

How Conservative Feminism is not Self- Contradiction

Research Question:

How can someone be a conservative Feminist? Do Conservative ideologies coincide with feminist ideologies?

An intersection

What being a feminist is. I will also focus on the role women play in politics and the underrepresented voice of a woman who supports conservative ideologies.

Focused Topic

Conservative Feminism

Feminism Noun \ fem-i-nism

A BELIEF IN THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY OF THE SEXES

What I know

Most conservative representatives do not promote feminist ideologies which is why conservative feminism can seem self- contradicting. I am interested in this topic because I noticed that there are millennial conservative feminists and I couldn't understand how one could be both.

The importance

It is important to be aware of conservative feminism and the role gender plays in politics. Conservative feminism aligns with women being able to choose their political ideology regardless of what society says.

Image citation: "Myths about Feminism." Berry College - Georgia Private College, www.berry.edu/womens_studies/myths/.

Research Plan

I will Use Sources Including...

- EBSCO, and use terms such as, Conservative Feminism, Republican Feminism and Republican Women.
 - I will visit the undergraduate library in search of books regarding gender politics.
 - Student Life and Research Archives, hopefully I will find primary resources on conservative women in politics to better understand their view.
 - Internet- Chicago Tribune, I want to gather more modern information on opinions towards contradictions of feminists who consider themselves Republican.
1. Primary Sources from the Archives and Research Center
 2. Secondary sources from the undergrad library and EBSCO

Challenges

- I am a feminist who is not conservative so I will try my best not to incorporate a biased opinion when summarizing.
- I do not know much about conservative feminism and a lot of the sources have philosophical reasoning behind them which can be confusing.
- I found my topic confusing and controversial but I want to learn more about the topic to understand multiple perspectives and understand conservative feminism better.

Knott, Sarah. “Female Liberty? Sentimental Gallantry, Republican Womanhood, and Rights Feminism in the Age of Revolutions.”

- This is a scholarly source, Knott is a professor at Indiana
- She uses primary sources to conduct a secondary source about women and politics.
- She has a strong opinion on Republican women which could be considered biased opinions because she has her own views on the subject that are generated more towards one side of the women gender.
- I choose this source because she takes a look back at history and rationalizes events while explaining the roles women played during these events and why their participation was improta throughout republican history.

Feminist Identification
Among Millennials by Gender and Party Affiliation
Percent who say “feminist” label describes them somewhat/very well



Source: Public Religion Research Institute, Millennials, Sexuality, and Reproductive Health Survey, March 2015.

Image citation: “Less Than Half of Millennial Women Identify as ‘Feminist.’” *PRRI*, www.prrri.org/spotlight/less-than-half-of-millennial-women-identify-as-feminist/.

McCarver, Virginia. “The New Oxymoron: Socially Conservative Feminism.”

- She realized that many people have a certain view of what feminism should be and that the public can't see how contradictory it would be to label what a true feminist is.
- She explains feminism is about equality.
- I choose this source because I myself find it difficult to understand the reasoning behind conservatism and how it coincides with women in general.

Perceptions of Gender Discrimination Among Millennial Women and Men by Feminist Identity

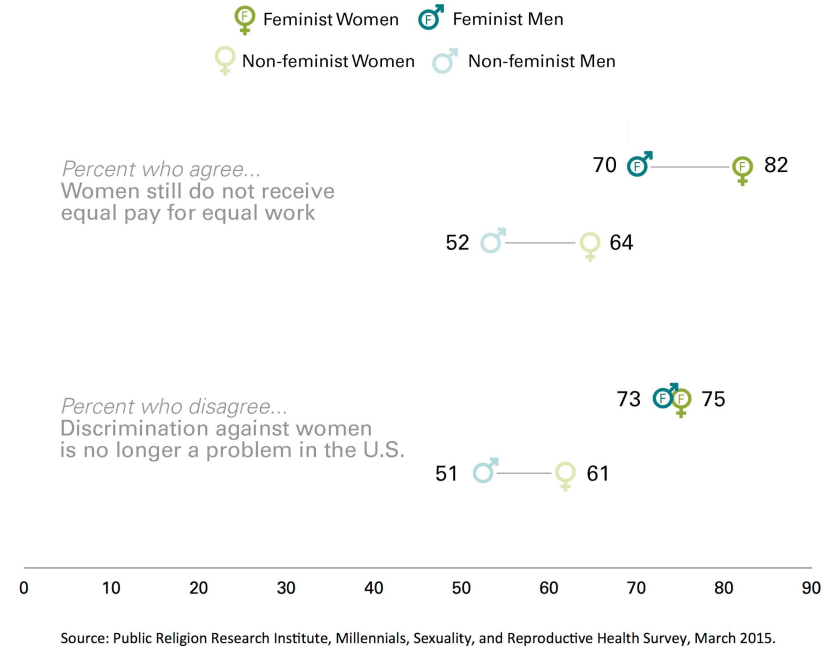


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Phillips, Anne. “Survey Article: Feminism and Republicanism: Is This a Plausible Alliance?”

- Phillips has experience in political sciences and concentrated in political philosophy.
- Her article is also peer reviewed. She has experience in the study of morals and theoretical issues about politics and life.
- I chose Phillips because she used sources that had clear definitions of what she was trying to prove and rooted her work from the early period of politics.

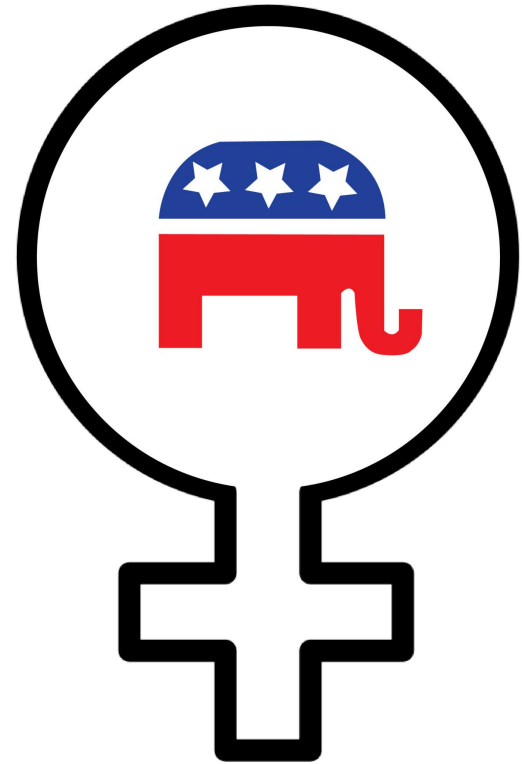


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