

# Feminists and ex-feminists: What info/event made you become an egalitarian?

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The destination here being that you stopped believing (if you ever did) that the issues men face are one or more of the following:

- a) insignificant when compared to women's issues
- b) actually misogyny (e.g. benevolent sexism) or "privilege backfiring"
- c) issues of the individual (e.g. men would receive help, they just chose not to speak up) vs. systemic and societal
- d) insufficient to negate a "male privilege"
- e) for any other reason different to misogyny to a degree that justifies not using the term misandry and thus only accepting them as second class issues

It may be frustrating to some when they have to face the fact that a lot of people are reluctant to listen and willing to dismiss significant amounts of evidence and - most importantly - suffering in order to preserve those beliefs. It may thus be helpful to know who and what made you listen and change your mind. What info were you missing? What info was just too incompatible with your previously held beliefs?

Not everyone is the same and some may just not be open to change. Cassie Jaye, for example, who brought her sister to feminism, is now incapable of educating her on it.

Still, some may benefit from knowing how others managed to escape and finally advocate for equality in an inclusive and consistent manner.

What's your story?

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## Comments

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OldEgalitarianMRA • 30 points • 30 August, 2021 08:55 PM

I was raised in the 1960's and fell for feminism as a movement that allowed women equal opportunity. Back then they said women didn't have the right to work. As a young man I supported women doing their thing.

But when I went through my custody case, at the very beginning, I learned that women, while said to be the better parents at the time, had much higher rates of child abuse than men. The idea that men are brutes was clearly wrong.

That is when I started advocating for men as well as women.

I don't see it as a zero sum game but radical feminists certainly do and they control the government and the purse strings.

So I advocate for men, try to pop the radical feminist lies they are always making up and fight for changes in the law, especially around custody working for default 50/50 equal shared parenting.

[deleted] • 16 points • 30 August, 2021 09:53 PM

The last straw for me was seeing self proclaimed anti sexism actIvistS trying to shame, demonize and dictate men while begging for men to empathize with them

Kicked feminism to the curb after that and I gotta say its a damn good decision.

rustjelqing2 • 6 points • 30 August, 2021 07:09 PM

There's a slight irony of feminists harping about gender neutral language under the moniker of feminist. Maybe consider this.

RestoringStatsGuy • 25 points • 30 August, 2021 07:31 PM

There are a lot of issues where women get the short end of the stick, and many feminists were trying to change this because everyone should be equal. I agree wholeheartedly with this.

As I got older, I became aware of a lot of issues where men got the short end of the stick. Some feminists also fought passionately against these issues, but the majority fought to continue/perpetuate these issues in my experience.

I don't hate feminists. I'm for equality. I think there's a parallel with Gandhi where he said "I like your Christ, but I do not like a lot of your Christians." I agree with some feminists on some issues. I just choose to not identify as one.

Halp\_psl • -10 points • 30 August, 2021 08:24 PM

I would love to agree with the "everyone should be equal", but let's be real. People are not born equal. And that's that.

theOverword • 1 point • 31 August, 2021 08:24 AM

The fuck? I hope you mean by class

hyzermofo • 1 point • 31 August, 2021 09:54 AM

Some people are stupid. Some people are short. We are not all equal.

Bowlmk • 3 points • 31 August, 2021 06:41 AM

My dad is a retired teacher. So me hearing boys treated as defective girls down the grapevine when he was still teaching.

lilith9172 • 4 points • 31 August, 2021 07:04 AM

Seeing proof of feminists lying about a youtuber who wanted to address male issues.

error40r4 • 14 points • 30 August, 2021 09:16 PM

I was huge into feminism, especially when I did my High school in Saudi Arabia and UAE. I was brought up in a society where women were treated as property rather than individuals. To a 15 year old who didn't know anything outside his walls. Men seemed evil. And I completely bought into the feminism moment. Until I moved to India. The moment I was exposed to the real world, and after I witnessed the favouritism towards my mother in family court. I moved towards the Men's Rights moment. The dark one. "We don't need women" one. And it took me a long time to realise that, both genders have got their own issues. And that the narrative was being dictated by loud, rude people.

That's when I moved towards egalitarianism. I don't know if my ideologies will change down the lane. But I am more than happy to learn more, rather than cover towards a group for self satisfaction.

Neither\_Expression\_4 • 7 points • 31 August, 2021 02:34 AM

If you live in India, you must also be aware of the fact that it is completely legal for a woman to rape a man here

error40r4 • 2 points • 31 August, 2021 04:44 AM

I am super aware of that. But personally I don't believe that fighting fire with fire would work. By trying to validate someone who's making BS points, you're only giving them much more platform to grow. I personally believe, let them talk and try to change the law. We may have to suffer a while, but down the line history will remember us as the matured ones. Sunlight is the best disinfectant brother.

Also Indian feminists in general are mostly teenage girls or divorces who have no clue that their anger is literally being used to sell merchandises such as t-shirts, wallpapers, coffee mugs etc. The way I see it, most indian girls are still going through the "emo-phase" we used to have back in 2000s.

Neither\_Expression\_4 • 3 points • 31 August, 2021 04:52 AM

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I'm not validating any BS points. I don't condone misogyny.

Totally agree with ready of your comment

error40r4 • 1 point • 31 August, 2021 04:55 AM

I meant when you try to correct them for bs statement such as "all men are potential rapists" or "all women are gold digging whores", you make it a debate. And let's be honest, you can't win debates with people who're emotionally invested and who don't see the broader picture. All I'm trying to say is, no matter what side it is. If you see some form of extremism. Run.

Training\_Passenger79 • 3 points • 31 August, 2021 04:27 AM

“The narrative was being dictated by loud rude people”

Exactly this. ☐

YouLookGoodInASmile • 1 point • 2 September, 2021 08:07 PM

I realized when I got muted from blatant misogyny for saying calling out "toxic feminists" isnt misogyny.

rabatek • -15 points • 30 August, 2021 06:52 PM

Ok.