

Topics Course Agenda

Susan Faludi's definition of feminism (Backlash)- It's agenda is basic: It asks that women not be forced to 'choose' between public justice and private happiness. It asks that women be free to define themselves--instead of having their identity defined for them, time and again, by their culture and their men." (p. xxiii).

1st Week: Introduction to Feminism

- Stereotypes of feminism
- Why we identify as feminists
- What feminism advocates for
- Explanations of sex and gender
- Black and Hispanic community movements

2nd Week: Reproductive Rights

- What are Reproductive Rights?
- Brief history/Margaret Sanger
- How reproductive rights/birth control coincides with feminism

3rd Week: Women in the Workplace

- Gender roles in the workplace
- Women's rights at work
- Sexual harassment
- Equal pay for equal work

4th Week: Suffrage/Voting

- What is suffrage?
- Brief history of voting rights for women
- Susan B. Anthony (SBAnthony gives a connection to Rochester/community)
- Why your vote counts
- Bring voting papers so that the women can register to vote if they want to/haven't already