



Feminist Movement

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What is the *Feminist Movement*?



- **Feminism** is the advocacy of women's rights based on the equality of sexes
- The feminist movement is a series of political campaigns for reforms on issues like equal pay and domestic violence
- In the western world, feminism has gone through three waves
- The movement's priorities vary from nation to nation



Feminist Movement Through the Years



1st Wave Feminism:

- Women's Suffrage (right to vote)
- Political equality
- Oriented around white middle and upper class women

2nd Wave Feminism:

- Focused on combating social and cultural inequalities
- Brought in women of color and women from developing nations seeking unity

3rd Wave Feminism:

- Continues to address social, financial and cultural inequalities
- Campaigning for greater influence of women in politics and media

Importance of the Movement

- The movement is important because women have faced oppression over the last 100 years
- Women are believed to be less than the average male
- We live in a world where genders are nowhere near being equal, and that needs to change.
- Men's rights will not decrease if women gain more, it'll simply allow them to be more equal.



Laws that Impacted the Feminist Movement

POSITIVE

- **The Equal Pay Law** that was passed in 1963 amended the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit pay discrimination based on sex.
- Women have been dealing with unequal pay for a long time and that is still a problem today with sports and in the workplace etc.

NEGATIVE

- **Reproduction Rights** is a big one, Women should be allowed to do whatever they want to do to their body
- 9 states have banned abortions, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Utah, Alabama and Arkansas

□ □ *CONTRASTING THE TWO* □

Even though The Equal Pay Law is a thing, woman still deal with unfair pay because of their gender and race. Also, people making the decisions on what a woman wants to do with her body is old white men who don't know anything about giving birth or what it is like to hold a baby in your stomach for 9 months than deal with the aftermath of having a baby.

Impact of the Policies on the Goal of the Movement

Equal Pay Laws:

The disparity between men and women's income a major point of contention within the last few years. The gender pay gap is essentially the variance between men and women's average hourly earnings. The U.S. is part of a select group of countries, who have not adopted the "Equal pay Equal work" convention of the international labor organization.

Reproductive Laws:

Abortion is more common now day nearly 1 in 4 women in America will have an abortion during her lifetime. While back in 1965 illegal abortion made up one-sixth of all pregnancy-related deaths. Prohibition of legal abortion particularly hurt people with low incomes. Due to this the government passed abortions which expanded women's rights to health care and control of their own bodies.

The Importance of *Intersectional Feminism*

Intersectionality, first coined in 1989 by African-American lawyer and professor Kimberlé Crenshaw, acknowledges that everyone has their own unique experiences of discrimination and oppression, whether it be based on gender, race, class, sexual orientation, physical ability, etc.

Black Lives Matter

Black Lives Matter is a decentralized movement advocating for non-violent civil disobedience in protest against incidents of police brutality and all racially motivated violence against Black people. This also includes women, they have to deal with one being black and two being a women. You get treated differently and you don't get paid equally you don't get as many opportunity as white men get even black men because you are look at as less because of your gender and race.

#MeToo Movement

The Me Too movement is against sexual harassment and sexual abuse where people publicize allegations of sex crimes committed by powerful and/or prominent men. Many people apart of this movement are women who got raped or sexual assaulted and or women who just want to help spread the message. The male race has power so every time a woman says that they raped them many people don't believe them and it turns into them defending the man. "Oh what were you wearing". "Were you drunk". That SHOULD NOT matter she got raped and there needs to be actions taken to get justice for her.

Steps to Take to Become an *Intersectional Feminist!*

1. **Start by recognizing your privilege.** White privilege, able-bodied privilege, thin privilege, male privilege, wealth and class privilege, heterosexual privilege, cisgender privilege, etc. If you have any of one these, it's important to recognize and consider where it may be creating blind spots in your feminism.
2. **Listen** to those from oppressed groups without getting defensive (or interrupting).
3. **Learn and unlearn.** Take responsibility for your education on these issues.
4. **Support** businesses, organizations, and works created by BIPOC.
5. **Use your voice and your privilege to speak up!**

A CALL TO ACTION - WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. Educate yourself about the origins of the movement and what it focuses on today.
2. Advocate and speak up! Let your friends/family/elected officials know!
3. Stop the use of derogatory terms
4. Look into the experiences of women across the globe!
5. Give to organizations to support women across the country!

1. Educate yourself to know what is being fought for
2. After being acknowledged open up to others, educate others on what you know.
3. There shouldn't be derogatory words used for women whether it be an insult as they may have been rude or playfully. They are used to belittle a women's perspective of themselves.
4. Travel and experience what other women have to deal with as they may have worse treatment than somewhere else in the world.
5. Give to organizations that help women in need as they weren't given an equal chance of living as men, as they are seen to be the submissive gender.



Prominent Activist: *Susan B. Anthony*

Born: February 15, 1820

Death: March 13, 1906

Full Name: Susan Brownell Anthony

➔ Susan was born into to a political family of which they fought to abolish slavery. Which helped pave her way to be apart of the fight for women. Susan and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1869. Which fought and helped formed for the 19th Amendment to be formed and passed. Which this gave women the right to vote. She devoted her life to her work and beliefs that she died a month after a convention of which she said that “Failure is Impossible”.



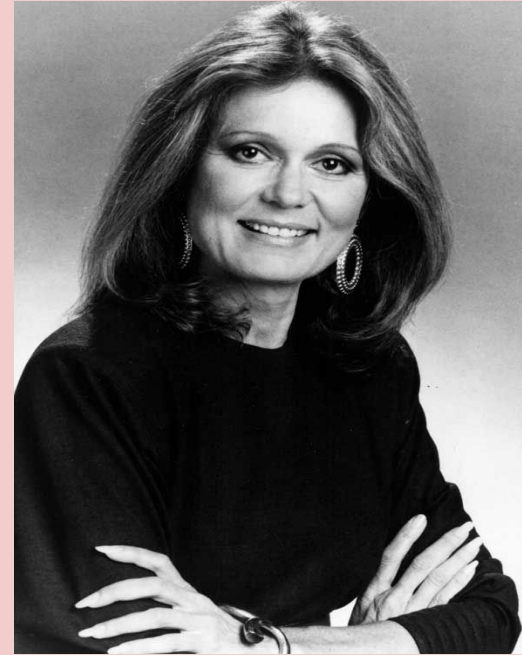
Prominent Activist: *Gloria Steinem*

Born: March 25, 1934

Death: -----

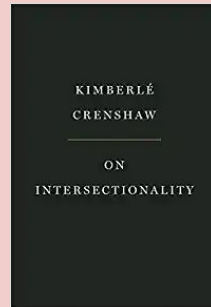
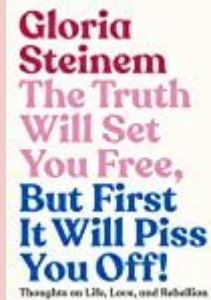
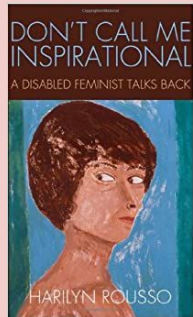
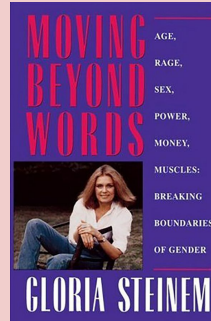
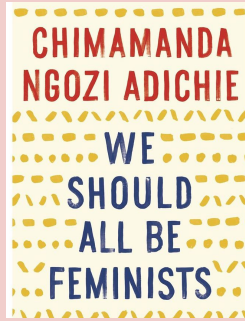
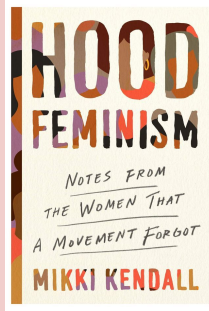
Full Name: Gloria Steinem

➔ Gloria had a hard time growing up as her family would move consistently not giving her the chance to fully go to school until she was 11. Which her parents had divorced, meaning she had to take care of her mother who had suffered from a mental illness. Choosing to study the government while other women were getting married and having kids she did not want to choose that path. Giving the chance to study in India she had gone undercover for a piece as a freelance writer. It was 1971 when she had joined the feminist movement with others. Where she gained tons of criticism and had found out that she had breast cancer. Her strong will had helped her beat cancer that same year. In 2000 it came to a surprise when she had decided to marry. As the years were to come her husband Christian Bale died of breast cancer. As a prominent activist in her early years she is now 86 and still fighting for her beliefs.

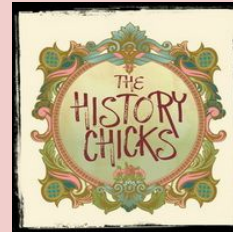


Resources to Learn More

Books



Podcasts



Additional Facts about the Movement

Key people in the movement

First-wave Feminist

- Susan Brownwell Anthony
- In the 1872 presidential election, Susan and 15 other woman voted. They were later arrested and convicted for it

Second-wave Feminist

- Betty Friedan
- She organised the Women's Strike for Equality on the 50th anniversary of the equal rights amendment which gave voting rights to women.

Third-wave Feminist

- Naomi Wolf
- In her book *The Beauty Myth* she addresses that beauty is a social construct dictated by men and frustratingly perpetrated by men and women alike. The beauty standard is so messed up woman do not have to look a certain way to be pretty

Fourth-wave Feminist

- Emma Watson
- Emma is also know for her work with the UN, she gave a speech which positioned feminism as not just a fight for woman but also for men

Additional Facts about the Movement

What does it mean to be a Feminist?

Being a feminist means you are fighting for equality of all genders and races. You also won't let you being a feminist exclude other because of their gender, race, etc. It means you want to make the world better and fair for everyone.

Woman in Power

- Politics
 - Nancy Pelosi
 - Kamala Harris
 - Michelle Obama
- Medicine and Doctors
 - Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell
 - Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler
- Lawyers
 - Sonya Sotomayor
 - Ada Kepley
 - Sandra Day O'Connor

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