

FEMINISM

Feminism is a range of [political movements](#), [ideologies](#), and [social movements](#) that share a common goal: to define, establish, and achieve political, economic, personal, and social [rights for women](#).^{[1][2]} This includes seeking to establish educational and professional opportunities for women that are equal to such opportunities for men. (Wikipedia definition)

When you were young were things different for women than they are today?

Do you think women are equal to men, or if not, why not?

We heard a lot about feminism in the 70's but much less now. Is that because women in the UK have achieved equality?

We now have our second female Prime Minister, have they achieved progress for ordinary women?

In what areas do you think we have made progress, and in which areas is there still progress to be made?

What do we need to do to make progress? What role should men play in this?

Some interesting facts

House of Commons – 650 Members, 208 women, an increase from 191 in 2015

House of Lords – 826 peers, of whom 199 women

Housework – research shows women performing 74 minutes more household tasks per day than male partners, a decrease from 195 in 1961

Equal Pay Act was 50 years ago – latest research indicates still a 13.9 % gap for full time workers.

Promotion – women are 15% less likely than men to be promoted

Pensions – Statistically women receive 40% less pension than men.