Propositions

attached to the thesis

Gender Inequality, Homophobia and Violence: the three pillars of patriarchal norms and attitudes and their relations

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PROPOSITIONS

- 1. THE MORE PEOPLE APPROVE OF GENDER EQUALITY IN A COUNTRY THE MORE PEACEFUL IT IS IN GENERAL. (THIS THESIS)
- 2. THE MORE PEOPLE THINK THAT (MALE) HOMOSEXUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE IN A COUNTRY THE LOWER THE GENERAL LEVELS OF VIOLENCE IN THAT COUNTRY. (*THIS THESIS*)
- 3. THE COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE LEAST ACCEPTING OF BOTH GENDER EQUALITY AND (MALE) HOMOSEXUALITY ARE THE COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST RISK OF EXPERIENCING ARMED CONFLICT ON THEIR OWN TERRITORY. (THIS THESIS)
- 4. THE COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE MOST ACCEPTING OF GENDER EQUALITY AND HOMOSEXUALITY ARE THE COUNTRIES THE LEAST LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE CONFLICT ON THEIR OWN TERRITORY AND THE MOST LIKELY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY ABROAD. (*THIS THESIS*)
- 5. When a person's attitudes to gender equality and homosexuality change to become less patriarchal and more egalitarian the same person's attitudes to different types of violence can also change and become less accepting. (*This thesis*)
- 6. GENDER EQUALITY IN THE HOME IS GOOD FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN: IT'S ASSOCIATED WITH LOW LEVELS OF DEPRESSION FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN; LOW RISK OF DYING OF HOMICIDE FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN AND LOW LEVELS OF SUICIDE FOR MEN AND LOW DIVORCE RATES.
- 7. LOW LEVELS OF INCOME INEQUALITY IN A SOCIETY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH LIFE EXPECTANCIES; HIGH LEVELS OF SOCIAL MOBILITY AND CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE; LOW LEVELS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION, TEENAGE BIRTHS, HOMICIDES AND IMPRISONMENT RATES.
- 8. PAID PATERNITY LEAVE IS CONSIDERED A "FAST TRACK" TO MORE MALE INVOLVEMENT IN CHILD CARE AND HOUSEHOLD CHORES.
- 9. COUNTRIES WITH HIGHER PROPORTIONS OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT ARE MORE LIKELY TO RATIFY ENVIRONMENTAL TREATIES THAN OTHER COUNTRIES.
- 10. GLOBALLY, POOR WOMEN ARE MORE AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE THAN MEN AS THEY ARE MORE DEPENDENT ON LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAN MEN FOR FOOD, LIVELIHOOD AND FUEL AND HAVE LESS MEANS AND POWER TO COPE WITH NATURAL DISASTERS AND WEATHER VARIATIONS.
- 11. LIFE IS GOOD WHEN ONE'S PHD IS FINISHED!