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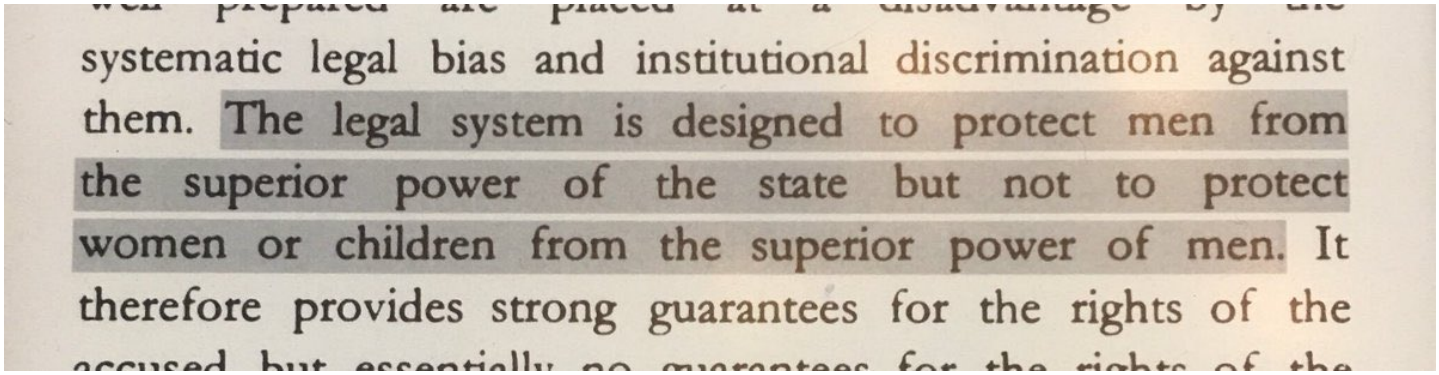
"A man has been found not guilty of murdering his wife, just days into the first national Covid lockdown. Anthony Williams, 70, said he "just flipped" and strangled his wife Ruth at their home."

How long must we wait until men stop beating and murdering us, even under #COVID19? And being found “not guilty?”

I made this in April
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“The legal system is designed to protect men from the superior power of the state but not to protect women or children from the superior power of men,” U.S. feminist psychiatrist Judith Herman, Trauma and Recovery, The Aftermath of Violence-From Domestic Abuse to Political Terror


systematic legal bias and institutional discrimination against them. The legal system is designed to protect men from the superior power of the state but not to protect women or children from the superior power of men. It therefore provides strong guarantees for the rights of the

"The national US av prison sentence of men who kill their female partners is 2-6 yrs, while women who kill their partners are sentenced on av to 15yrs, despite the fact that most women who kill their partners do so to protect themselves from violence initiated by their partners"

Prisons around the world are full of women who fight back and the streets are full of the men who assaulted them.

And there are dead women. Many many dead women.

https://t.co/SqzluTtJKb

Are women punished more harshly for killing an intimate partner? The data shows there is a wide gender gap in the US when it comes to prison sentences for killing a partner https://t.co/7zuyt0xyvk

I got a lot of shit for the chapter on Violence in The Seven Necessary Sins for Women and Girls because I asked frightening questions about what it would take to end patriarchy and the male violence it enables. Here's an excerpt. https://t.co/7hpPYDHMq7

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How long must we wait for men and boys to stop murdering us, to stop beating us and to stop raping us? How many rapists must we kill?

My questions got this episode of an Australian TV show banned. I was accused of “inciting violence.”



What do centuries of male violence - enabled and protected by patriarchy - beget?

Where do you go during a pandemic when the terrorist is your partner? When home is where the hurt is?

Where is the vaccine against patriarchy and its family structures that teach men they own the bodies of women, children, and queer people?

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We are not socialized to fight back. We are not taught to fight back. We are punished for fighting back.

Men are not socialized to expect us to fight back. I think of that often when I hear of the spike in intimate partner terrorism during the pandemic. https://t.co/SqzluTtJKb