

Standpiont Theory

A look through the ages

First Wave of Feminism

Focus on voting rights, property rights, equality in employment, in power positions, in the marriage.

Abigail Adams
Letter to her husband, US President John Adams (1797-1801) and the Continental Congress



Abigail Adams Portrait
Library of America

1776

"Remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

One of earliest work of feminist philosophy. Advocates for women education and the position of companion instead of mere wife.

1792

Mary Wollstonecraft
Vindication of the rights of woman

Her speech demanded equal human rights for all women. She also spoke as a former enslaved woman, combining calls for abolitionism with women's rights, and drawing from her strength as a laborer to make her equal rights claims.

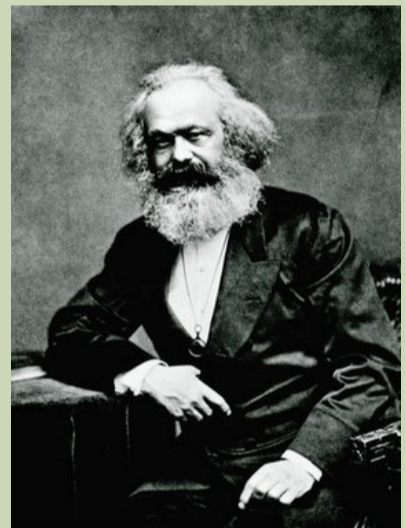
Soujourner Truth
Ain't I a woman

1851

People from an oppressed class have special access to knowledge that is not available to those from a privileged class.

1867

Karl Marx
Das Kapital



Portrait of Karl Marx
Time Life Pictures

Susan B. Anthony
The Revolution Newspaper

1868

Starts arguably the first Feminist newspaper in 1868. Social reformer and women's rights activist. Pivotal role in women's suffrage movement.

First Birth Control clinic in the United States at at 46 Amboy Street in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn.

1916

Margaret Sanger
Precursor to Planned Parenthood

Simone de Beauvoir
The Second Sex

1949

"One is not born, but becomes a woman." A person is defined by the role and rules in society. The category of a woman is everything a man is not.

Refuses to give her seat on the bus and ignites the Civil Rights movement.

1955

Rosa Parks
Civil Rights movement

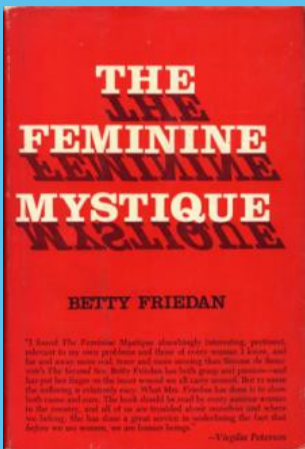


Rosa Parks sitting on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, 1956.
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Second Wave of Feminism
Women's Liberation movement
Focus on sexuality, gender equality, reproduction rights,
gender roles, social consequences in cultural patriarchy.



The Feminine Mystique original book cover 1963

Betty Friedan
The Feminine Mystique

1963

Credited with the beginning of the second wave of feminism.

The "Problem That Has No Name" was described by Friedan in the beginning of the book:

The problem lay buried, unspoken, for many years in the minds of American women. It was a strange stirring, a sense of dissatisfaction, a yearning [that is, a longing] that women suffered in the middle of the 20th century in the United States. Each suburban [house]wife struggled with it alone. As she made the beds, shopped for groceries ... she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question — "Is this all?"

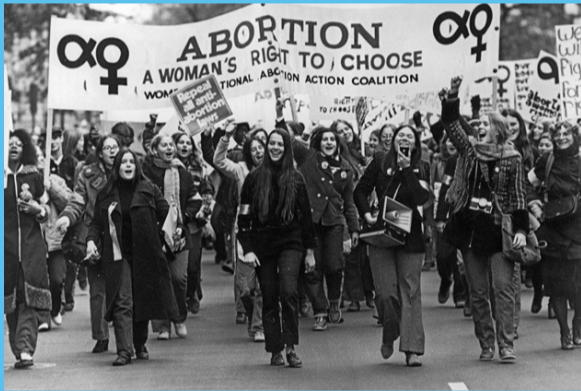
African American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. addresses the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., where he gave his "I Have a Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963, as part of the March on Washington.

1963

Matin Luther King Jr
I have a Dream



Agence France-Presse/Getty Images



North Dakota abortion protest
 Camera Press / Redux

US Supreme Court
Roe V. Wade

1973

The US Supreme Court in the case of Roe V Wade declares the constitution grants women the protection to have a legal abortion.

Reevaluation of western society, culture and politics through the lens of men's sexual violence against women in a patriarchal society.

1974

Andrea Dworkin
Woman Hating: A Radical Look at Sexuality

Doroty Smith
Institutional Ethnography: A Sociology for People

1974

Prominent sociologist Dorothy Smith outlines a method of inquiry that uses everyday experience as a lens to examine social relations and social institutions. The book will be a foundational text for classes in sociology, ethnography, and women's studies.

Flying on the Space Shuttle Challenger, Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.

1983

Sally Ride
NASA Space Shuttle Challenger

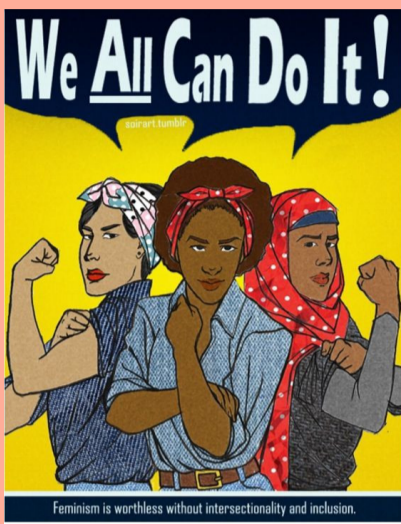


Astronaut Sally Ride. (Credit: NASA)

Standpoint Theory

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Third Wave of Feminism
Critique to the universal experience of womanhood.



We all can do it
 (Holt et al., 2016)

She has developed the research standard of "strong objectivity," and contributed to the articulation of standpoint methodology.

1986

Nancy Harstock
The Feminist Standpoint

1983

Drew an analogy between the industrial labor of the proletariat by Karl Marx, and the domestic labor of women to show that women can also have a distinctive standpoint.

Sandra Harding
The Science Question in Feminism



Sandra Harding at Universidad de los Angeles, 2017

Donna Haraway
Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective

1988

Academic and activist feminist inquiry has repeatedly tried to come to terms with the question of what we might mean by the curious and inescapable term "objectivity."

Gender and gender identity are categories complicated by factors such as class, ethnicity, and sexuality.

1990

Judith Butler
Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity

Patricia Hill Collins
Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness and the Politics of Empowerment

1990

"Oppressions of race, class, gender, sexuality and nation are intersecting, mutually constructing systems of power. Collins utilizes the term intersectionality, coined by Kimberlé Crenshaw, to refer to this simultaneous overlapping of multiple forms of oppression as a matrix of domination. Because black women have unique histories at the intersections of systems of power, they have created world views out of a need for self-definition and to work on behalf of social justice. Black women's specific experiences with intersecting systems of oppression provide a window into these same processes for other individuals and social groups."



Artist: Zoe Kaplan

Clinton signs the Violence Against Women Act as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, providing funding for programs that help victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking and other gender-related violence.

1994

US President Bill Clinton
Violence Against Women Act

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Fourth Wave of Feminism Empowerment

Critiques prevalent approaches to bioethics and models of the physician-patient relationship, and sketches distinguishing aspects of women's health care. Also talks about issues related to woman's health: these include prenatal testing, childbirth and newborn decisions, treatment of minors and the elderly, assisted reproduction, abortion, eating disorders, domestic violence, breast and gynecological cancer, end of life care, and research on women.

The purpose of the movement is to empower sexually assaulted individuals through empathy and solidarity through strength in numbers, especially young and vulnerable men and women, by visibly demonstrating how many have survived sexual assault and harassment, especially in the workplace

Rooted in Black feminism and Critical Race Theory, intersectionality is a method and a disposition, a heuristic and analytic tool.

This book aims to debunk stereotypes of femininity promoted by mainstream women's press

She was widely covered by American media for her part in exposing sexual abuse allegations against Harvey Weinstein

First woman and first woman of color as vice president of the United States



Official Portrait of Vice-President Kamala Harris by Lawrence Jackson

Gayatri Spivak
Can the subaltern speak?

2003

Focus on the Eurocentric Subject as they disavow the problem of representation

2006

Mary Mahowald
Bioethics and Women: Across the Lifespan

Micah Hester
Mary Mahowald: Bioethicist

2006

While humans differ in various qualities and abilities (qualities and abilities that should be taken seriously as they apply to specific situations and purposes), they do not differ in value.

2006

Tarana Burke
#MeToo

2008

Jan Mason
A Children's Standpoint: Needs in Out-of-Home Care

Children are knowledgeable about their own needs and should be included in decision making by the oppressor group, namely the adults in charge: parents, guardians, teachers.

2013

Devon W. Carbado et al
Intersectionality

2014

Emma Watson
2014 UN Speech on Gender Equality



Robin Marchant / Getty Images

On Sep. 20, 2014, British actor and Goodwill Ambassador for U.N. Women Emma Watson gave a smart, important, and moving speech about gender inequality and how to fight it. In doing so, she launched the HeForShe initiative, which aims to get men and boys to join the feminist fight for gender equality

2014

Coxlett and Baxter
The Vagenda

Ruth Phillips
What does the 'Fourth Wave' mean for teaching feminism in 21st century social work?

2014

Ruth argues that the fourth-wave feminism falls within the broader agenda of financial, political, and environmental concerns and is recognized as a key factor in alleviating poverty, improving women's health, and achieving economic growth

2015

Ambra Gutierrez
#MeToo

Alyssa Milano
#MeToo

2017

"If you've been sexually harassed or assaulted write 'me too' as a reply to this tweet.", and reposted the following phrase suggested by a friend: "If all the women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote 'Me too.' as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem."

2021

Kamala Harris
US Vice-President