

# **Feminism – In The Works of Webster**

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Feminism is one of the modern concepts. It is the belief that woman should have equal social, economic, political, intellectual and sexual rights as men. Although largely originating in the West, feminism is manifested worldwide and is represented by various institutions committed to activity on behalf of women's rights and interests. Feminism has changed the predominant perspectives in a wide range of areas Western society ranging from culture to law. Throughout most of Western history, women were confined to the domestic sphere, while public life was reserved for men. In medieval Europe, women were denied the right to own property, to study, or to participate in public life. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in France, they were still compelled to cover their heads in public. Even as late as the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, women could neither vote nor hold elective office in Europe and in most of the United States. Before its emergence women were not treated as they are treated in the present time.