

# *GENDER EQUALITY*

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# *Definition*

By definition gender equality is the state of having the same rights, status, and opportunities as others, regardless of one's gender.



# History

*“I do not wish them  
(women) to have power  
over men; but over  
themselves.”*

— *Mary Wollstonecraft,  
A Vindication of the  
Rights of Woman  
(1792)*

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Looking back in time it is more than noticeable that the way people see the world changes constantly.

In prehistory, people thought about the woman as half goddess, just because of her ability to give birth. They had been living in matriarchy.

Later on, in the Middle Ages the things had changed completely and the woman didn't appear to have much rights, but lots of obligations. The man was the one who brought the money, so naturally (for the people of that era), he had more rights, more opportunities and it was his voice to be listened to.

# History

*“Gender equality is  
human fight, not  
women fight.” - Frida  
Pinto*



But in the XIX century appeared new social movement – feminism. Charles Fourier, a utopian socialist and French philosopher, is credited with having coined the word "féminisme" in 1837. Depending on the historical moment, culture and country, feminists around the world have had different causes and goals.

Most western feminist historians contend that all movements, working to obtain women's rights should be considered feminist movements, even when they did not (or do not) apply the term to themselves.

Other historians assert that the term should be limited to the modern feminist movement and its descendants. Those historians use the label "protofeminist" to describe earlier movements.

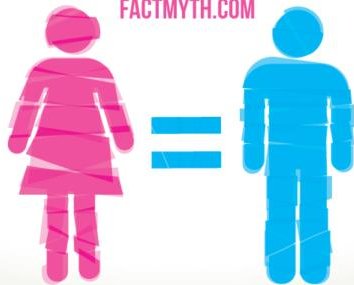
# History

*“Feminism isn’t about making women strong. Women are already strong. It’s about changing the way the world perceive that strength.”*

**FEMINISM.**

**MEN CAN DO IT TOO.**

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The history of the modern western feminist movement is divided into four "waves". The first comprised women's suffrage movements of the 19th and early-20th centuries, promoting women's right to vote. The second wave, the women's liberation movement, began in the 1960s and campaigned for legal and social equality for women. In or around 1992, a third wave was identified, characterized by a focus on individuality and diversity. The fourth wave, from around 2012, used social media to combat sexual harassment, violence against women and rape culture; it is best known for the Me Too movement.

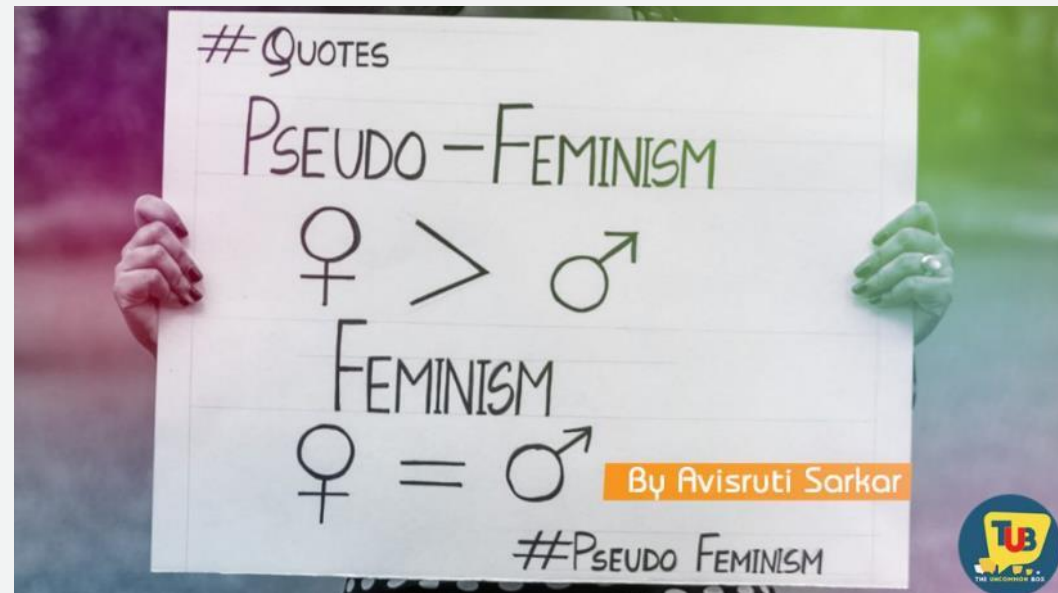


# Nowadays problems

*“It is time to see gender as a spectrum of the sets, instead of opposing ideals. We should stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining ourselves by who we are.” – Emma Watson*

No doubt these waves of feminism movement changed a lot. In the most civilized countries both men and women have the right to earn their living, to study whatever they like, to vote and etc.

However, along with the great idea behind the feminism, today there is a new philosophy. The so - called pseudo – feminism.





# *Pseudo - feminism*

- men cannot and do not get raped
  - periods should not be talked about openly
  - anything that has to do with pulling a girl out of class because her outfit is "inappropriate"
  - asking girls to "cover up"
  - homophobia
  - the belief that women are better than men. No. That is not what feminism is about. People who spread this message soil the name of true feminists everywhere.
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By definition a pseudo – feminist is someone who claims to be a feminist, but whose ideas are quite different from the true meaning of feminism.

## How to recognize a pseudo – feminist?

Some common pseudo-feminist ideas include:

- women invite rape by dressing "provocatively"
- rape is the woman's fault
- a woman who assaults her husband is "strong"
- trans women are not "real women"
- "real women have curves"
- calling skinny, smaller women "fake"
- pressuring men into fitting modern beauty standards (shredded abs, big biceps, lumberjack look, etc) and making those who don't fit that standard feel less masculine




# *Other problems and possible solutions*

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Unfortunately, there are still some countries, where women do not have rights, do not vote, don't have access to education and aren't allowed to express themselves. There isn't anything we can do to change that. It is their culture and we should respect that. The change should come from the inside whenever the citizens are ready.

But one of the best ways to deal with pseudo- feminism is to raise the awareness, to stress on the importance of the difference and to show the true meaning of the word "feminist".

Spread the truth, talk about it, express yourselves.



# *Gender equality in Bulgaria*

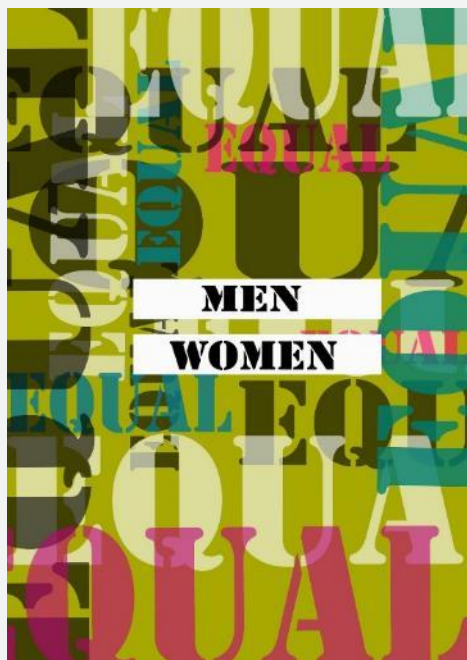


While some countries still struggle achieving gender equality in the workplaces, education and even in the everyday life, in Bulgaria that problem is mostly non-existent.

Everywhere you go – every institution, every pub, every shop – everywhere you can see both men and women working for the same salary, with the same obligations and rights.

Both men and women have the right to vote, both men and women have access to education. Both men and women are free to express themselves.

# *Gender equality in our school*



In our high school the situation is no different. Everyone have equal rights, obligations and both girls and boys receive the same quality of education. Both the genders are free to choose what to study, to express themselves and to be themselves.



*MEN AND WOMEN HAS DIFFERENT  
ROLES. BUT NO MATTER WHAT  
THEIR ROLES ARE, THEY ALWAYS  
HAS EQUAL RIGHTS.*

*BOTH MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD  
FEEL FREE TO BE SENSITIVE.  
BOTH MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD  
FEEL FREE TO BE STRONG.*

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