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I was blowing off some steam at Sporcle when this trivia game was pushed on me, naming the women who have been on the cover of TIME. Just so you know, I got all but Yousafzai. Never heard of her. But it struck me how strange that selection is otherwise. I know I will be called a misogynist, but I am past caring. The truth is the truth, and the truth is that list is very conspicuously unimpressive. This isn't *People* magazine or the *National Inquirer*, this is TIME, so you would expect only the best women to make the cover. But we can dismiss most of them by category. We can mark off eight of them as famous through their husbands or fathers, which doesn't score any points for feminism. First ladies, like vice presidents, are famous nobodies, whose fame depends entirely on promotion. If they hadn't married X, you would have never heard of them. [I have outed Earhart as a fraud](#), so we can mark her off. If we then mark off everyone coming out of the entertainment industry as being from another airy and promoted category, we are left with only Woolf, Ginsburg, and Thatcher. I think we can dismiss 17-year-old Nobel Prize winner Yousafzai in the entertainment category, since she is a completely manufactured person. No one has done enough serious work at age 17 to merit a Nobel Prize. I could probably mark Thatcher off through her husband Satan, but I won't, because I am completely serious here. I want to mark her off just for being her.

I guess you notice something else: my narrowed list includes only one woman from the US. So you see

they had to trawl widely for names here. They could have included Sandra Day O'Connor, and probably should have since at least she was a first. Not that she or Ginsburg actually did anything notable on the Supreme Court, other than stall all progress, but they did that no more than the men sitting next to them. All just more bricks.

Indira Gandhi was one of the worst non-British things to ever happen to India, though she did continue the sell-out, making sure the country remained firmly in the pockets of the very rich. So I am not sure what there is to celebrate there for women. Or men. Or anyone else.

Like everyone else famous in the US, Hillary has been busy tarnishing her already dull legacy since 2020, so I don't even really need to comment. What did she ever accomplish? Nobody knows. Senators don't do anything but rubberstamp military and spy budgets and grovel before the federal reserve. The Secretary of State is likewise a puppet of higher powers, and Hillary never did anything but give speeches, strut and grimace. Did she actually win an election for Senate? Yeah, carpetbagging in New York, where she had never lived, so that was arranged. Giuliani dropped out so she could run basically unopposed, facing only the young and underfunded Rick Lazio.

Kahlo also got famous through her husband Diego Rivera, but she did at least produce some interesting art. I don't deny it. She created some real product and its fame isn't all due to promotion. However, she is way over-promoted thanks to her connections and her gender. She was not a major historical artist, but then again, who was in her time? I was going to compare her to some great male artist of the 1930s-40s, and drew a blank. Art had already been destroyed by that time, so it is hard to put her in any context. As Baudrillard would say, all context had already been destroyed as well.



I would replace Kahlo with Cecilia Beaux, who painted that charming little portrait you probably haven't seen, even if you know of her. Although it is an unfinished sketch, it is a gem. The greatest artists of the 20th century were probably Rodin, Sorolla, Sargent and Repin, but they were gone by

1917, 1923, 1925, and 1930. They have been lost in the noisy and false promotion of Modernism.

Which just leaves us with Woolf. I guess we can now see why she made the [UK shortlist](#) that was recently [won by Turing](#). He was allegedly voted the most important person of the 20th century. David Bowie and Muhammad Ali were also on the short list, just so you know. So the male list isn't much better than what we see above. In that BBC contest, Woolf was nominated because “she modernized writing despite mental illness”. Wow, high praise indeed. Notice that no great work is mentioned, since there isn't one. As I have shown over the past three decades, “modernizing” things should be considered a crime, not an achievement, since it just means they were destroyed on purpose. Only someone mentally ill would ever conceive of modernizing anything. Modernizing anything is strictly equivalent to turning a rainforest into a desert. As modernist T. S. Eliot admitted in his *Wasteland* of 1922.

How did Woolf modernize writing? Supposedly by beating James Augustine [Aloysius](#) Joyce to the punch by a few months in popularizing “stream of consciousness”. Which means? Well, see “The Mark on the Wall”, which precedes Joyce's *Ulysses* by one year. She is not nearly as bad as Joyce, but this story set the mark for a rambling, formless, ruleless and lawless laziness in composition that possibly peaked with *Finnegan's Wake* but which infected the entire 20th century, turning it to crud. Joyce's extra testosterone gave him the boldness to break literature in ways Woolf never dreamed of, jettisoning punctuation, capital letters, telling you who is speaking, and basically everything else. If you loved 52-card-pickup as a kid, you will love Joyce. Otherwise, not so much:

a quarter after what an unearthly hour I suppose theyre just getting up in China now combing out their pigtails for the day well soon have the nuns ringing the angelus theyve nobody coming in to spoil their sleep except an odd priest or two for his night office the alarmclock next door at cockshout clattering the brains out of itself let me see if I can doze off 1 2 3 4 5 what kind of flowers are those they invented like the stars the wallpaper in Lombard street was much nicer the apron he gave me was like that something only I only wore it twice better lower this lamp and try again so that I can get up early

If you hate Toni Morrison, you can blame Joyce and Woolf. She was never doing anything but poorly channeling Joyce and Faulkner.

But my point is, if you are going to nominate someone for having mental problems and modernizing writing, Joyce has Woolf beat all to heck. Which means Woolf was just filling a quota at the BBC.

By the way, *Ulysses* is divided into 18 episodes. Any questions? Major locations in the “novel” include the house of Leopold Bloom and the brothel of Bella Cohen. We also have the Goulding family, Bantam Lyons, Mina Kennedy, Father Conmee (Connene), Punch Costello, and Zoe Higgins. So Joyce should have based this on the *Kabalah* instead of the *Odyssey*.

Returning to that atrocious BBC poll, we find Ernest Shackleton winning his category of explorers over Neil Armstrong, Jane Goodall, and Gertrude Bell. Gertrude who? Armstrong was a fraud, so that whole category is a pass. I tend to think I like Goodall, though I haven't researched her yet. But I don't get the feeling she was one of the greatest people of the 20th century. She preferred to hang out with chimps instead of humans, which makes sense to me. Good for her. She was chosen as an assistant by Leakey based on her looks, which is no mark against her, but isn't exactly a mark for her. Being a rich girl with nice hair isn't exactly a scientific qualification. She seems like a sweet lady doing as much as she can for animals, which puts her way ahead of the rest of these people, but as a scientist Leakey should make any shortlist before Goodall. Like Mead below, Leakey is now (justly) out of favor, in

this case for his ties to British Intelligence and his work against the natives (MauMau) in Kenya, but even that doesn't negate all the work he and his family did in the field.

The BBC, like Sporcle, is looking so hard for women to promote, but I was surprised they ignored Margaret Mead. As a RAND employee and Jewish woman from a family brought up by the Wharton School of Economics (in other words, a spook), you would expect to see her on these lists. You still see her on postage stamps and so on. One problem: all her research has since found to be made up, and her ghost has basically been thrown out of the field of anthropology for just manufacturing whatever findings suited her.

But returning to the explorer heat at BBC, we have to wonder why Shackleton instead of Amundsen, who actually made it to the South Pole and also the North Pole. No one knows. Maybe the BBC couldn't remember how to spell Amundsen. Maybe they forget Norway exists again.

In the scientist heat, Turing beat out Einstein, Curie, and Tu Youyou. Whowho? Was she related to Ego Meme? At any rate, Tu didn't discover anything, she just dredged up some ancient Chinese herbal medicines from Ge Hong in the year 340, and they admit that. Wormwood for malaria. If you promote herbal medicines in the US, you get sued by the FDA, but if you are an old Chinese woman and they are looking for a woman to give the Nobel prize to, you get tapped.

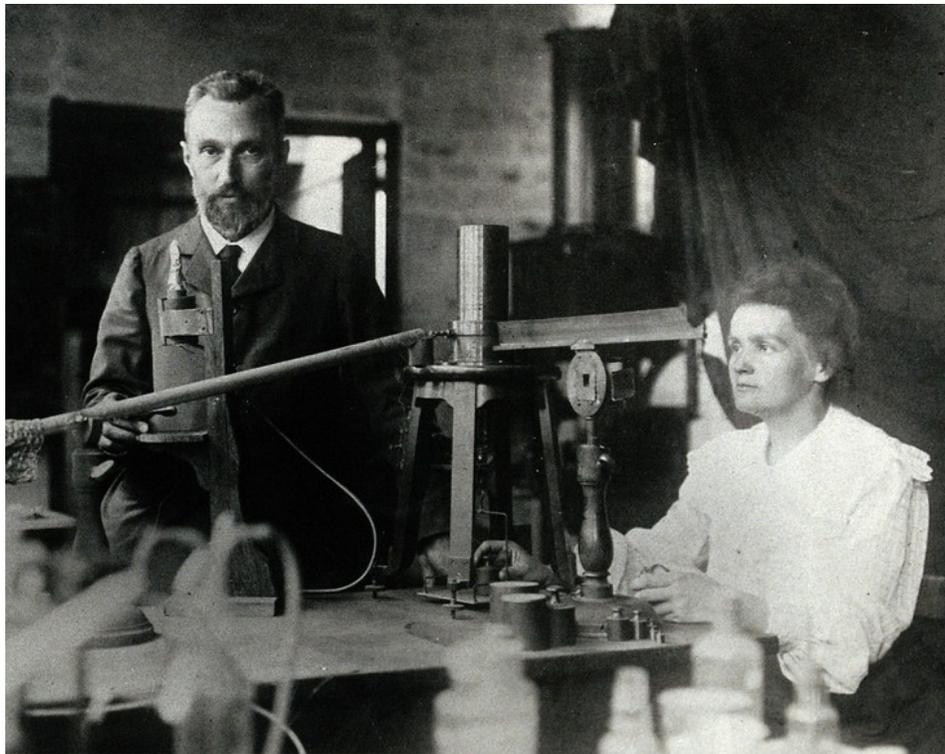
Since Marie Curie's major findings were in the 1890s, she shouldn't even be on this list. The biggest things she did in the 1900s was collect Nobel Prizes. A lot of people think the Curies discovered radioactivity, but they didn't. Rontgen, Silvanus Thompson and Becquerel did. Nonetheless, if you do a Bing search on that, Becquerel comes up as the answer, but the entire sidebar is devoted to promoting Marie Curie. You are linked twice to her Wiki page, but not once to Becquerel's Wiki page.

The Curies were also beaten by Schmidt in the discovery that thorium was also radioactive. The 1903 Nobel Committee at first awarded the prize to Becquerel and Pierre Curie, but Magnus Mittag-Leffler intervened, and Marie was added to the prize. Do we know who was the leader between Pierre and Marie? Not from the normal mainstream glosses, but we can guess. Due to huge amounts of promotion, we are supposed to believe Marie was the brains, but we have no real indication of that. I may hit that in greater depth later. For now you may find it curious that Pierre Curie has been wiped from history in order to promote his wife. If I had ever thought of working with a female collaborator, the Curie precedent would cure me of that idea. When Pierre got run over by a car in 1906, they might as well have erased his name from the 1903 Nobel Prize. But it might be worth reminding you that Pierre was making major discoveries before Marie even entered the picture. He and his brother discovered piezoelectricity in 1880, fourteen years before he began working with Marie. A major finding. He perfected the torsion balance when still a youth. He discovered Curie's Law concerning paramagnetism, and also the Curie temperature. Yes, that is named for Pierre, not Marie. All of their work, including work Marie did later, was dependent on the piezoelectrometer Pierre and Jacques invented years earlier. Pierre was eight years older and at first hired Marie only as his assistant. So I think we know who the leader was.

Oh my! It get's worse, so maybe I won't have to hit this later. I can hit it now.



The picture they have posted of Pierre and Marie in the lab at Wikipedia looked suspicious, so I did a quick search for other pictures of them together. That one above is far worse, since it is an obvious paste. Why would they be pasting them together? Here is the one at Wiki:



Why does she look like a ghost? And what is she staring at? She looks ghostly because she was pasted in there analog, and her part has aged more poorly than the rest. She has faded while he hasn't.



That's the other one at Wikipedia. Also a paste. Compare her face there to the face in the first photo, two up. Long face, short face. This last photo is compressed vertically, making her face too short. Proving the fake.



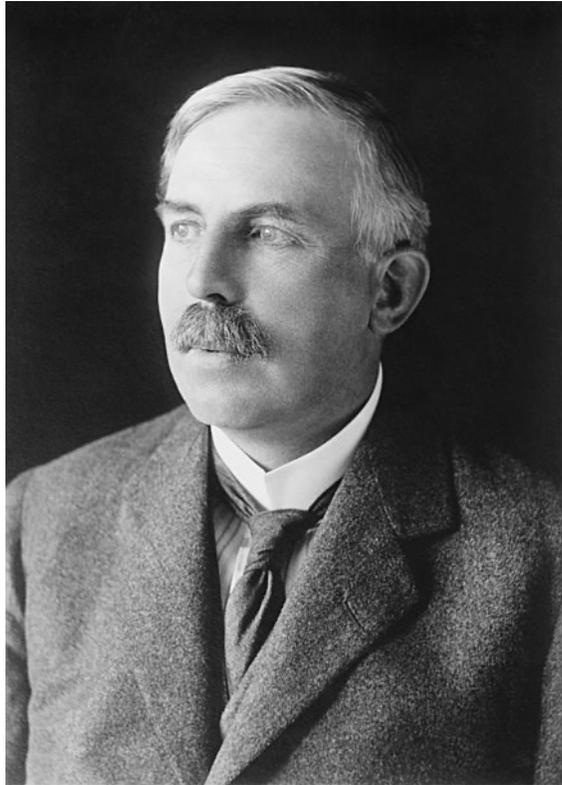
Also a paste. Easiest place to see it? Look how the book rests on the table. Awful.



And another one, though she is old so now he is pasted in.

Wow. Not one of the photos of them together is real. I hadn't seen this coming in. Just dropped into my lap.

Let's return to the BBC list for more fun. That is a ridiculous shortlist of the greatest scientists of the 20th century, and no mainstream scientist would agree with it. A longer shortlist by any mainstream scientist would not include Turing or Youyou, but would include Planck, Tesla, J. J. Thomson, Rutherford, Schrodinger, Pauling, Pauli, Feynman, Hawking, Dirac, Bohr, Heisenberg, Oppenheimer, von Braun, Hilbert, and Freud. You know what I think of some of those people, but I am giving you this list as a mainstream list, not my list. The ones in yellow are ones I would keep. Rutherford is so much greater than Turing it is painful to see the names in the same sentence. The names in the BBC lists were just inserted by Tavistock/MI5/6 to promote confusion and idiocy.



That is Rutherford, who discovered the hydrogen atom, the proton, and the nucleus. He also discovered the neutron and the ionosphere and was first to split the atom, though credit was allowed to go to his students. He died at 66 of a small hernia, so don't ignore those! Rutherford also discovered alpha, beta, and gamma radiation, creating experiments to separate them. Unlike the quantum guys and the newer physicists, I have actually used Rutherford's findings as more than just a dartboard. He was among the last of the old generation of real physicists, so I have stood on his shoulders. Without his discovery of the nucleus, my green book would not exist. He died in 1937.

Rutherford proposed that such radiation might be the source of energy for the Sun and Earth, explaining the long ages required for Darwin's evolution, and although his theory remains in partial form today, [I was the first to show it is false](#). The Earth's energy doesn't come from core dynamics OR from radioactivity, it comes from charge channeling. Despite that, Rutherford may be the greatest scientist of the 20th century, due to his discoveries about the nucleus. The only one who challenges him is Tesla, who invented alternating current, radio, and wifi. I don't have to tell you how important AC has been, and comparing it to fake codebreaking during the war is absurd. As is comparing Tesla or Rutherford to the promoted babies of quantum mechanics, who have done nothing but turn physics into an intellectual wasteland of fake projects and treasury thefts.

As a tack-on, I tripped across another separated-at-birth today while researching the stuff above.



That is Kiernan Shipka and Emma Watson. You may know Watson from Harry Potter, but I had never heard of Shipka. Apparently she is also playing some witch now. Who isn't, in these families? Shipka has a bit longer chin, but otherwise the match is very close. A lot of it is in those eyebrows, which they refuse to pluck. Good for them, I say. In most cases*, eyebrows should be left alone, in my opinion as a painter of women. It is a sign of strength and beauty. Plucked eyebrows make you look like a plastic mannequin, and Watson already has on way too much makeup there. She looks far prettier without it.

*Let's face it, Frida Kahlo took it too far.