Gender Dynamics in Fracktured Communities: An Overview of Impact on Women

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Literature on Hydraulic fracturing inside the social sciences

- Environmental Impact
- Social Impact
- Psychological Impact

Community dynamics: Housing, traffic, Crime

Fundamental changes in the socio-physical environment
Impact on Women

Fracking and the Good Wife

Changes in Feminine Routines

Work and Economic Opportunities

Gender Imbalance and Perceptions on Safety

Research Avenues

A Note on “Fracktivism”
Neoliberalism → Deregulation, absence of safety net, meritocracy, profit seeking
Fracking and the Good Wife

“Emphasized femininity”
(Filteau, 2016, p. 527)

“It provides good, family-sustaining jobs”
Industry representative (ibid)
...by providing a large percentage of jobs to men while subordinating women to part time underpaid jobs or housework,
... and altering local definitions of masculinity and power dynamics in which there is a marginalization of local men and women on the grounds of body structure and material consumption.
Women do it more than men

Motherhood as an initiate and a discursive element

Subversive acts

Digressing socially expected norms -- Fear of speaking

Political engagement

Being a “good mom” can make you a “bad mom”
Vilification

- Deviant
- Elitist
- “Job hater”
- Unpatriotic
- Gendered attacks

- Labeled
- Ignored
- Marginalized
Targeted studies aimed to understanding negotiations of motherhood in the light of community impact

Activism and gender would provide insights into the creation of sisterhoods

How communities seek to empower themselves in the light of opposition to hegemonic ideals of economic development and neoliberalism
Content analysis would provide a useful tool to look into news articles and the way in which activism is framed in terms of gender.

Immigrant workers and locals in host communities can shed light on their subaltern positions through intersectionality.

Women that work in the industry as well as women that lease their property.
You know when my fourteen year old daughter is locking herself in the house and calling my husband and saying, "there are a bunch of guys in the front yard and none of them speak English and they're putting flags all over the place" and she's freaking out I think that’s totally unacceptable. (Resident 12)
“I lost my girlfriend to a gas guy. You know, they’ve got all this money and all those muscles, and she left with him. Ha! Am I pissed about that? No, not really. I mean, it just is” (Filteau 2016:531)