

Chapter 3
Topic 7 Feminist theories
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Activity: Discussion
Which feminism?

Learning objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify key features of a range of branches of feminism.
- Evaluate the usefulness of each branch of feminism.

Divide into five groups. Each group will take one of the following branches of feminism covered in the Topic: (i) liberal, (ii) radical, (iii) Marxist, (iv) dual systems, and (v) difference and poststructuralist feminism. Read the section on your branch of feminism.

- A. Prepare a five-minute presentation on your branch of feminism. Here are some points to help you. Add as many others as you can. For your branch of feminism:
1. What are the key concepts?
 2. What causes women's subordination?
 3. How is oppression maintained?
 4. What are the solutions to women's subordination?
 5. Any key studies or sociologists.
 6. What criticisms are made?
- B. Use your research to take part in a class discussion: 'Which branch of feminism is most convincing?'
- C. As a class, you need to vote on which branch of feminism is most convincing. When deciding which way to vote, you must only consider the evidence presented during the discussion.
- D. Individually, write your own summary of the class's discussion.