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The article explores ways of defining immorality of aristocratic women in Roman literature. The focus is on the imperial ladies Julia, daughter of Augustus, and Messalina, the wife of Claudius. Clodia of the Late-Republican era is studied as a point of comparison, in order to show the continuity of the rhetorical tools of defaming noble families and men by verbally attacking their women.