At the beginning of the chapter, the author states that one of the most striking details is the way the bodies have been abandoned, stiff and inert, in one-dimensional, sexually transgressive settings: desert zones, empty lots, stream beds, sewers, and garbage dumps. From the beginning these details help give evidence towards the point she is making, that these women were seen as commodities. Throughout the chapter she discusses that women were converted into items of consumption, into useful commodities whose bodies were frequently valued for their reproductive organs. He states that those who have been assassinated have been because someone has granted himself the right to consume and dispose of them. Women in Ciudad Juarez have been seen as objects or as “things” to men. This is a bit repetitive/could have been more concise.

The author discusses the importance of the various social constructs that mold these women. Using Karl Marx, he discusses the formation of the body as an appendage of capital through its circulation and accumulation. Women are converted into items of consumption. Because of this, the author states that when you ask who kills whom, they see that killing is not an act open to everyone, but rather, it is a function of patriarchy and other structures of power that are superimposed on the victim.

Even though I do not encourage this behavior in any means, this chapter made me realize what and how much influence a social system can have on people in a society. Men who were doing the killing and raping to women did not see any wrong in their actions. Instead, it was a justified action because women in this society were commodities. Do you think that they didn’t see any wrong? I think the argument is more complex than that.

In my opinion, the author should have done more research regarding the government structure. In most cases the government and social systems are connected. I believe that it was be interesting to see more details about how the government was ran and if there was any corruption within the government. ok glad to see some attempt at critical analysis.