

Various Forms of Feminism

Feminism

- “Throughout history, women have struggled to gain equality, respect, and the same rights as men. This has been difficult because of patriarchy, an ideology in which men are superior to women and have the right to rule women.”

What is Feminism?

- The global idea of feminism refers to the belief that men and women deserve equality in all opportunities, treatment, respect, and social rights.
- In general, feminists are people who try to acknowledge social inequality based on gender and stop it from continuing. Feminists point out that in most cultures throughout history men have received more opportunities than women.

Radical Feminism

- Radical feminism believes in eliminating the concept of gender entirely.

Socialist Feminism

- Socialist feminism calls for an end to capitalism.
- Radical feminism is the most extreme form. The second type of feminism, called socialist feminism, is slightly less extreme but still call for major social change.
- Socialist feminism is movement that calls for an end to capitalism is a movement that calls for an end to capitalism through a socialist reformation or our economy. Basically, socialist feminism argues that capitalism strengthens and supports the sexist status quo because men are the ones who currently have power and money. Those men are more willing to share their power and money with other men, which mens that women are continually given fewer opportunities and resources. This keeps women under the control of men.

- In short, socialist feminism focuses on economics and politics. They might point out the fact that in the United States women are typically paid only \$0.70 for the exact same job that a man would be paid a dollar for. Why are women paid less than men for the same work? Socialist feminists point out that this difference is based on a capitalist system.

Cultural Feminism

- Cultural feminism is a movement that points out how modern society is hurt by encouraging masculine behaviour, but society would benefit by encouraging feminine behaviour.
- Cultural feminism believes in encouraging feminine behaviour rather than masculine behaviour.

Liberal Feminism

- A movement that believes all individuals should be free to explore equal opportunities and rights.
- Liberal feminists argue that society holds the false belief that women are, by nature, less intellectually and physically capable than men.
- Liberal feminism fights for complete gender equality through social, political and legal means-respect everyone! Equal right for everyone.
- Equality=Equal opportunity

Islamic Feminism

- Islamic feminism is a form of feminism concerned with the role of women in Islam. It aims for the full equality of all Muslims, regardless of gender, in public and private life. Islamic feminists advocate women's rights, gender equality, and social justice grounded in an Islamic framework.
- Advocates of the movement seek to highlight the deeply rooted teachings of equality in the religion and encourage a questioning of the patriarchal interpretation of Islamic teaching through the Qur'an (Holy Book), *hadith* (saying of Muhammad S.A.W.) and *sharia* (law) towards the creation of a more equal and just society.