

# [***Shakira criticism of Barbie***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BPN-8291-DYY9-03KM-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Shakira confessed that her children did not like the ***Barbie*** movie and that she supports them, "to a certain extent", because they do not agree with the message of feminism and female empowerment that Greta Gerwig's film exposes. In an interview she gave to Allure magazine in April, the Colombian reflected on the power of women and how she has formulated her music to deliver that message. One of the examples where the celebrity found an opportunity to expose her way of thinking about women was her critique of the 2023 blockbuster film.

"My kids absolutely hated it. They felt it was emasculating. And I agree, to a point. I'm raising two boys. I want them to also feel empowered by respecting women. "I like pop culture that tries to empower women without depriving men of their ability to be men, to protect and provide as well. I believe in giving women all the tools and confidence that we can do everything without losing our essence, without losing our femininity. I believe that men have a purpose in society and women also have another purpose. We complement each other and that complement should not be lost," she commented. Referring to the ***Barbie*** story, where the Ken is removed from the top positions in Barbieland, Shakira questioned, "Doesn't the fact that a woman can do everything mean that she should? Why not share the burden with people who deserve to carry it, who also have the duty to carry it?" Although last year, ***Barbie***, starring Margot Robbie, became a message of female empowerment, for the singer, Wonder Woman is her true idol. "My idol was Wonder Woman. I think I was drawn to her because she had black hair like mine, but also because she was a symbol of empowerment and strength in a decade when women were not playing the most important roles. I remember my mom stopped working at some point. She stopped wearing miniskirts and the length of her skirts got longer because my dad said so. WANTS TO EMPOWER WOMEN The "Loba" singer's decision to make room for female empowerment in her new musical era was made after going through a divorce from Gerard Piqué in 2022. About those difficult moments, the singer-songwriter added: "I was in the mud. I had to rebuild myself. I had to put together all the pieces that had fallen apart." "I want this music to build bridges, to empower people and help women discover their own strengths," she said. "In the past, when women went through a difficult situation, they were expected to mind their manners, hide the pain and cry silently. That's over," she said. Shakira, singer "My idol was Wonder Woman. I think I was attracted to her because she had black hair like mine, but also because she was a symbol of empowerment and strength in a decade when women were not playing the most important roles."

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