

**WHAT THE
HELL AM I
MAKING?**

DMS 518 FINAL PROJECT

INITIAL CONCEPT

- **Source rape statistics from**
 - Buffalo, NY
 - New York State
 - United States
 - University at Buffalo
- **Compare statistics (use percentage by population)**
- **What I found:**

Statistics vary WIDELY by state and have grown year over year for decades. The problem is the lack of consistency between states and how they report rape stats. Some police departments are known for “unfounding” reports to keep their numbers low.

SECOND CONCEPT

- Scrape Twitter feed about rape and sexual assault
- What I found:
 - #rape and #sexual assault are used to tag porn sites to drive traffic (while this was not surprising it was disturbing)
 - I had to include #rapeculture to get any of the type of feed I was actually looking for

POSSIBLE WAYS TO USE TWITTER FEED

- **Querying the database every 15 minutes would allow for a digital ticker tape of rape tweets**
- **Tweets could be fed into animation program and read by digital voice to create short film**
- **Both of these ideas seemed boring and redundant – another example of what most people already know**
- **Neither of these ideas seemed to solve any problems or provide any solutions**

WHY?

At this point I began questioning WHY AM I DOING THIS and WHAT AM I TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?

Answers included:

- demonstrate prevalence of sexist attitudes
- defend the continued need for feminism
- call out sexism and online trolling
- demonstrate prevalence of sexual violence against women
 - ONLINE
 - IN REAL LIFE

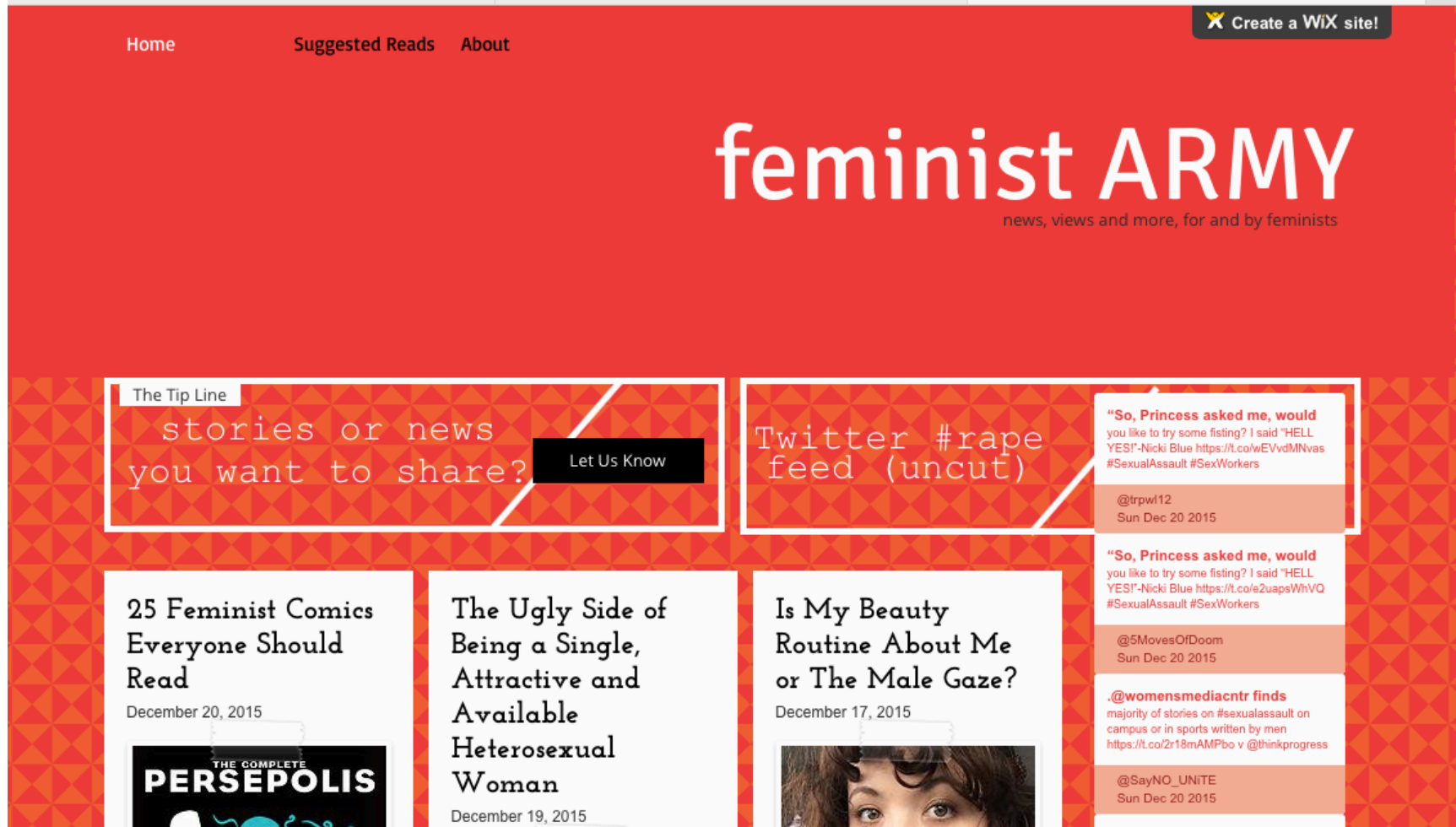
WHAT I DECIDED TO DO

There are many, many websites and blogs dedicated to feminism and the fight for equal rights.

I decided to create a repository for people to be able to share their stories and find information relevant to the way patriarchy works “quietly” within our society

<http://skylarborgstrom4.wix.com/feministarmy>

THE CURRENT SITE



WHAT IS NEXT

While I read a huge number of feminist blogs I cannot read them all, or know of them all

I would like to find a way to automatically scrape the web to feed me content which I could then choose to include or exclude from the site

I also want to create an installation work based on the twitter feed but have not been able to wrap my head around what would spur people into action as opposed to simple pity