



WORKSHOP NOTES

visualizing systems workshop

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Participants of the workshop were asked to select a topic to explore as a system using the SystemViz visual vocabulary. The following two days featured a general strike by the female labor force of Mexico and a Women's Day march. Thus, the group opted to look at a few of the system aspects at play. Constraints of time did not permit an exhaustive exploration of the topic. Normally a full system mapping would take place over several days instead of a few hours. Thus, these notes only scratch the surface of the topic. Nonetheless, several interesting ideas were raised with the help of the visual vocabulary and the Mangrove Model of culture mapping. It is hoped that this document provides a glimpse into how those tools can be used to guide dialogue.

These rough notes are intended to be a record of the workshop for the benefit of participants. For more information about the SystemViz project and the visual vocabulary, please visit www.systemviz.com.

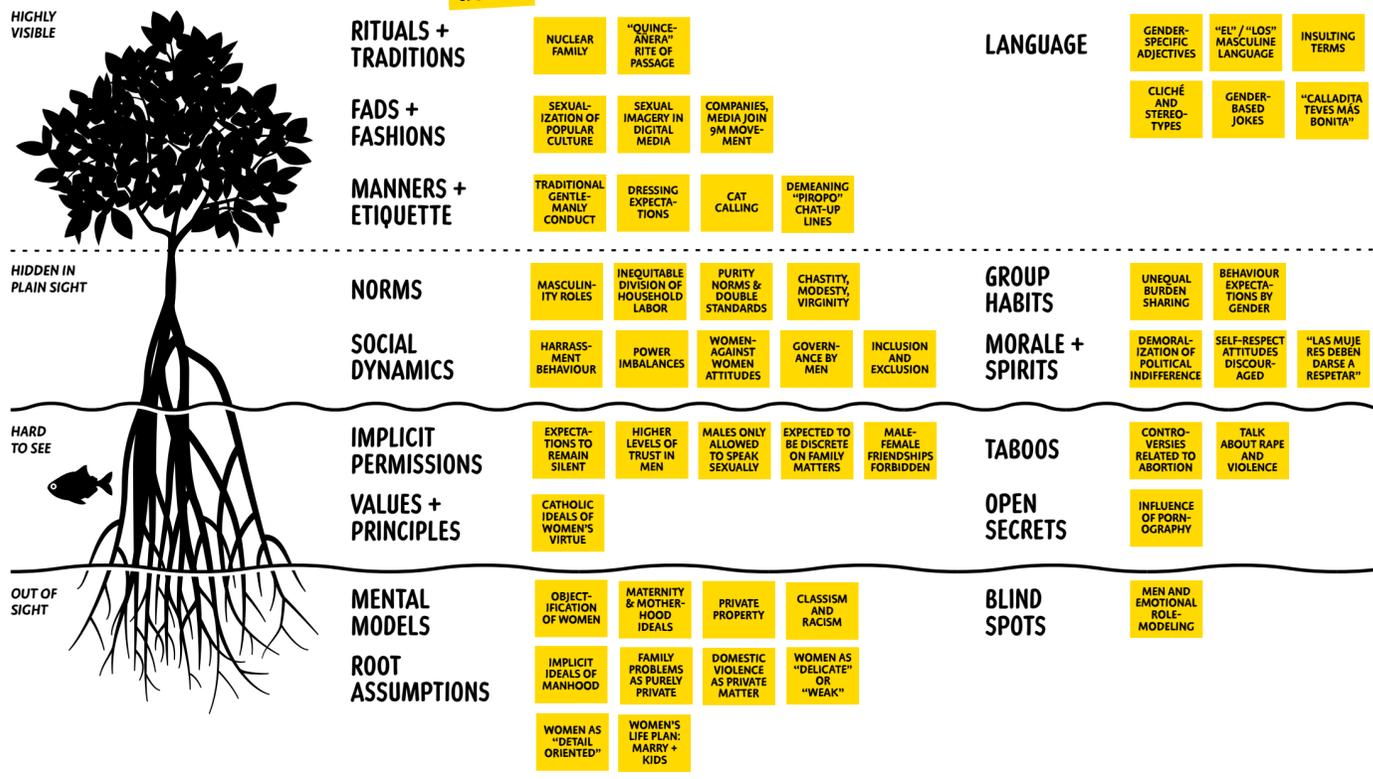
PART 01

Belief systems and learned behaviours are an important part of any social system. Many undesirable aspects of the status quo are also embedded in culture. Thus, it is worth exploring the specifics of culture first.

PART 03

Violence towards women happens within several domains of the larger social system. Identifying a few of these domains and exploring their implications reveals some system dynamics worth considering as intervention points.

CULTURE MAP: MANGROVE MODEL



PART 02

There are specific mechanisms that link underlying culture into other parts of the social system. Chief among these are ...

