

emoji

<p>Notes & Cues:</p>	<p>Article:</p> <p>The newest emoji made crimson waves across the Internet upon its unveiling this week.</p> <p>Plan International UK’s fight for the cartoon red blood droplet—an emoji meant to symbolize menstruation—was almost poetically symbolic to the message it was trying to convey with it: that periods aren’t shameful.</p> <p>Plan organized a popular vote on the design of the symbol. Eventually, Plan partnered with NHS Blood and Transplant to share that organization’s proposed new emoji: a red blood droplet.</p> <p>“Ending the shame around periods begins with talking about it, ” Lucy Russell, the Head of Girls’ Rights and Youth at Plan International UK told the Guardian.</p> <p>Many activists and health workers agreed that the emoji was “revolutionary” and an important step in reducing the stigma around menstruation.</p> <p>But some found the new emoji disappointing.</p> <p>“The drop of blood feels like a half-measure, ” said Megan Vaughan, a writer and PhD student in Essex. “The red droplet still has this sense of shame about it. Like it wants to talk about periods but not in too open a way, not in the kind of way that might offend delicate, largely male, sensibilities.”</p> <p>The younger generation seems to have a healthier and more accepting perspective when it comes to menstruation, said Andrea Askowitz, a writer in Miami who had tweeted a bloody sanitary pad in response to the period emoji.</p> <p>“Attitudes are changing, ” Askowitz said. “We’ve come far, but we still have a long way to go.”</p>
<p>Summary:</p>	