

## **Annotation Instructions:**

In the following, you are asked to annotate a set of sentences.

We ask you to decide for every individual sentence whether you think it is **sexist** or not. Each sentence will mention the word *women*, however, you should read it as *biological women*.

All of the sentences of this survey will **not** be explicitly negative. Still, they might be sexist.

The sentences given to you will be in a random order. This means that each sentence should be **judged in isolation** without considering the preceding or following sentence.

For each sentence, you will have to assign exactly one of the following **3 categories**:

1. The first category is **OFFENSIVE**. It should be used if the **sentence is sexist**. Examples are:

- *Women don't play football.*
  - *Women are good at low-level jobs.*
  - *Women are materialistic.*
  - *Women prefer traveling by train.*
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- Superficially all the sentences given to you in this survey will look unsuspecting. This is mostly due to the fact that the sentences are not explicitly negative. However, there are many forms of sexism that are expressed in a more indirect way. It is your task to **read between the lines** and also recognize what a sentence possibly suggests.
  - For example, some of the sentences may address some behaviour or habits that try to **depict women as being very different to other people**, for instance, by claiming that they do not participate in common activities (e.g. *Women retire from work early*) or that they engage in some activity excessively (e.g. *Women buy many shoes during their lifetime*).
  - There may also be cases of **exaggerated generalizations**, that is, properties or habits that may apply to some women but that certainly do not apply to all members (e.g. *Women enjoy spending money on clothes*). Please also pay attention to properties or habits that are explicitly positive. For example, *Women are good cooks* is a positive sentence but it is also a generalization that will not be true for every member of that identity group.
  - There may also be sentences that are simply incorrect or are even sheer nonsense. Imagine how you would react to such remark when you read it on some social-media platform. Please label such remarks as **OFFENSIVE** if you perceive them that way. Also bear in mind that such remarks are often written with a purpose to offend and that incorrect/obscure statements are rarely the result of lacking knowledge.

2. The second category is **NOT OFFENSIVE**. This label should be applied if the **sentence is not sexist**:

- *Women fight against prejudice.*
- *The size of women's breasts differs.*

- *Women in Switzerland were granted the right to vote in 1971.*

3. The final category is **UNKNOWN + comment**. You should use this category if you **definitely cannot decide between OFFENSIVE and NOT OFFENSIVE**, if you **do not understand the sentence** or if the **content of the sentence is incorrect**. It is **obligatory** to write the reason in the comment field. Please notice that if the sentence is written in poor language then this does **not** qualify for this category as long as you can sufficiently understand the meaning in order to make decision between the labels OFFENSIVE and NOT OFFENSIVE. Please **use this category sparingly**. We pre-checked all sentences and removed all those we thought are impossible to annotate.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- Please **rate the view of the author of the sentence AND rate the entire sentence rather than just parts of it**. For example, the following sentence contains a sexist stereotype, however, as a whole (and this is what you should focus on), the utterance is not sexist since the author clearly indicates that they do not share the stereotype that they report on (they correctly identify their teacher as a sexist):
  - *My **sexist** teacher said that women are good housewives.*

Therefore, though the proposition *Women are good housewives* is offensive, the entire sentence should be labeled as NOT OFFENSIVE.

**Remember:** If the author reports some sexist content, ask yourself whether they share it. Only if they seem to share the reported content, you should label such sentences as OFFENSIVE.

- In deciding whether some remark is offensive or not, you **do not have to assess whether a sentence reflects the truth or not**. Please focus on the aspect of offensiveness and rely entirely on your **intuition**.

You have been assigned this survey since **you identify yourself as a woman**.

By the nature of this survey, you will be exposed to some offensive language. This survey is intended to produce labeled data for subsequent linguistic analysis. The authors of this survey, **in no way**, share the views that are expressed in these offensive remarks!