Feminism confronts technology Judy Wajcman

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housework studied since 1970s – see Oakley and Joan Vanek’s Time Spent in Housework (US – are there UK ones?) – maybe I could look at how these types of studies were picked up in popular press, or by industry as a reference point to develop or market products?

Mechanisation of housework – can chemical dispensers be counted as mechanisation?

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Questions form Wajcman – rship between tech developments in the economy and those in the home? To what extent did new technoliges industrialise the home and transform domestic labour? Why despite chnages uch as running water, gas and elec cookes, central heating, washing machines refrig do studies show that household work still accounts for half total working time? Sirageldin 1969 –

“Hisotyr of housework is the story of its elimination”

Cown – mechanisationi – whole range of new tasks which were less physically demanding but still time consuming.

p.85 remodelled ideology of housewifery. Domestic science movement, germ theory, scientific motherhood led to exacting standards of houseworkd and childcare. Rising standards of personald and household cleanliness. Washing machines increased expectations of cleanliness. See Arnold and Burr 1985