



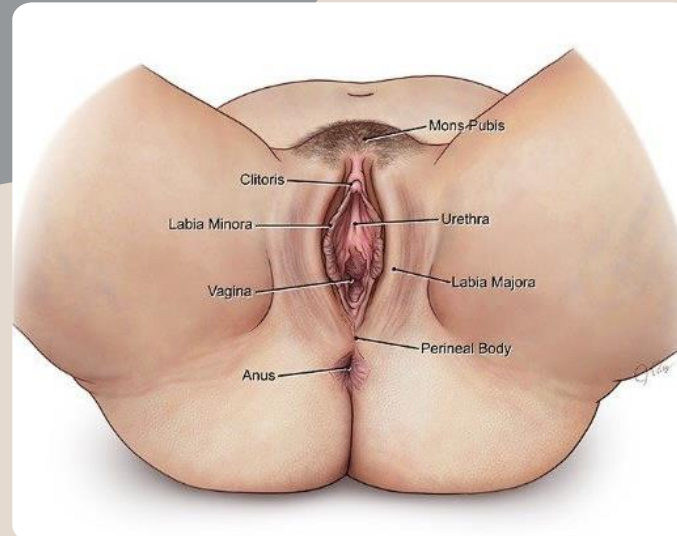
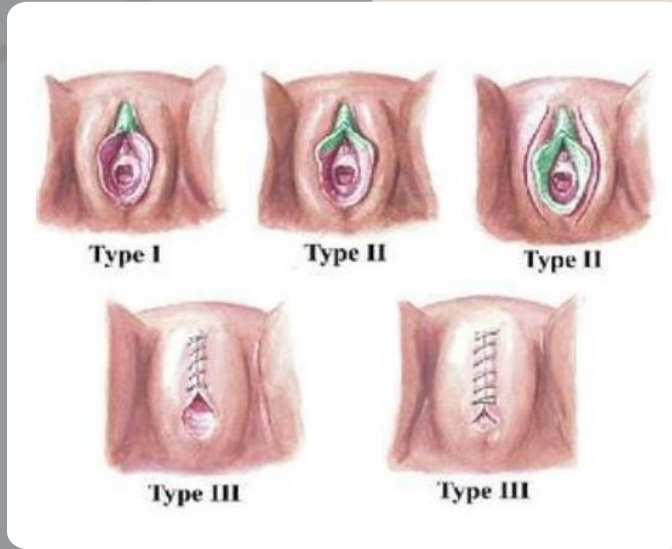
# Health Education and Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C)

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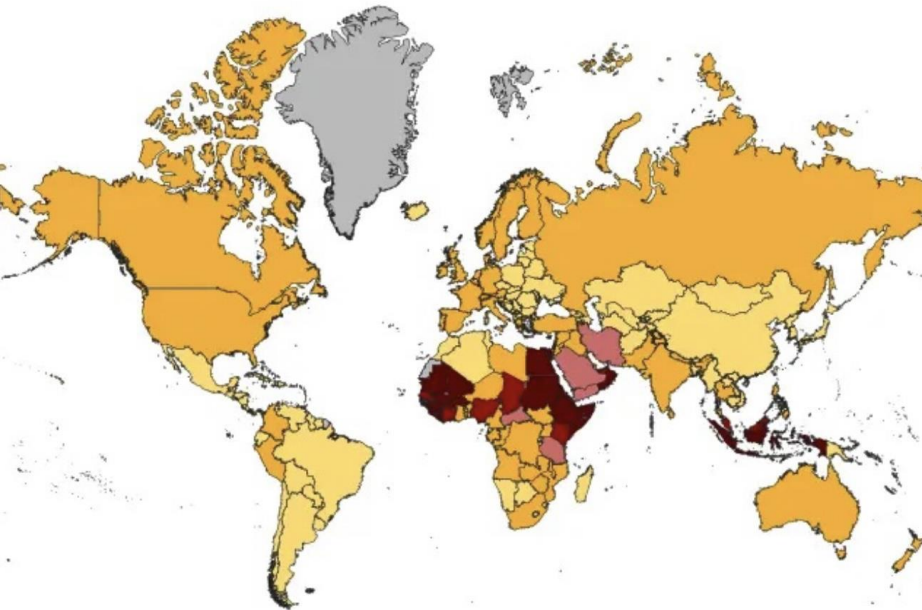
- Trigger warning (TW): Graphic descriptions of FGM, medical illustrations, gendered language, eating disorders
- Next slide TW: medical illustrations

# Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- TYPE 1 – CLITORAL GLANS (EXTERNAL/VISIBLE CLITORIS)
- TYPE 2 – CLITORAL GLANS, LABIA MINORA, AND OFTEN LABIA MAJORA
- TYPE 3 – INFIBULATION; NARROWING OF THE VAGINAL OPENING THROUGH SEWING, WITHOUT OR WITHOUT TYPE 2
- 200 MILLION WOMEN ALIVE TODAY
- \$1.2 BILLION USD IN TREATMENT



Prevalence of Female Genital Cutting



- Essentially never
- Rare, limited to ethnic minority enclaves or within migrant communities where FGM is common (<11%)
- 11-25% have had their genitals cut
- 26-50% have had their genitals cut
- More than half of women have had their genitals cut
- No data

This scale includes both mild and severe forms of cutting.

# successful health education programs

- Condom use in Nicaragua as HIV prevention
- Ebola infection rates in Sudan

Table 2. Data from the 1976 outbreak of Ebola in Sudan.

	July	August	September	October	November
<b>Cumulative Cases</b>	8	38	176	260	280
<b>Cumulative Recovered</b>	4	17	90	121	133
<b>Cumulative Deaths</b>	4	21	86	139	147
<b>New Cases</b>	8	30	138	84	20
<b>New Recovered</b>	4	13	73	31	12
<b>New Deaths</b>	4	17	65	53	8
<b>% infections that occurred in the community</b>			<b>% infections that occurred in the hospital</b>		
38.5%			61.5%		

Table 3. Data from the 1979 outbreak of Ebola in Sudan.

	End July & August	September	October
<b>Cumulative Cases</b>	16	33	34
<b>Cumulative Recovered</b>	2	11	12
<b>Cumulative Deaths</b>	13	20	22
<b>New Cases</b>	16	17	1
<b>New Recovered</b>	2	9	1
<b>New Deaths</b>	13	7	2
<b>% infections that occurred in the community</b>			<b>% infections that occurred in the hospital</b>
85%			15%



# CRAZY LIKE US

★  
The **GLOBALISATION**  
of the **AMERICAN PSYCHE**

★  
**ETHAN WATTERS**

*'Crazy Like Us is both groundbreaking and shocking... Whether Watters' book will be sand in the engines of the bulldozers remains to be seen. At least it proves the West, despite its best intentions, does not possess all the answers.'*

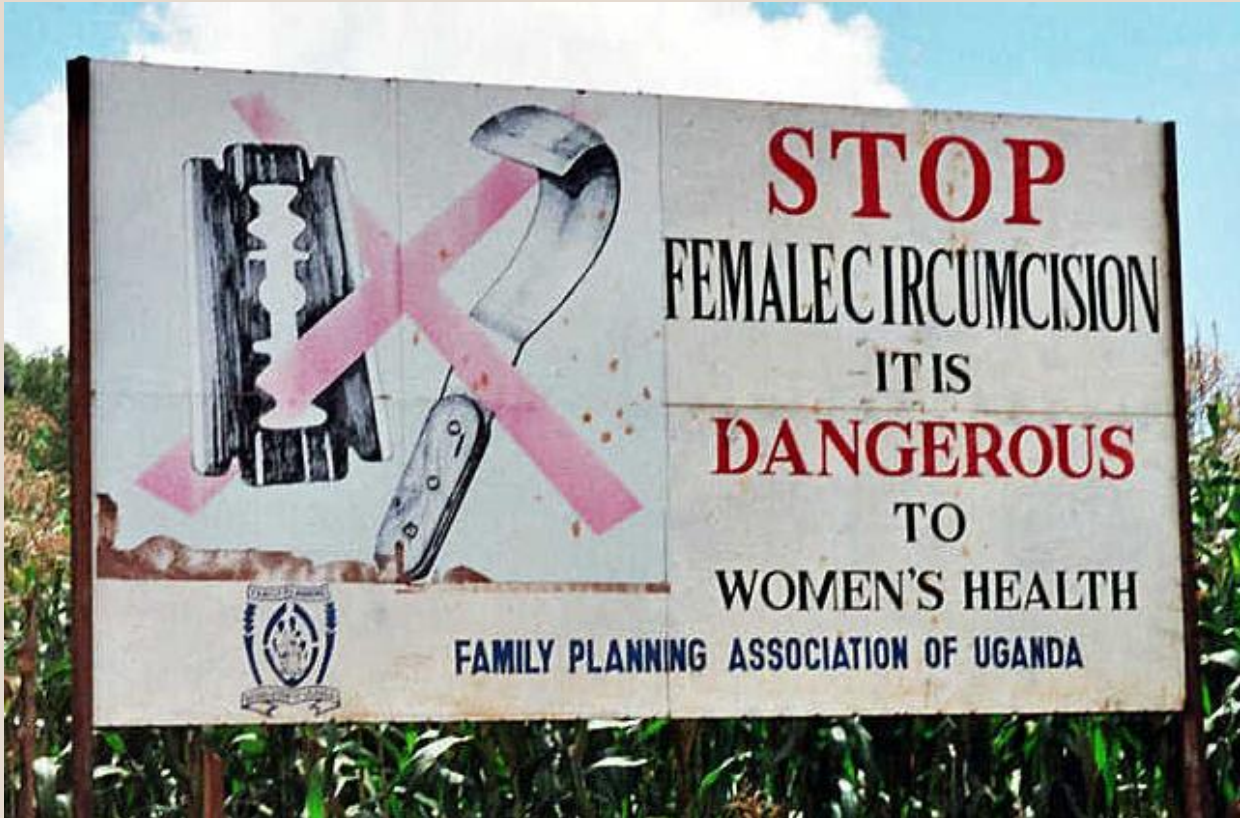
**The Boston Globe**

## unsuccessful health education programs

- Death of Charlene Hsu Chi-Ying in Hong Kong, China in 1994
- Introduction of anorexia nervosa to the Eastern hemisphere



# history of health education programs and FGM



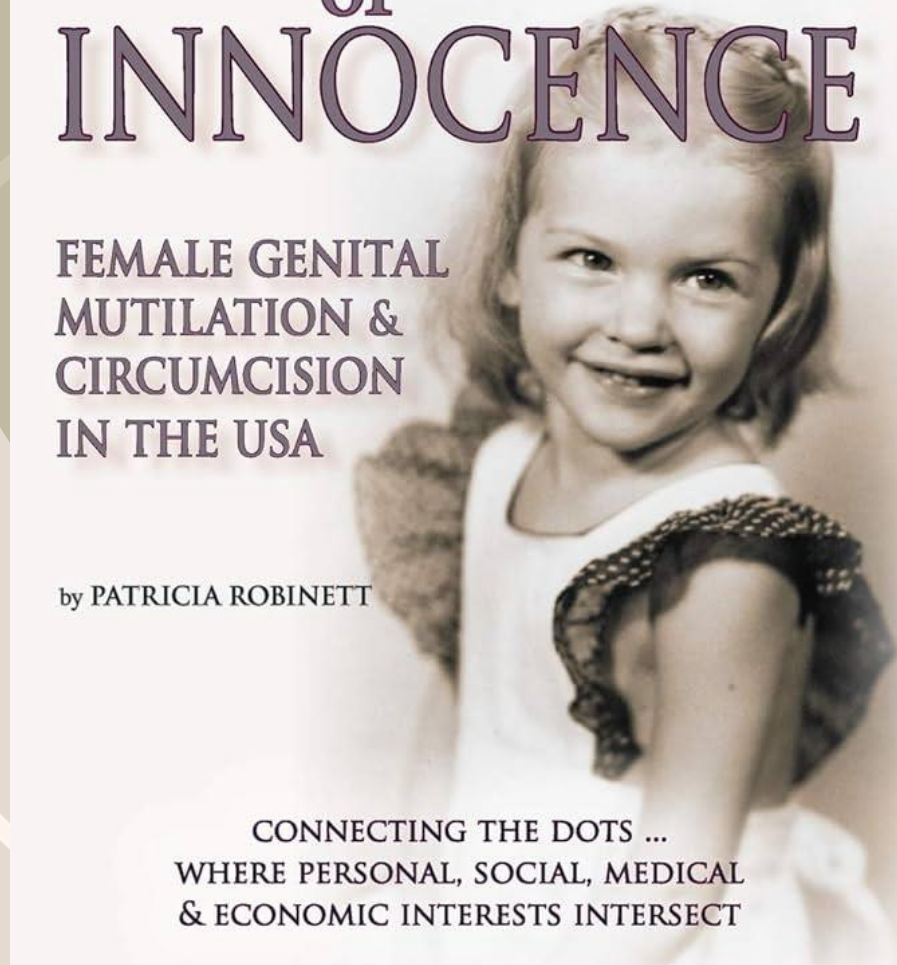
WHAT'S DONE TO CHILDREN, THEY WILL DO TO SOCIETY  
*Karl Menninger*

## THE RAPE of INNOCENCE

FEMALE GENITAL  
MUTILATION &  
CIRCUMCISION  
IN THE USA

by PATRICIA ROBINETT

CONNECTING THE DOTS ...  
WHERE PERSONAL, SOCIAL, MEDICAL  
& ECONOMIC INTERESTS INTERSECT



# effective delivery techniques

- Contextualizing FGM
- Working with community members
- Avoiding victimizing, patronizing, sensationalizing
- Health communication/literacy
- Education access for girls!



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