

Questions:

1. **Describe the method** in as much detail as possible. Use key quotations from the text to back up your claims **as much as possible**. Try to make a step-by-step bullet point breakdown of the method, **so that anyone could re-do it based on your breakdown**. If there are unknown steps of the method that can't be recreated because the author doesn't explain them, highlight these. (for example: 1. This 2. That 3. At this point, it is unclear how the author determines how to examine 'that'. 4. The other 5. And so on).

^Remember, I am asking you to describe *how* they enacted their study, *not* the structure of their essay. The write up they do is useful to examine as well, but here I am asking you to articulate how they did their actual study.

2. What aspects of this method do you think may be potentially useful for your own project? Be specific. Can you re-enact certain things? Do you want to do a study just like this, or nah?

3. Describe the general structure of the paper (not the methods or the research, but the written paper, the "write up" of the research). Where does the writer begin? How do they establish their exigence? Do they provide a literature review that functions to establish the research context and ensuing study? Do they pose research questions and, if so, do they answer them? Do they offer any visualizations of their data? How do they present their findings? How do they close the article?

4. What is a real man, and what's the significance of grilling vegetables?

bonus question: why did they choose reddit?!?

My answers:

1. Describe the method:

- Writer uses the website "Reddit" and searches the words "man, men, male, or males".
- Search comes up with 14 threads, including 1,127 posts published between 2014 and 2020.
- Removed in uses a names or mentions within the posts they found.
- The use of CDA was used.
- CDA allowed them to "identify specific discourses around men, masculinity and veganism, and to interrogate how these are entextualized in the context

of the forum, ecofeminism provides us with a theoretical lens for interrogating and explaining the social conditions in which such discourses take root."

- The writer took 3 different types of discourses. Discourses around vegan men, non-vegan men, and counter discourses.
- The writer took posts to discuss the topic of male veganism. "The examples below, and those thereafter, have been selected because they were judged to be representative of the particular discourses under discussion."
- The writer took 37 posts and explained the meaning behind the words used to make their point.
- "The foregoing analysis has uncovered a range of representational discourses around veganism, men and masculinity..."
- "Yet the harmful effects of hegemonic masculinity on those falling short of gender ideals are also well-documented (e.g. Connell 2000, Galasiński 2008, Rosen & Nofziger 2019), with further evidence for this coming in the forum itself in the many posts in which users disclosed offline experiences where their masculinity had been questioned or challenged on the basis of their veganism."

2. One aspect of this study that I could potentially use in my project is the use of others responses. I like how the writer took random peoples responses on the topic to make their claim about 'real men' instead of just going off of prior knowledge. Prior knowledge and improper research can lead to wrongfully claiming something in a study that isn't true.

3. The writer laid out their study fairly well and easy to navigate through. They numbered all aspects of their work to make it easier for the reader to walk through. First they started with an introduction talking about their study and why they are studying it. Second, they then go into the background of the study to give more information and the "why" part of the study. Third is the methodology to explain their methods and walk the reader through how they conducted their research. Fourth is the actual findings of the study. Fifth is the discussion and conclusion of their study where they talk about what they found and their final claim. Lastly, this is all followed up their their references.

4. "'Real men' and the practices associated therewith are ascribed, through predication, to vegan men. By contrast, the practices attributed to non-vegan men, such as purchasing slaughtered animals from a supermarket and participating in hunting and other blood sports, are, for most part, constructed as the antithesis of what 'real men' do." As described in this quote, 'Real men' are those who have the same attributes of vegan men as well as not undergoing the process of slaughtering animals to cook.

Bonus question: The writer chose reddit because it is an open online space with a large number of users.

