

What are the consequences of being a 'wifey' or 'unrapable'. I hope those girls never find out

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When news broke last week that a group of high school boys had created a spreadsheet to rank their female classmates in categories that ranged from "wifey" to "unrapable", I felt an instantaneous, unbridled rage.

The kind that springs to life within microseconds when women are forced to accept that this behaviour just won't cease. Different day, different institution, perhaps slightly different categories, but the same common denominators.

Boys from Yarra Valley Grammar have been expelled for ranking girls in categories on a chat group.Credit: Eddie Jim

I knew we'd be forced to listen to the same old arguments – on the one side, they're just boys mucking around, boys will be boys, they didn't mean any harm. On the other side, their age doesn't matter, this kind of behaviour is toxic masculinity with training wheels, seeing girls as rankable objects puts these boys in the express lane to a lifetime of misogynist behaviour.

Past the rage, though, or perhaps at the root of it, I can't stop thinking about how those girls will feel if they ever find out which column those boys put them into.

When I was in high school, about the same age as the Yarra Valley Grammar students who.....

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