Final Thesis: The portrayal of women in *The Odyssey* shows that the Greeks feared women

because they only understand physical and not emotional things, and they fear what they don't understand.

Book X (10)

- Laistrygonian woman
  - scared by appearance
    - "a woman as big as a mountain & the sight filled them with horror" p.155 → women supposed = small/weak & men = large/strong
- Circe
  - only focus on her physical appearance
    - "with glorious hair" p. 158 → assume she's vain & brain dead → they think appearance = reality
    - "make you weak and unmanned, once you are naked" p.160 → only a threat when Ody.'s naked (physically vulnerable → man = strong = physical)

→ men only understand physical

Book XI (11)

- Antikleia (Odysseus' mom)
  - "Doom of death that lays men low" p.2 → only thinks of illness/old age → male types of death (physical) → actually b/c heart-broken
  - Tries to hug her → only understands physical love, not emotion
  - "oh my child" p.2 → Odysseus = child emotionally, not physically, → mom superior b/c she understands
- Agamemnon's wife, Klytaimestra
  - wife killed him → immediately calls her "sluttish" p.3 → doesn't see/understand emotional motivation (daughter's death)
    - → "no trusting in women" p.4 → no understanding = no trust = fear

→ men don't understand emotion → leads to fear