



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT : AKA FEMMINISM

**By MARIA TERESA R.
POL 100 - 1600
BMCC – CUNY
Fall 2018**



PRINCIPLE OF FEMINISM

Men and women are equal



- 4 types of feminism

1. Liberal

Highlights the importance of education in order to fight gender discrimination based on ignorance. Believes in legislation to end certain behaviors and attitudes against women.

2. Marxist

Works towards overthrow the capitalistic system of exploitation. Women do not see men as the enemy, and push forward a principle of “working together is better than working alone”.

3. Socialist

Women’s capabilities are marginated by men, making all women’s tasks seem insufficient and not worth an equal earning.

4. Radical

Highlights the role of patriarchy through history and shows how it affected women’s rights.

4 WAVES OF FEMINISM

- **1st wave:** The goal of this wave was to open up opportunities for women, with a focus on suffrage. The wave formally began at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 when three hundred men and women rallied to the cause of equality for women.
 - **2nd wave:** This wave focused on anti-war and civil rights as well as the image of women in society. Second wave feminism went against patriarchy society that were trying to keep women in low pay jobs or at home.
 - **3rd wave:** In this phase many constructs were destabilized, including the notions of "universal womanhood," body, gender, sexuality and heteronormativity.
 - **4th wave:** happening in contemporary times. It is developing now, and what wants to centralize is that feminism is not for women only, it is not just to benefit women, or to show women struggles, but it is a battle for gender equality.
-

Problems women had to face through history
and in contemporary times

- Voting

Equal pay

Sexual harassment

Glass Ceiling

FGM (Female Genital
Mutilation)



INTERESTING FACT:

A study done by "The World Happiness Report" shows that the two countries with the highest female employment resulted to be the happiest. This is thanks to the financial stability that a household gets when there is two incomes instead of only one, and as a consequence of financial stability families tend to have a higher standards of well being and are able to access much more resources.

INTERVIEWS

- Enza: “ I don’t know about the whole feminism movement, but I am absolutely in favor of gender equality. Because I think we are more capable than men (laugh). There are so many women that are so much stronger than men, maybe not physically but definitely emotionally”
 - Amanda: “ I have always protested and questioned and I will always do. We didn’t get where we are -as women- to see this happen without leaving a mark in our national history” (Said in favor of the movement #elenão (#nohim) prior to the Brazilian election of Jair Bolsonaro)
-

REFERENCES:

1. [^https://legaldictionary.net/glass-ceiling/](https://legaldictionary.net/glass-ceiling/)
 2. [^https://web.archive.org/web/20151119073645/http://www.pacificu.edu/about-us/news-events/four-waves-feminism](https://web.archive.org/web/20151119073645/http://www.pacificu.edu/about-us/news-events/four-waves-feminism)
 3. Anthropology: Appreciating Human Diversity, “Gender”, Conrad Kottak, edition 17.
-

“Lead with your force not with force.”

–*M. T. Romeo*
