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The Creation of Insecurities

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- Billboards
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The Insecurities

- Weight
- Body Shape
- Hair Type
- Acne

The Perfect Products to "fix" Insecurities

- Makeup
- Hair Products
- Waist Trainers
- Skincare
- Clothing
- Dieting Supplements

How does capitalism deliberately target women?

Capitalism is defined by a singular motive of profit production. But this profit comes with a price: the degradation of women, a degradation that sustains the profit, or "economic growth," that capitalism needs to survive.

How do we see this in our everyday lives?

- Ulta
- The company was founded by Richard E. George and the current CEO is David KImbell (both men)
- Searching the ulta website for women's vs men's makeup
- 5079 results for "women's makeup" and only two results for "men's makeup"
- Further driving the idea that these products are made and targeted towards women

When Insecurities Turn Into Profit

- Bloom Revenue (972.2 Million in 2021)
- Ulta Revenue (almost 9 Billion in 2022)





