

Title	A Question of Silence
Director	Marleen Gorris
Date	1982
Area	Social and Political Philosophy
Theme	Feminism – gender relations
Plot Summary	Story of the trial of three women, who do not know each other, for the apparently unmotivated murder of an inoffensive male shop clerk. The case is less straightforward than it seems. The movie traces the background of this unusual murder in the guise of a woman psychiatrist investigating whether the women were sane or not. The psychiatrist ends up thinking that, given the context of their lives, which is basically the context of patriarchy, they WERE sane to do what they did at the time. The film shows that the motive behind the killing is intolerable male oppression of various kinds. In the end the male way of looking at the world is literally laughed out of court.
Key Scenes	
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