Protective Paternalism (PP)

- One component of Benevolent Sexism, Glick & Fiske (1996). The belief that men should protect and provide for the women on whom they depend
- It contributes to controlling women by offering them the deal to conform to a traditional, subordinate role in order to be protected and cherished
- A subjectively affectionate attitude but nevertheless a condescending discrimination that reinforces women’s low status
- Detrimental to women at various levels and often undetected as sexism (Dardenne et al., 2007; Dumont et al., in press)

- A romantic and intimate context makes paternalistic restriction appear more as sexism than a professional context (Moya et al., 2007)
- Women, at least some of them and in specific context, tend to accept PP BUT ACCEPTING PP IS NOT THE SAME AS PRESCRIBING PP...
  - To prescribe is to specify how group members SHOULD be and OUGHT to act (Gill, 2004)

!!! We examined if PP would be PRESCRIBED to men more in a romantic context than in a professional context !!!