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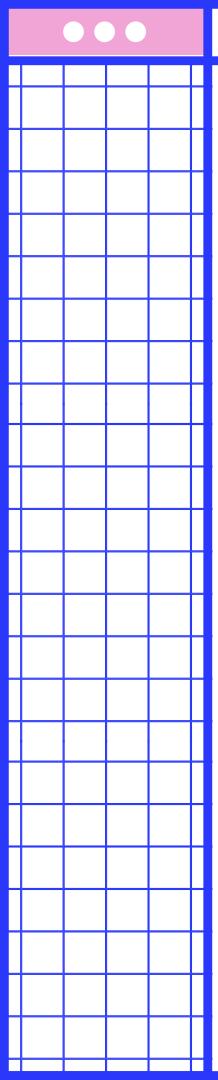
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# SHIPPING, SÆLF & SÆXUALITY

Queer Identity in the World of

Fanfiction

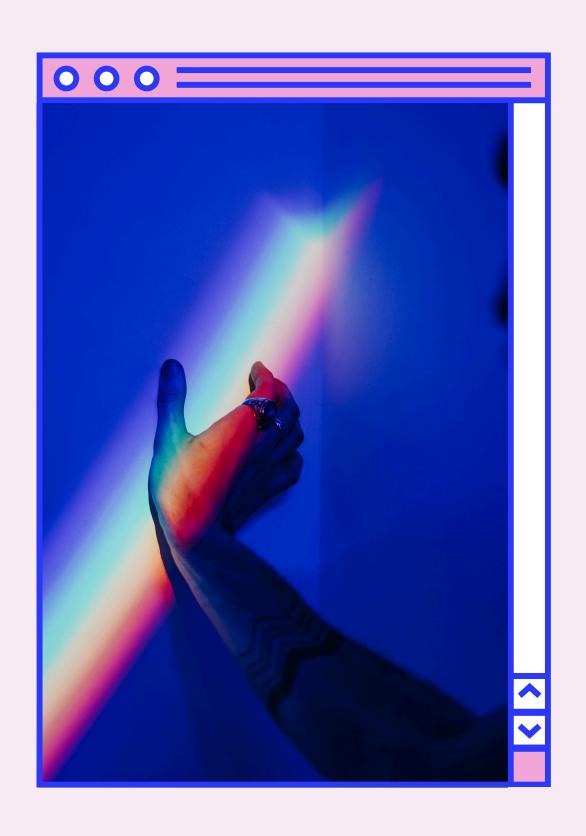


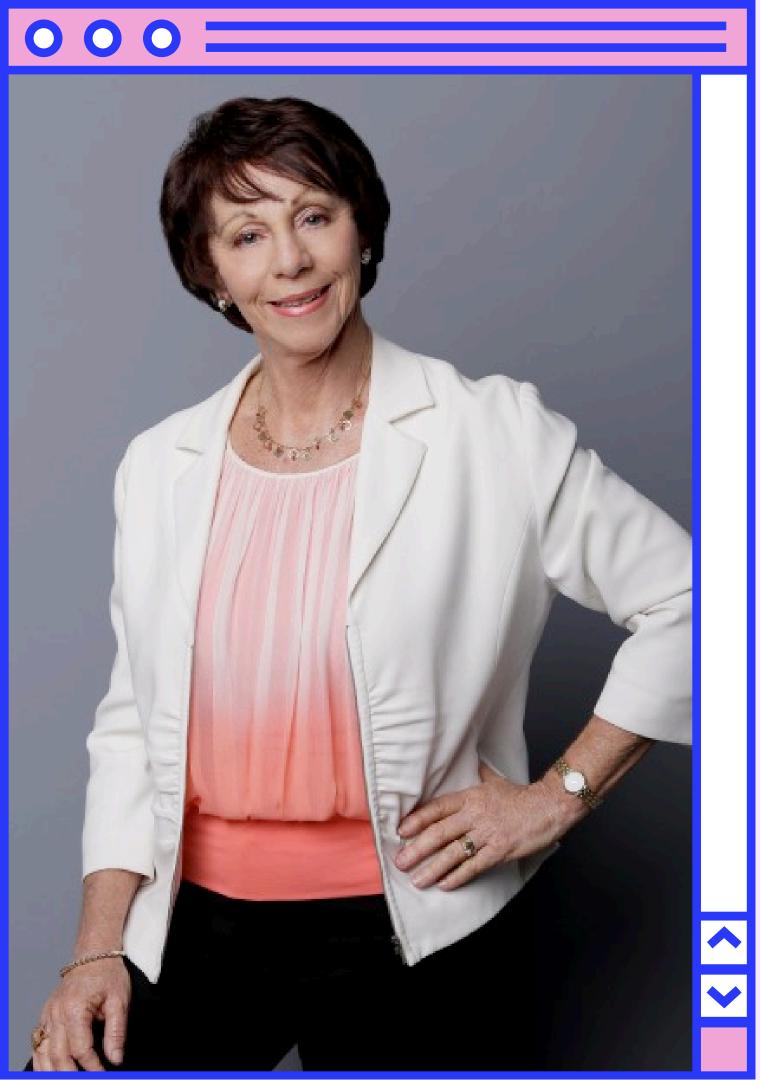
## OVERVIEW

- Introduction
- Research Questions
- Theory
- Methods
- Results
- Further Research
- Conclusion

#### RESEARCH QUESTIONS

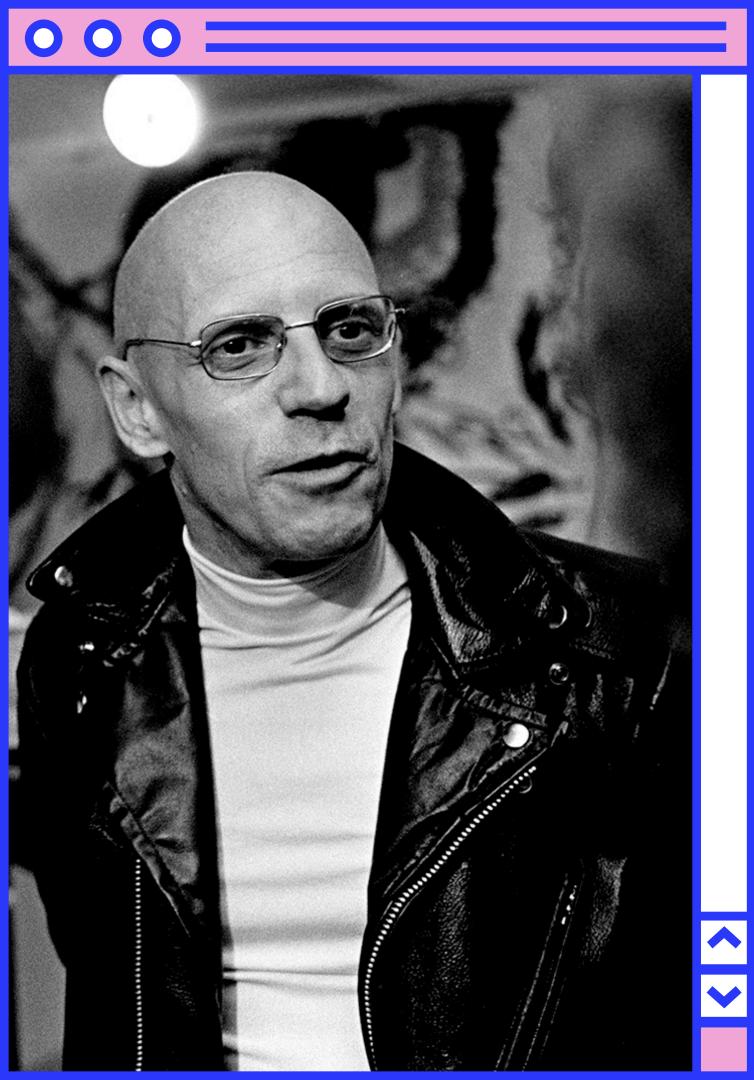
- 1. What is the relationship between fanfiction, queer identity formation, and queer self-advocacy/activism?
- 2. To what extent does fanfiction shape the fans' queer identity?
- 3. How might their queer identity inform the kind of fanfiction that they engage with?





## THEORIES OF QUEER IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT

- Linear models
  - Cass's Identity Model
  - Fassinger's Model of Gay and Lesbian
     Identity Development
- Nonlinear models
  - D'Augelli's Model of Identity
     Development & Sexual Orientation
  - Klein Sexual Orientation Grid (KSOG)

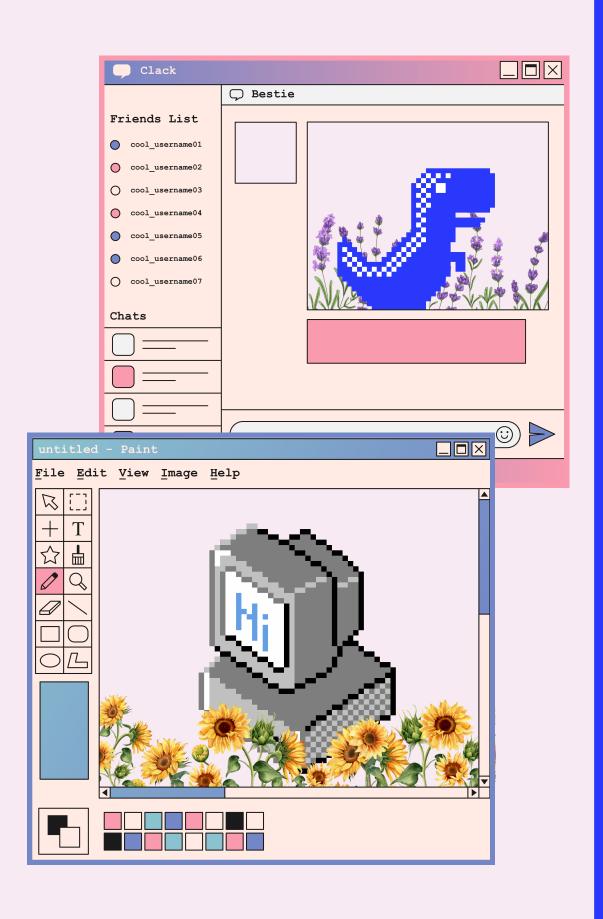


#### FOUCAULDIAN THEORIES

- Human sexuality
  - "The History of Sexuality"
  - Socially determined, not intrinsic or innate
- Discourse theory
  - ∘ Knowledge, power & language

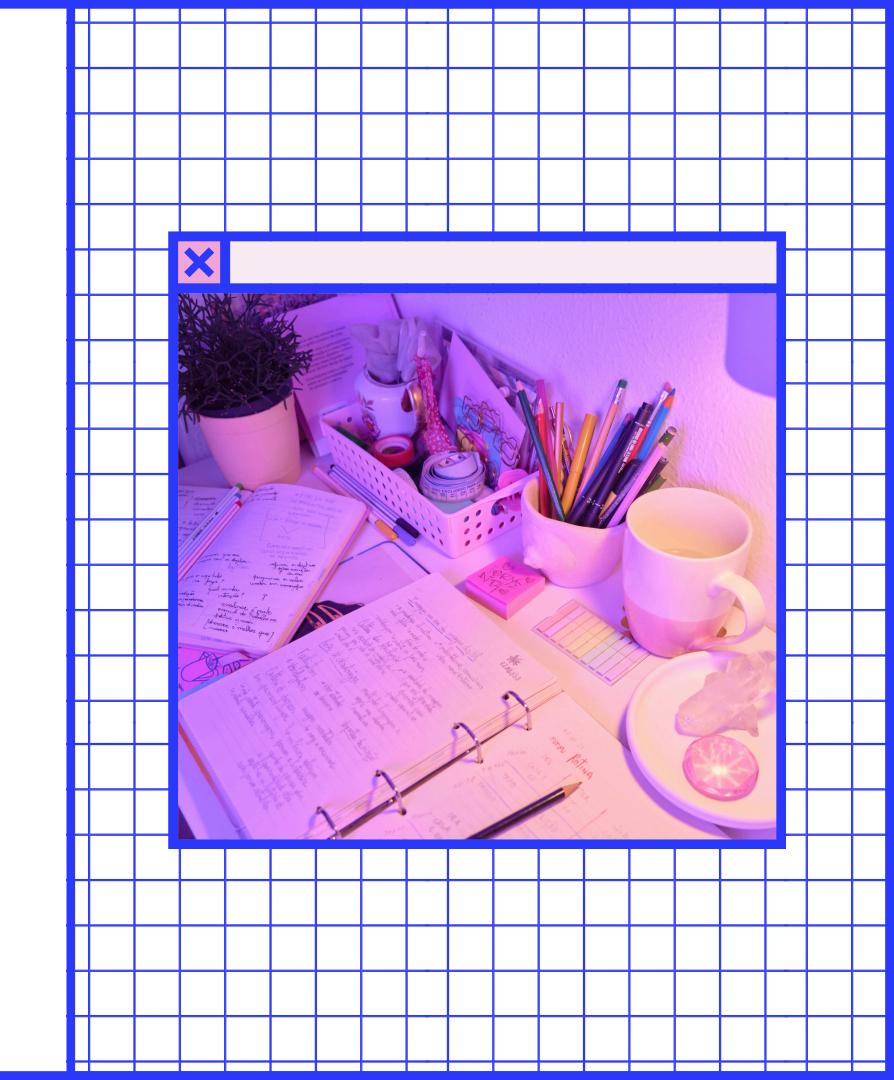
#### METHODS

- Method of data collection
- Recruitment & sample selection
- Interview process
- Interview analysis
- Limitations of research methods



#### RESULTS

- Presentation of Findings
  - Fandom background/origins
  - Queer identity formation
  - Queer self-advocacy & activism
- Description of Findings
  - Existing research
  - Application of theories



### FURTHER RESEARCH

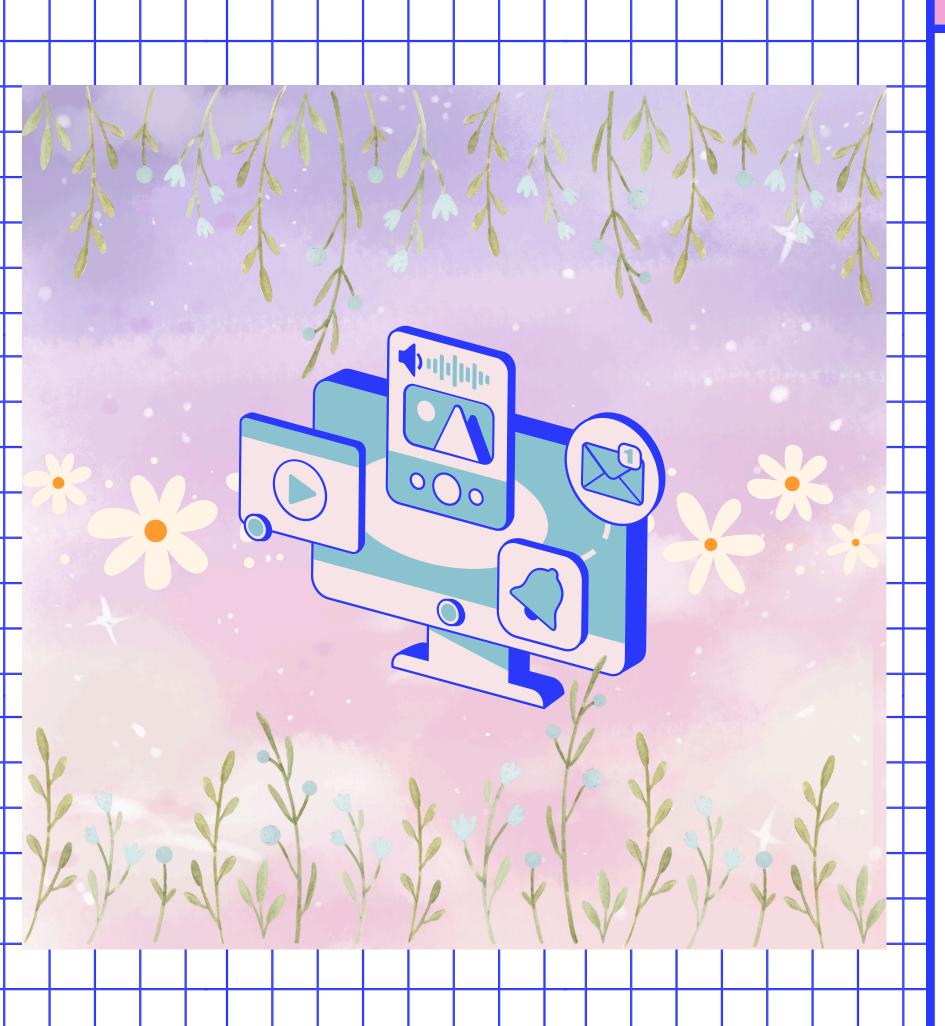






- Sample size
- Methodology
  - Surveys
  - Interviews
- Larger dataset





#### CONCLUSION

- Methods
- Data analysis
- Major findings
- Limitations
- Community

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