

Common Lecture: *Gender Inequality and American Feminism*  
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**I. SIGN OF OUR TIMES-**

**II. GLOBAL FEMINIST ISSUES**

- A. PERSISTENT GENDER INEQUALITY AROUND THE GLOBE
- B. U.N.-HUMAN RIGHTS TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS
  - 1. Four United Nations global women's conferences -Mexico City (1975), Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995).
- C. CHALLENGES – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MOMENTS
  - 1. Gender inequality and population growth
  - 2. Discrimination reinforced by conventional strategies of economic development
  - 3. Feminization of poverty - Population growth and unequal status of women - leading causes
  - 4. Divergent problem - reconciling the universal claim of women's rights with the values of tolerance and respect for difference.

**III. ROOTS OF FEMINISM IN WEST**

- A. TERMS: SEX ,GENDER, FEMINISM, PATRIARCHY
- B. FEMINIST IDEAS IN 414 COURSE- LIBERAL TO RADICAL

**IV. AMERICAN FEMINISM**

- A. WOMEN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
- B. SECOND WAVE-
  - 1. 1966, the National Organization for Women (NOW), Women's Liberation Workshop,
  - 2. 1963, Betty Friedan *The Feminine Mystique*
- C. ISSUES 1970'S – 80-'S
  - 1. Reclaiming female sexual freedom - invention of the Pill
  - 2. Control over reproduction- Abortion
  - 3. Violence against women –
    - a) Understanding Rape,
    - b) Shelters and Battered Women's Movement

**V. 1980'S AND BEYOND**

- A. UNDERSTANDING PATRIARCHY-
  - 1. Role of Men? Blameworthy in perpetuating patriarchy?
  - 2. Image of women in popular culture- *Beauty Myth*
  - 3. Sexual Harassment in workplace
- B. UNDERREPRESENTATION OF WOMEN'S CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS

**VI. ADVANCES**

- A. NEW LAWS / NEW THEORIES OF GENDER
- B. BETTER REPRESENTATION- INCREASED WOMEN IN LEVELS OF GOVT.