



# Top 5 criticisms

## Intersectionality

Feminists do not always agree on the level of exploitation that women face. Debates between the branches of feminism stop it from being a cohesive approach. Women (and men) can be oppressed based upon a range of social characteristics, so whilst white middle class women are fighting for recognition in the boardroom, African women are facing a fight for reproductive rights

## Disagreement

The disagreement between feminists over the extent of women's oppression is another criticism of Feminism. Whilst Liberal Feminists suggest there has been progress and look to the legal system to enforce changes in wider society, Radical feminists do not accept the progress that has been made. They suggest that society is so patriarchal that attempts to change society are futile and that revolution is needed

## Malestream Sociology

Feminist have made great progress in introducing the issues and work of women into the world of sociology with areas such as education, family and crime devoted to the study of women's roles in these institutions, but Feminism can be argued to be limited to viewing only one aspect of society – gender differences – this sometimes limits it's usefulness for understanding male behaviour

## Relies upon overgeneralisations

One general criticism of structural feminist thought is that it is dependent upon over-generalisations of male behaviour in society. Whilst this may have been true in the past, males have changed (albeit at a slower rate than females) and yet males stereotypes pervade throughout some branches of feminism. Similarly, recent debates over the inclusion of trans women suggest fixed mindsets

## Alt-Right and Men's Rights Criticisms

A relatively recent criticism of Feminism has come from groups deemed to be alt-right and men's rights groups that suggest that the progression of female equality has been at the detriment of male progress. They point to poor educational outcomes, higher suicide rates, poorer health outcomes and ambiguity over relationships as evidence that feminism is not considering the male perspective

# of Feminism in contemporary society