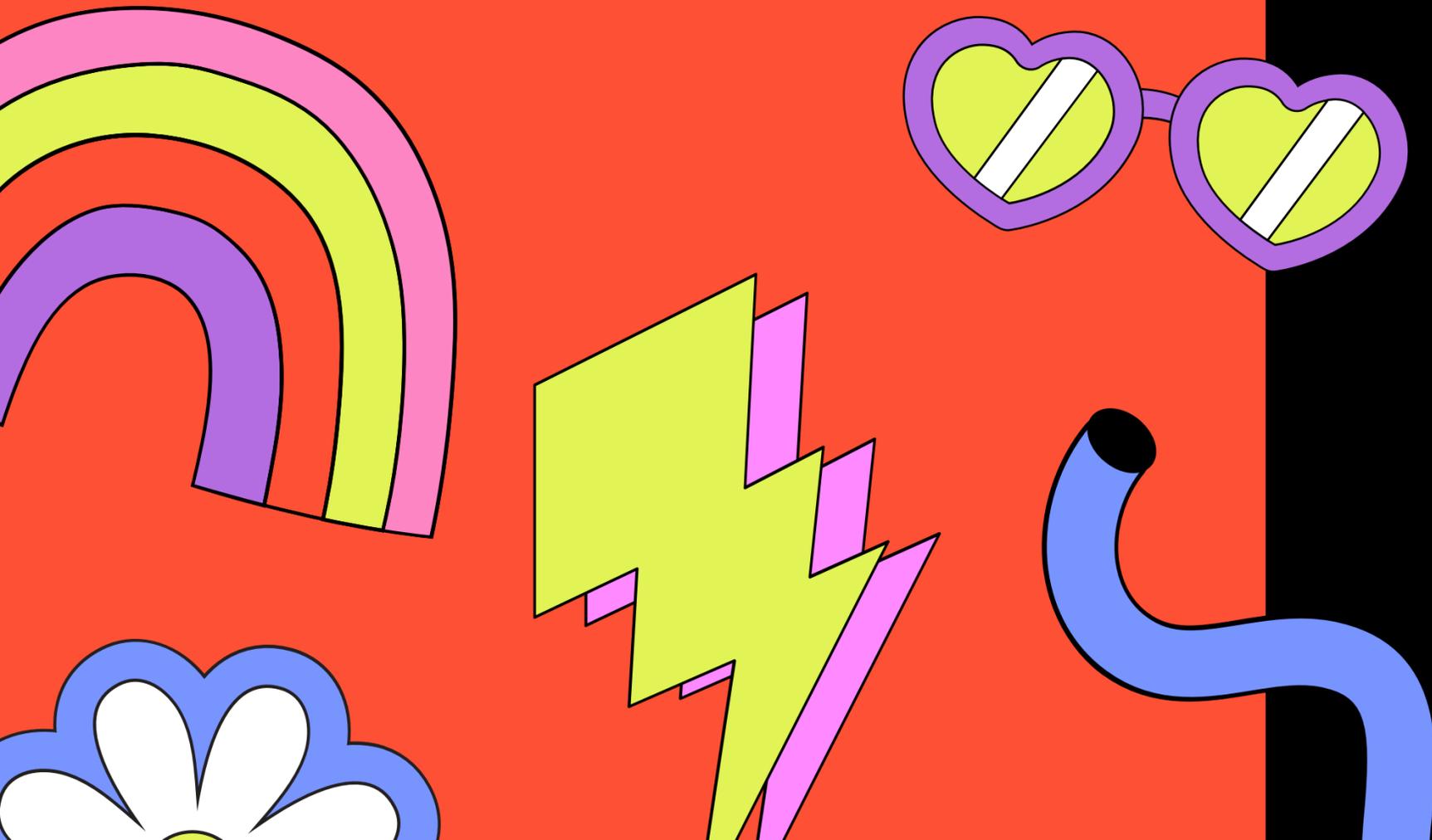


SEX-BASED CONTENT CREATORS AND NAVIGATING DIGITAL SPACES

- Similarly to influencers, sex-based content creators have to deal with parasocial relationships that can assist in turning fans into customers but are not devoid of harm
- Using intentional misspelling or omission of words to avoid censorship (i.e. seks, seggs and s3x instead of sex)
- Having to use terms that are rooted in white supremacy and fetishization in order to drive traffic (i.e. "ebony", "bbw", etc.)



HOW DOES WHOREPHOBIA MANIFEST?



- Reinforces harmful tropes
- Suppressing sex work, sex educator and sex tech accounts on various platforms, especially Instagram
- Public shaming through flagging content and profiles (both on social media and dating apps)
- Removing compensatory options for sex content creators and swers
- Continues to downplay and limit bringing awareness to the harm that swers face, especially those who are Black trans women



Common Sex Worker Tropes

01



“Disposable Sex worker”

02



“Sex work is dirty work”

03



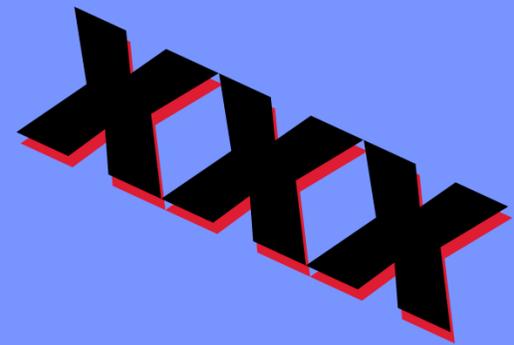
“Sex Work as Karma”

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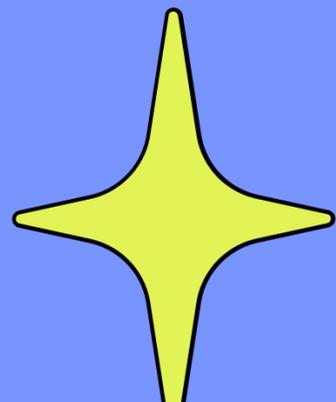
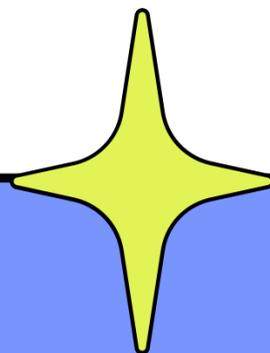
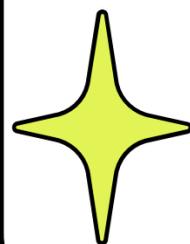


“Sex Worker Victim”





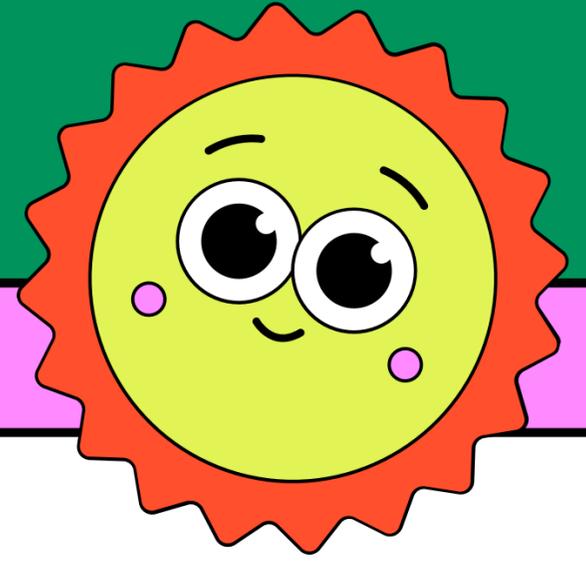
**WHAT ARE SOME
DEPICTIONS YOU'VE
SEEN?**



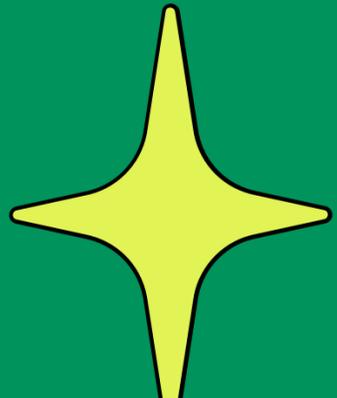
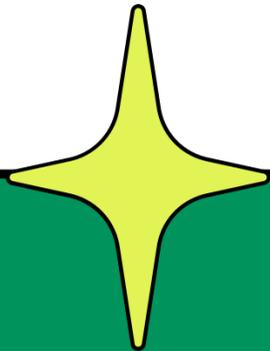
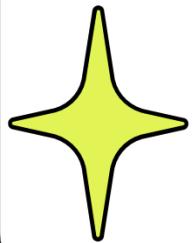
DEPICTIONS OF SEX WORKERS IN MEDIA: ZOLA

- Based on a true story by Zola, a former sex worker who shared her experience on Twitter
- Zola's retelling of her story via Twitter revolutionized the internet by influencing Twitter to roll out Threads
- Trigger warnings: nudity, strong language, sex, violence, sex work





**WHEN IS IT OKAY TO
"SELL SEX"?**



WHOREPHOBIA & THE HOE/HEAUX AESTHETIC

"I said dance, not f*ck.
Don't get it confused."—
Cardi B



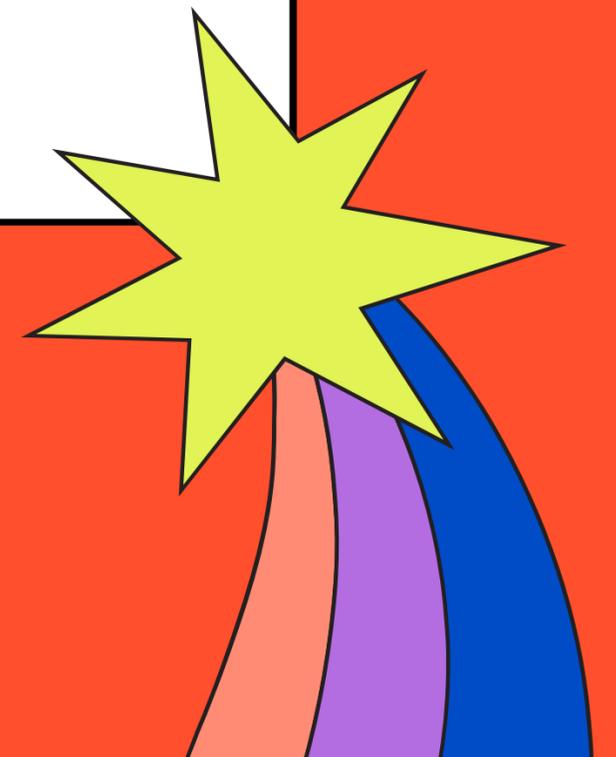
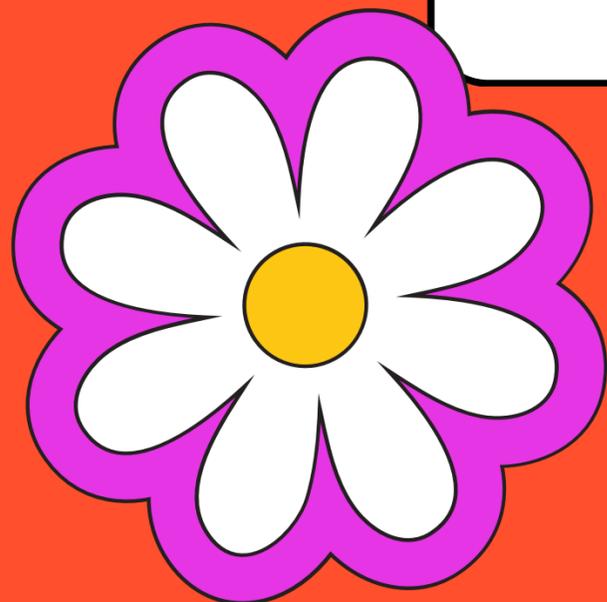
Whorephobia fuels the appropriation of whore/hoe/haux culture while continuing to demonize the actual whore/hoe/haux themselves, especially those who are further marginalized

Examples?

- Women rappers benefiting from "selling sex" yet constantly using their platforms to shun and shame sex work
- Sports Illustrated and Playboy making and maintaining mostly white, cis het male target audiences by featuring women that are thin, lighter-skinned and fit Eurocentric beauty standards
- Men on dating apps talking about wanting women and gender expansive folk that are "fun, NSA, freaks, kinky" yet disregarding the consent of, being openly whorephobic towards and slut shaming people who exhibit these qualities
- Shunning trans women but getting BBLs, implants and facial feminization surgery



**SELLING SEX BECOMES PALATABLE
WHEN IT IS DONE BY PEOPLE OF
PRIVILEGE (ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO
ARE NOT SEX WORKERS)**





THANK YOU SO MUCH!

