

View feminism from a male perspective

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Equality has always had an impact on the world.

Humans deserve to be treated as equal, no matter the race, age or gender. One of the biggest battles of equality we have faced in modern times is gender equality, as fought by feminists.

Merriam-Webster defines feminism as the advocacy of women's rights based on the equality of the sexes. Feminism officially started in the year 1848, when the first women's rights conference, the Seneca Falls Convention, was held in Seneca Falls, NY. Ever since then, feminism has grown and evolved to become what it is now. It has millions of followers, male and female alike, across the nation.

Logan Wepler, biology senior, said, "We are all on the same side. We should all be equal. No one above the other."

However, just as there are peaceful protests and discussions regarding equality of the sexes, there are also uncivil protests and violent ways of fighting for equality.

Reese Robinette, business administration sophomore, said, "Feminism, in essence, used to be powerful and meaningful, which I would support, but I feel like today it is more of just a revenge tour. Luckily, popular celebrities like Emma Watson are trying to bring it back around."

Cameron Goodrich, biology and biochemistry sophomore, said, "It is important for men and women

to understand that feminism has nothing to do with hating men, but rather a pursuit towards women's rights and equality. In a system of justice, giving rights to one party does not limit the rights of others, therefore the progression towards women's rights is not an act to achieve superiority, but instead a movement designed to aid women standing out as individuals deserving of equality."

Radical feminism, better known as extreme feminism, is a perspective within feminism that

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calls for a radical reordering of society in which male supremacy is eliminated in all social and economic contexts. Most followers who support this type of feminism believe women are seriously mistreated in our nation and consider the male race to be at the top of a patriarchy in society. Sometimes these supporters can be very aggressive and violent in trying to get their message across.

Jonah Robson, marine biology and chemistry freshman, said, "I believe that women and men should have equal rights, but there needs to be a more respectful way of bringing on this

change from both genders."

Because various forms of media control what we see and how we interpret it, it can be easy to lump these extremists with those who support actual feminism.

Arthur Anderson, communication sophomore, said, "I'm a supporter for women's rights because I know my girlfriend sure is."

Taylor Rodriguez, computer science and digital arts sophomore, defines feminism as the ability to fight for women's right in a social and political standing as well as to believe men and women are equal in every way, shape or form.

"I think feminism is something that everyone should fight for, man or woman. Basic human rights are permitted to everyone," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez does see himself as a feminist and completely supports the movement. He believes women can do more than men and believes they need to be treated and seen with respect.

Marquis Hodge, accounting and business senior, said, "If there wasn't a problem, there wouldn't be a such thing as movements and/or protests. Feminism is just one of the few really important matters that needs to be addressed, especially during these changing times. Women are really just as powerful, if not more powerful, than men are today in some aspects."

Stephen Le, biochemistry junior, defines feminism as the movement to bring attention to the inequalities women have in our society. Le said he under-

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stands radical feminism and knows they are going in the wrong path in trying to get their message across.

"I do support women's rights, just not the extremist side," said Le. "There exists a strange dichotomy between the foundation of feminism and what they [extremists] are asking for."

Timothy Maclaskey, IT technician and Southwestern alumnus, defines feminism as equal rights for men and women.

Maclaskey does not consider himself a feminist. He thinks modern-day feminism "got off the rails" of what it originally stood for. Maclaskey believes feminism has shifted to be more about women superiority and believes women have it easier than men in most aspects. He supports this with the fact women can vote but are still not required to register for the draft.

"I feel like modern day feminists cherry-pick which rights they want," said Maclaskey. "They choose which ones benefit them and leave out the ones that truly make them equal."

Jack Berry, history junior, defines feminism as caring for women and their needs and giving them equal rights. Berry does not consider himself a feminist because he does not understand what women go through, so he feels he has no input in the topic.

Feminism, like ageism and racism, is an age-long discussion, and the success of its goals is subjective. Although SC's student population is more than 60 percent male, it is apparent there are men who support their fellow Builders, regardless of sex.

Jack Warring, musical theatre junior, said, "I mean, women are equal. I don't think it should even be a fight. Humans are humans, nothing more."

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Student media moves forward with print, online redesign

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Over the last couple of semesters, the newspaper staff has been talking about a potential redesign of the student media platform.

Now the potential redesign has become a reality.

"I think we just needed something new and something updated, something that would

just make it easier for our posts. I think also, when it came to the online, we ran into a lot of problems with trying to upload," said Tessa Castor, English junior and Collegian editor in chief. "Then, when it came to our print editions, we would look at our front page design and the cover photo would look really good, but the top was not quite how it should have looked."

The print Collegian, UpdateSC

and all social media accounts are getting a complete makeover with new logos and designs.

The central goal of the redesign was to take the student media platform and make it more modern and up-to-date.

The Collegian has a totally new logo design and new borders on the top of the pages.

"Victoria Lybarger designed our banner and our flag, which is the design on the front page and

then throughout bars on the top of the Collegian," said Castor.

The online platform has undergone a complete redesign and is changing its name from UpdateSC to The Collegian.

"As far as everything else goes, our entire theme of our website is different, which follows more of a blog feel," said Bryson Barrett, computer science senior and webmaster.

Barrett is a one-man team,

meaning he is the only staff member able to design and change things on the website.

He has worked for a week on the site and it is still under construction at the moment.

As for the various social media accounts, they have officially to SCBuilderMedia.

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