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### 30000 girls everyday are forced to trade their childhood for a life defined by isolation and violence.

Malhotra 10 The Causes, Consequences and Solutions to Causes, Consequences and Solutions to Forced Forced Child Marriage Child Marriage in the Developing World Testimony Submitted to U.S. House of Representatives Human Rights Commission s Human Rights Commission By AnjuMalhotra, PhD Vice President of Research, Innovation and Impact International Center for Research on Women l Center for Research on Women Washington, D.C. July 15, 2010 <http://www.icrw.org/files/images/Causes-Consequences-and%20Solutions-to-Forced-Child-Marriage-Anju-Malhotra-7-15-2010.pdf>

Forced child marriage is a life-changing

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El Salvador it is six to one. 3

### Life is not good for women in Yemen, this is further exasperated by child marriage

Oxfam in 2010 (How Change Happens: Campaigning on Early Marriage in Yemen; September 21; www.oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/?s=safe+age+of+marriage&x=0&y=0; kdf)

Here’s another interesting example of how to do

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viewed as an economic liability by some families.

### While there are laws on the books, they are nothing more than rhetoric

IPPF in 2006 (International Planned Parenthood Federation and Forum on the Marriage and the Rights of Women and Girls; Ending child marriage, a guide for global policy action; www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2006/endchildmarriage.pdf; kdf)

This is despite the existence of numerous international

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**development assistance to address this gross rights violation.**

### Even human rights groups ignore these “invisible” children

**UNICEF in 2011** (Early marriage- Child

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\_earlymarriage\_07mar.pdf; kdf)

**Despite the efforts of reformers in the early**

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to analyse the full impact of this practice.

### The US is failing to take the lead on the issue

Global Aids Alliance Fund 2010 <http://www.globalaidsalliancefund.org/index.php/c4_site/interior/%20obama_pledges_action/>

Tonight’s State of the Union address is a

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exempt inheritances of $5 million or more.

### Thus the plan: The United States Federal Government should substantially expand the Safe Age of Marriage program throughout Yemen.

### Contention Two: The Advantage

### Child marriage is the ultimate form of dehumanization

IPPF in 2006 (International Planned Parenthood Federation and Forum on the Marriage and the Rights of Women and Girls; Ending child marriage, a guide for global policy action; www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2006/endchildmarriage.pdf; kdf)

**Child marriage is culturally packaged as a social**

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and advocate for an end to this practice.

### You prefer our systemic impacts first—probability must be evaluated prior to all other considerations

Rescher 83 Prof. of Philosophy

Nicholas Rescher, University of Pittsburgh Professor of

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the Theory of Risk Evaluation and Management” 1983

T**he rational management of risk calls for adherence**

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**rationale motivates the recourse to ''effectively zero'' probabilities.**

### Child marriage entrenches the impact of patriarchy

Mercier 2006 (Jacqueline Staff Writer, Boston College Third World Law Journal, “ELIMINATING CHILD MARRIAGE IN INDIA: A BACKDOOR APPROACH TO ALLEVIATING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS”, <http://lawdigitalcommons.bc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1084&context=twlj&sei-redir=1#search=%22Child%20Bride%20Patriarchy%22>, Vance)

Sagade emerges from an introductory sea of demographic

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unknowingly contributes to the strengthening of patriarchy.”2

### Failure to challenge patriarchy and how our institutions perpetuate it ensures extinction

French 85 Former Prof at Hofstra, Harvard, and Holy Cross, Marilyn, *Beyond power: on women, men, &morals,* 356

What is most threatening in the modern world

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, even we, the pillars of society.

### Contention Three: Solvency

### The Safe Age of Marriage program is proven effective—expansion of the program is the only means to eradicate child marriage

McCollum in 2010 (Betty [Rep. of Minnesota]; CHILD MARRIAGE: WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY TO PREVENT IT; States News Service; August 19; kdf)

In developing countries, one in seven girls

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by providing them with educational and economic opportunities.

### Democracy assistance is an effective means for combating childhood marriage

USAID 2009 (Issue Brief- Preventing Child Marriage: Protecting Girls' Health; www.usaid.gov/our\_work/global\_health/pop/news/issue\_briefs/prev\_child\_marriage.pdf; kdf)

**Significant numbers of girls in the developing world**

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have become increasingly interested in addressing the practice.

**USAID supports a number of programs at the**

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**models that could be replicated in coming years.**

Forming Child Marriage Eradication Committees in Nepal In

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, which is now awaiting the president’s signature.

### Representational politics operates in cracks of power to promote real democracy and create discourse of ethics

Giroux 2001 (Henry, Professor of Media Studies at Toronto University, “Private Satisfactions and Public Disorders: Fight Club, Patriarchy, and the Politics of Masculine Violence”, <http://www.henryagiroux.com/online_articles/fight_club.htm>, Vance)

Any attempt to critically address Fight Club and

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human suffering and works to prevent its reoccurrence.

### Ignoring the gendered inequalities that make that world possible only replicates patriarchy

Youngs 04 Feminist International Relations: a contradiction in terms? Or: why women and gender are essential to understanding the world ‘we’ live in \* International Affairs 80, 1 GILLIAN YOUNGS † Prof University of Wales, Newport

This discussion will demonstrate, in the ways

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and epistemological limitations will continue to be reproduced.

### We must set aside questions of magnitude for the probability of our aff impacts—nothing outweighs the violence of early marriage

Gordon-Zolov and Rogers 2010 (Terri, assistant professor of comparative literature at The New School, Robin, associate professor of sociology at Queens College and the Graduate Center at the City University of New York “Introduction: Citizenship”, <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/wsq/summary/v038/38.1-2.gordon-zolov01.html>, Vance)

Even when ostensibly gender neutral, citizenship shapes

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much as with those of their male counterparts.

### Our affirmative elevates private sphere problems to ethical significance- ethical judgment is impossible without an investigation of the gendered constructions of the world around us

Hutchings 2000 Towards a Feminist International Ethics *Review of International Studies* vol 26 pp 111-130 Prof of International Relations at the London School of Economics

According to feminist ethics the nature and conditions

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is possible for anything to be ethically significant.

### All arguments we make are performances that define our identity.

Shapiro ’97 *(Michael J., Professor of Political Science at the* [*University of Hawaiiʻi at Mānoa*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Hawaii)*, Violent Cartographies:*

*Mapping Cultures of War. University of Minnesota Press, 1997.)*

All analysis and accounts of past wars share

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-making narratives thought which they are shaped.

### The failure to ground decisions within an ethical framework ignores the construction of the practices and institutions of patriarchy construct the political choices they offer

Hutchings 2000 Towards a Feminist International Ethics *Review of International Studies* vol 26 pp 111-130 Prof of International Relations at the London School of Economics

In the above argument, I have tried

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effects of assumptions about universal humanity or justice.

### Our ethical framework embraces an ethic of risk- to strive towards repairing the structural conditions of patriarchy even if we cannot undo all of it

Welch 2000 Sharon D. Prof. of Religious Studies and Woman’s Studies at University of Missouri, *A Feminist Ethic of Risk*, p. 67-68

With an ethic of risk, action begins

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recognition of the depth and persistence of evil.

### Failure to stand up to oppression in the face of unpredictable risk is the ultimate failure of ethics- to not resist injustice is to die

Birden 02 Re-Thinking Resistance: On Welch and Foucault Susan Birden SUNY, Buffalo State College In E. S. Fletcher (Ed.), Philosophy of education 2002: Proceedings of the annual meeting of the Philosophy of Education Society (pp. 101-109). Urbana, IL: Philosophy of Education Society <http://ojs.ed.uiuc.edu/index.php/pes/article/viewFile/1800/510>

Welch envisions a postmodern approach to theorizing and

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To stop raging against oppression is to die.

### Embracing the ethic of risk is key to avoiding inevitable genocides and war

Welch 2000 Sharon D. Prof. of Religious Studies and Woman’s Studies at University of Missouri, *A Feminist Ethic of Risk*, p. 17-19

This particular view of social ethics and public

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explore elements of this theology in chapter 8.

### Must question ethics first anything less leads to violent frameworks

**Critchley in 7** (Simon [Prof of

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, p.8-9, kdf)

**How does a self bind itself to whatever**

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**frameworks: deontology, utilitarianism and virtue ethics.**

### Root cause claims do not apply- only the plan can solve

Al-Eryani 11 (Dalia Al-Eryani, former program coordinator for the "Safe Age of Marriage Project,", http://www.prb.org/Articles/2011/child-marriage-yemen.aspx)

Belay Endeshaw: I think the problem is

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) determinant factors for this problem thank you!

Dalia Al-Eryani: Culture, poverty

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marriage allowed, but required not by Islam..

### Searches for Utopia result in the ethics of control

Gunzenhauser 02. Michael G. Solidarity and risk in Welch’s feminist ethics. In E. S. Fletcher

(Ed.), Philosophy of education 2002: Proceedings of the annual meeting of the Philosophy of

Education Society (pp. 101-109

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There is at base also a recurring appeal

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self-sacrifice” (FE, 162).

### Individual issues are separate political intities – SKFTA and Jobs Bill proved

Politico, 10-12, 11,

[AND](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/65761.html)

President Barack **Obama’s month-long campaign to**

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**failed, his congressional nemesis said** Wednesday morning.

Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va

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in his own party to pass the bill.”

**This comes on the same day the House**

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victory for the White House and Congressional Republicans.

**The affirmative creates an interstitial demand—this does not make us into bureaucrats or politicians that their link evidence assumes—instead it proves we are ethical actors that have come to terms with reality**

**Critchley in 7 (**Simon [Prof of

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, p.111-114, kdf)

Keeping these examples of the political function of

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come back to anarchism in more detail below.

However – to put it at its most

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**that attempts to open a space of opposition.**

Perhaps it is at **this intensely situational,**

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**spoken** of in the epigraph to this chapter.

### The affirmative would begin a spillover of foreign policy to engage in ending child marriage in other regions.

McCollum 10 (Bettey (Rep. (D) MN) Child marriage destroys potential Federal legislation seeks to promote the rights of girls worldwide. <http://www.mndaily.com/2010/03/09/child-marriage-destroys-potential> )

If Congress votes to make ending child marriage

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a better life for millions of young girls.

### Giving money to NGOs link the YWU is the core of democracy assistance. The goals are one in the same.

Carothers in 99 (Thomas [VP for global policy and co-director of the Democracy and Rule of Law Project @ Carnegie Endowment]; Aiding Democracy Abroad; p. 229; kdf)

In Nepal, U.S. assistance

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to link the democracy and the development agendas.