

# The Feminist discourse

- The history of feminism is associated with all movements that aimed at bringing about equal rights for women.
- These movements have been political, economic and social struggles to end sexist oppression.

# Three waves of modern Western Feminism

- 1<sup>st</sup> wave (19<sup>th</sup> through early 20<sup>th</sup> century)-dealt with suffrage, working conditions and educational rights of girls and women.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> wave (1960s-1980s)-inequalities of laws, cultural inequalities and role of women in society.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> wave-(late 1980s-2000)-continuation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave and response to the perceived failures.

**FEMINISM IS FOR  
EVERYONE**



Made with  by [recitethis.com](https://recitethis.com)

# Mary Wollstonecraft

- The most cited feminist writer, Mary Wollstonecraft is often characterised as the first feminist philosopher.
- *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (1792) can be unambiguously called as ‘feminist’.
- Her legacy remains in the continued for women to speak up and tell their stories.

**Feminism is the doctrine that advocates that social, political, legal and economic rights for women must equal to those of men.**

**Feminism is the  
radical notion that  
women are people**

© 2008, Marjorie Ann Sheehy

Mississippi, MS 39208

[www.marjorieann.com](http://www.marjorieann.com)

800-298-8800

2008

# **Four types of Feminism**

- Radical Feminism
- Socialist Feminism
- Cultural Feminism
- Liberal Feminism

**Patriarchy: A form of social organization in which males hold primary power and predominate in roles of political power, moral authority, social privilege and control of property.**



# **Women's Rights are Human Rights**

- This is a phrase used by Hillary Clinton, First Lady of the United States on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1995 at the United Nations First World Conference on Women in Beijing.
- Women can never gain full dignity until their human rights are respected and protected.
- If women have the chance to work and earn as full and equal partners in society, their families will flourish.





# **Achievements of feminists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

- Giant strides have been made by feminists in tackling gender based violence, gaining freedom to express sexuality and helping those who are most often ignored to find a voice.



