

Liberal feminism

Form of the *equality type of feminism*:

Liberal feminism is a form of feminism that argues that equality for women can be achieved through *legal means and social reform*.

Liberal feminism leans towards an equality or sameness argument with men.

Liberal feminism conceives of politics in individualistic terms and looks to reform present practices in society, rather than advocating for a wholesale revolutionary change. Feminist writers associated with this tradition include early feminist Mary Wollstonecraft and second-wave feminist Betty Friedan.

Liberal feminists are often seen among other types of feminists as conservative and overwhelmingly white and middle class.

Radical feminism

Radical feminism is a branch of feminism that views women's oppression (which radical feminists refer to as "patriarchy") as a *basic system of power* upon which human relationships in society are arranged.

It seeks to challenge this arrangement by rejecting standard gender roles and male oppression.

The term *radical* in radical feminism from Latin is used as an adjective meaning *of or pertaining to the root or going to the root*.

Radical feminists locate the *root cause* of women's oppression in patriarchal gender relations, as opposed to legal systems (liberal feminism) or class conflict (like socialist or Marxist feminism).

Socialist feminism

Socialist feminism focuses upon both the public and private spheres of a woman's life.

Argue that liberation can only be achieved by working to end both the economic and cultural sources of women's oppression.

Broadens Marxist feminism's argument that capitalism is the source of all women's oppression;

Incorporate radical feminism's theory of the role of gender and the patriarchy.

Socialist feminism confronts the common root of sexism, racism and classism: the determination of a life of oppression or privilege based on accidents of birth or circumstances. Socialist feminism is an inclusive way of creating social change. We value synthesis and cooperation rather than conflict and competition from Socialist Party pamphlet.

Ecofeminism

Ecofeminism is a social and political movement which unites environmentalism and feminism.

Eco feminists argue that a relationship exists between the oppression of women and the degradation of nature.

Eco feminists they are concerned with connections between sexism and the domination of nature.

They are also concerned with racism and other characteristics of social inequality.

Some current work emphasizes that the capitalist and patriarchal system is based on triple domination of the "Southern people" (those people who live in the Third World, the majority of which are south of the First World), women, and nature. This is sometimes referred to as global north and south.