

Comparative Study

Representation of Women throughout art

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Introduction

Throughout time women have been depicted in different ways whether for their body or their societal standing. The view of women changes through Milwaukee artist Stacey Williams-NG, international artists Degas and Barbara Kruger. Stacey Williams-NG and Degas have similar inspirations, both using the dancers. When it comes to Kruger her representation of women in her pieces is not the movement but the role they play in the world. She sees that hardships and social struggles that women face and used those to create her pieces.



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The works of Degas, Kruger, and local artist Stacey Williams N-G focus on women. Yet the works of Degas and Stacey Williams N-G being extremely similar where as the works of Kruger focus more on women from a societal standpoint.



Barbara Kruger

- The cultural context of Barbara Kruger is aimed toward feminist culture. Her works usually consist of photographs with slogans in bold black and white lettering. Her most famous works include “*I Shop Therefore I am*” (1987) and “*Your Body is a Battleground*” (1985). Like previously stated the works of Barbara Kruger focused on women from a societal standpoint. The bold text with the black and white image in the background grabs the attention of the viewer. The text is never obvious it’s a quote that usually allows the viewer to contemplate what the actual meaning behind the piece is. The color scheme is simplistic yet the bold colors used catch ones attention. Although Barbara Kruger didn’t focus on the form of the female body she wanted to express her ideas towards women by using silkscreen prints and photography. Barbara Kruger is often described as both a feminist and conceptual artist.



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I shop therefore I am – Barbara Kruger



This particular piece I believe Kruger created it to argue the fact that many believe that women are viewed as materialistic. There is a lot of emphasis placed on ones image and how they look on the outside. At first glance the words don't make much sense then it began to make sense. It can be argued that it is not directed solely towards women bur at people as a whole who place worth on only the things that people earn.

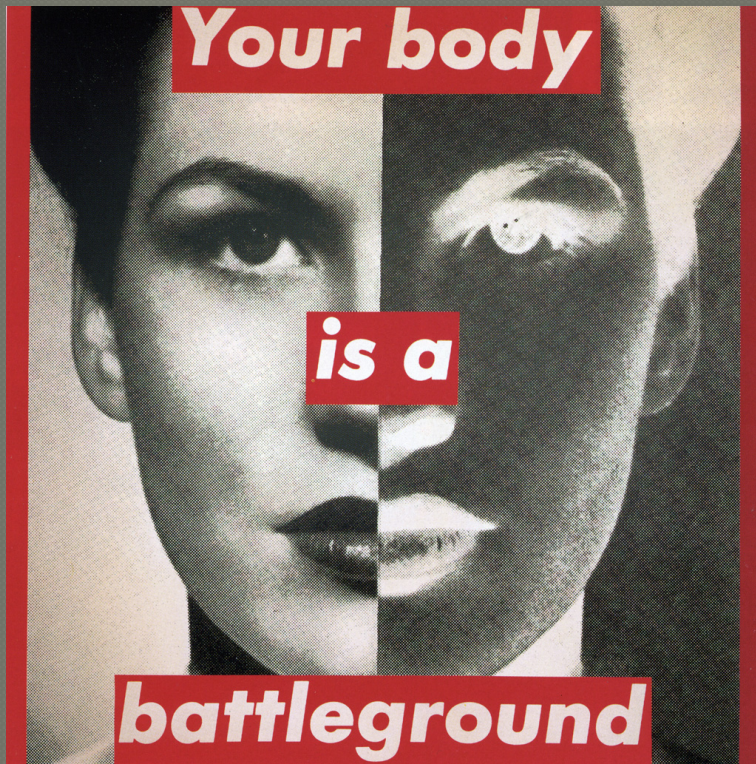
The medium used in this piece was photography and Photoshop to edit the image and place the text over it.

Barbara Kruger
Untitled (I shop therefore I am)
111" by 113"
photographic silkscreen/vinyl
1987

"Mary Boone Gallery - Barbara Kruger, Untitled (I Shop Therefore I Am)." *Mary Boone Gallery - Barbara Kruger, Untitled (I Shop Therefore I Am)*. Web. 25 Feb. 2015. <http://

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Your Body is a Battleground – Barbara Kruger



This particular image is much more easily connected to the feminist movement than the previous image. Due to all the political controversy placed behind a women's body and laws put in place. Women have to fight just to decide which healthcare plan they wish to go with. With that aside Kruger used these exact images to spark thought in the viewers in an attempt to break boundaries and cause people to question the role which women play in modern society.

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