

Sir John Barrymore once humorously remarked on the subject of frustration when he pointed out: "There comes a time in the lives of all men when no amount of frustration will suffice and we stop for a moment of silence like the deaf mute who has just struck his thumb with a hammer. " This poor deaf-mute is frustrated being denied an effective vent for frustration. In many ways, Mr. Barrymore exemplifies the frustration posed by the mini-skirt in modern times.

Much of this frustration stems from the logic of our times. For instance, Rousseau's logic was that man is a natural creature and in nature he can most creatively fulfill himself. Flower supporters, youth in general and other aesthetic elements of our society in many ways advance this philosophy of naturalism - of doffing themselves of restricting accoutrements. The mini, by encouraging the natural, advances this philosophy of the return to the natural.

Modern society is also saturated with Freudian concepts - Freudian slips and Freudian head-shrinkers especially with reference to his principles of aggression: Freud maintains that man has three ways of venting his inherent aggression: 1) through aesthetics, 2) through the libido 3) through violence. The return of the mini-skirt then which is a delightful combination, or so a local chapter of the mini-watchers maintain, of the aesthetic and libidinal. According to Freud then, any time one of these three elements is utilized, it decreases the need for the others, therefore the mini would reduce the need for violence.

On the other hand, minis are frowned on by American society at least covertly if not overtly. A poll taken by another local girl-watcher's society

asked those adjudged to be aesthetically fit for a mini, whether they wore one or not and a good many of them reported they did not because of such social mores.

We're faced with a frustrating dilemma then of a mini-which represents a delightful return to the natural and according to Rosseau the creative way of life and unsuited social mores. The end result being a mitigation of the many Freudian benefits which could be achieved from a mini. But instead of throwing the mini out with the girl an examination of other alternatives might be desirable. Or as J. W. Walsh would say let's stand highly resolved that 'all mini-skirts should be gray!' The plan would be quite simple: An executive order shall be issued so that all the die lots in mini-factories shall be replaced with gray coloring and henceforth only gray minis will be manufactured. The logic is quite simple. Being a neutral color, gray would eliminate the stimulating side effects which society frowns upon. For instance, a study was conducted in a typing class. When the walls were painted chartreuse significantly faster typing was noted than when the walls were grey. We can now have the naturalness which a mini provides and a placated society or in other words we can have our mini and wear it too. The plan would also yield the following advantages.

1) Add ammunition to the war on crime. For example, Sweden an exceedingly peaceful country encourages the aesthetics and are known for liberal sexual mores. At the same time, her crime rate is far lower than many Western nations. Minis by encouraging universal increase in aesthetics would help reduce the crime rate. Or as many presidential commissions and other studies on crime have pointed out: Keep em busy and they stay off the streets.

2) It would reduce the number of siezed tuna boats. With an increase in peace at home would correspond a decrease in international tensions. Many philosophers argue that as peace increases in the world, man will eventually be able to settle his quarrels with chess games.

3) Concurrently encourage the happiness of Lady Bird and Nixon (President)  
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This could be done by alleviating inflation. Using the principles of mass production, using only one gray die-lot would save more money - a volkswagon mini - The less money spent, the less money is in the economy, the less inflation we have or so follow economist's arguments. The surcharge might even be able to be eliminated by 1980. Or to quote President's advisors: "We don't want to commit ourselves, we should keep all options available but we are studying the study of gray minis. Lady Bird would be pleased with her Beautification program not ending with her exit from the White House. Now that social mores will be eliminated concerning the wearing of minis, universal mini-skirt wearing will be encouraged. - an added impetus to the pound shedding industry.

The dilemma has been resolved. Not only can we now follow Rosseauian and Freudian principles with a return to naturalness, but we achieve three significant benefits. We can have our mini and wear it too.

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