Lifting the Veil on Traditional White Weddings

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Abstract
The topic for my thesis is a critique of traditional American "white" weddings and the associated fairytale imagery using a materialist feminist approach. The idea for this topic came to fruition after a classroom discussion regarding a single patriarchal wedding custom sparked my interest in researching the ways in which weddings validate and reinforce traditions that symbolize women's secondary status in society. I wanted to explore each aspect of the mainstream American wedding- the traditional, "white" wedding. Upon delving into the scholarly research on the subject, it became apparent that only a few critical examinations of weddings existed and no single body of work combined all of the elements involved in the ideological creation of the traditional "white" wedding. After perusing through various primary and secondary resources, I started to recognize the complex interplay between history, popular culture, and capitalism and their combined role in perpetuating rituals of subordination obscured by notions of romance and fantasy.

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Need wedding ideas? Check out this lifting of the veil tradition and see more inspirational photos on TheKnot.com. Nauticus Marina Bride and Groom Photos. Cape Cod Trolley Reception Transportation. Traditional White Flower Girl Dresses. Framed Chalkboard Signs. Rustic Lavender Centerpieces. Lavender-Accented Table Linens. Homemade Limoncello Wedding Favors. Tented Waterfront Reception at Nauticus Marina. Lighthouse Wedding Party Photos. On TV, I've seen the father of the bride lift it so he can kiss her goodbye; some lift it and then put it back down and some put it all the way up. Something to think about if you are planning to have the wedding outside: the netting of the veil will protect the bride from any mosquitoes and other bugs flying around. I was very glad I kept mine down b/c everybody else was getting bit. Thinking about incorporating some traditional elements into your wedding, like the bouquet toss, white wedding dresses or being given away at the wedding? Read up about the true meanings behind some of the oldest and most traditional wedding customs. The Modern Bride's Guide To Traditional Wedding Customs. From tossed bouquets, to white veils. Oct 25, 2016 3:19am. Although, as time passes by, weddings are becoming more and more personalised and modern, there are still matrimonial traditions that we hang onto. But when it comes to your own big day, which traditions will you hold steady to, and which will you buck? We've sorted out sentimental from obsolete, and sweet from scary. “The bouquet toss”: 