Revolt!

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We picked this topic because we both really identified with the 46 women that took part in the suit. These women are, hopefully, us in ten years. They were middle-class raised women fresh out of college, and something horrible was happening to them. We both thought that our end-product would be infinitely better if we chose something that we connect to, and are passionate about. We discovered the topic because we wanted a more contemporary topic, so we looked up news magazine covers from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. This topic is what we found.

We began the research by both reading Lynn Povich’s memoir, “The Good Girls Revolt.” After that, we continued by reading more about the lawsuit, as well as the climate in media and the world during that time period. We also set up an interview with one of the leaders of the lawsuit and the author of “The Good Girls Revolt,” Lynn Povich. This topic has been a treasure trove of primary sources, so we have definitely made heavy use of those available to us. We also conducted an interview with Lynn Povich, which was really helpful. We contacted her through her website and conducted a personal interview, which really contributed to our understanding of the topic.

We chose to do an exhibit because we have contrasting work styles that are best shown in this category. We began our design process by choosing a color scheme and layout that fit our topic well. We wanted to stick with a trifold for convenience. Our main design choice was the background behind the text, it is newsprint. Our color choices were green, pink, and yellow. We wanted to use green so it looked like an authentic news stand, pink was chosen to contrast its connection with femininity against the story being told. We chose the yellow after a lot of experimentation because it is also a nod to the classic newsstands in New York and Washington DC.
This topic relates to the “Breaking Barriers” theme because the women who filed the lawsuit broke barriers for themselves and other women in media. These women broke barriers for themselves by forcing *Newsweek* to give them writing tryouts and allow them to escape research. They broke barriers for other women in media because they started the precedent for sex discrimination suits in media, as well as creating paths for other women with aspirations in media to follow. Today, we see a lot of affirmative action within professional environments, media in particular. None of this would be the same if it weren’t for the 1970 *Newsweek* lawsuit.
Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources

This is an audio file of Judy Gingold, one of the leaders of the suit, and her husband having an interview through StoryCorps. We used this source for another perspective on the events that transpired during the lawsuit. This source is credible because it’s primary.

This source was a newspaper article written at the time of the lawsuit. It provided a perspective on the event from the same time period. It’s credible because it is a primary source written at the time and published on a credible site.

This source is an autobiography written by Oz Elliott, the editor of Newsweek at the time of the lawsuit. We used this source to balance our research because it wouldn’t be balanced if we only had testimony from one side of the suit. This source is credible because it is primary, and it matches up with other recounts of the events.

This source is a book written in the sixties about the female struggle. This source was used to gain historical context. This source is credible because it is primary, as well as being backed by a lot of interviews and studies.

This source is Katherine Graham’s autobiography. This source was used for another perspective on the events of the 1970 lawsuit. This source is credible because it is primary, and published by a credible publisher.

This source is an interview with and a biography about Harriet Rabb, the Newsweek women’s second lawyer. We used photos and information on Harriet Rabb from this source. This source is credible because it is primary and published by a credible publisher.
This source is a website that Lynn Povich made. We used this source for photos, a biography, as well as contact information for Lynn Povich. This source is credible because it was written by a person who was at the events, and backed by solid sources.

This source is a personal interview that we conducted with Lynn Povich. This source gave us another unique perspective of the events that transpired in 1970 and the aftermath of the suit. This source is credible because it is primary.

This source is Lynn Povich’s book on the events of the 1970 Newsweek lawsuit and the historical context surrounding it. This source was used quite heavily due to its comprehensiveness, and it backed up a lot of the information on our exhibit. This source is credible because it is primary, and it is also backed by a long list of sources.

This article is a firsthand account of the 1970 lawsuit by one of its’ leaders, Lynn Povich. We used this source for quotes, as well as to learn about the lawsuit within a more modern frame of reference. This source is credible because it was written by a person who was present at the lawsuit, and it was published by a credible publisher.

This source is a memoir about the 1974 New York Times lawsuit, Boylan v. New York Times. This source was used to learn about the lawsuits that followed the Newsweek lawsuit, as well as gain more historical context. This source is credible because it is primary.

This source is a full copy of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This source was used for quotes and information on Title VII. This source is credible because it is primary and published by the government.
This source is an article that provides information on the women at The New York Times during the time of a lawsuit. This source was used for information on the 1974 New York Times lawsuit. This source is credible because it is primary, and it was published by a credible publisher.

Secondary Sources

This source is an article about the 1970 Newsweek lawsuit. The article mainly references the story in the lense of the 2016 show, “Good Girls Revolt,” however there are some useful quotes. This source is credible because it uses credible sources and it was published by a credible publisher, TIME.

This source is an article about the 1970 Newsweek lawsuit. It was used mostly for an interview with Abe Rosenthal, a man who was admittedly guilty of gender discrimination at the time. This source lends balance to our research as well. This source is credible because it contains primary sources (interviews), as well as strong supporting sources and a credible publisher.

This is an article about “The Good Girls Revolt” from back when it came out. We used this source for a brief rundown of the book before we read it. This source is credible because the publisher is credible, and the article is backed up by credible, primary sources.

This source was written about Lynn Povich’s book The Good Girls Revolt. This source was used to get a basic rundown of the events. This source is credible because it is backed up by credible sources, as well as being published by a credible publisher.
“Newswomen in Revolt | History Today.” Historytoday.Com, 2017, 
This source is an article on women in media suing for sex discrimination. This source 
provided background on how the process worked, as well as a behind the scenes of how 
people were reacting to the lawsuit. This source is credible because it is backed up by 
other credible sources.

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This source is an academic paper about gender in journalism and its history. This source 
was used to give us more context for the situation in which the lawsuit occurred. This 
source is credible because it was written by a professor at a prominent university 
(University of Maryland), as well as being published in a credible journal.

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impact women in media today. We also got photos from this source. This source provided 
a good frame of reference for the barriers that were broken by the lawsuit. This source is 
credible because it was published by a credible publisher, as well as backed by many 
credible sources.

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This source provided a more clearly linear sequence of events, and it was instrumental in 
the creation of our timeline. This source is credible because it is supported by a plethora 
or credible sources, as well as written by a credible author.

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Female Senior Editor.” Themuse.Com, The Muse, 27 July 2018, 
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because it was written by a credible author and backed by credible sources.