

Xiao Wang

Persuasive writing 7

Adair

Draft 1

What role do men play in feminism? Enemy or friend?

China ranks 114 in the 2020 gender gap report, three places behind last year.

How can Chinese women save themselves in such unequal circumstance?

Feminism is the best way they can go.

What do feminists believe in? Feminism means that men and women should have equal opportunities. If a woman is as capable as any other man-manager, she can be a man's boss; If a man has the interest and ability to take care of children, he should be allowed to take care of them instead of making their moms stay at home and get away from work. No one will find this situation strange or call it "weird". In other words, feminists believe in a world where no one feels enslaved or oppressed by their role and works aren't defined by gender.

As was stated above, the goal of feminism is equal rights. But in modern society, especially in modern China, men enjoy more power than women from birth, which makes lots of men think it's natural that they should have the privilege. In almost everywhere in China, the parents value the male child only. A girl was taught to give all her good things to her brother. She was born inferior. In terms of work, the employment rate of women has been declining since 1990,

---

especially in cities. In the trend of laid-off, it is more difficult for women to find jobs than men, so more women return to their families: in 1990, 76.3% of women were employed, while in 2010, the number dropped to 60.8%. In 2005, in Jilin, Heilongjiang and other regions, the proportion of female employment was only 35% to 45%. In fact, while economic reform brings opportunities to all, women are still treated unfairly: the unemployment rate of women is 50% higher than that of men, and they are twice as likely to be harassed in the workplace. In 2010, one in five women couldn't be financially independent, compared with 4.7% of men.

Gender stereotypes are deeply rooted in China. In 2000, one third of the respondents agreed with the saying that "men are stronger than women" and that "men are inherently better than women". Ten years later, this is still the case. In another independent survey in 2009, one-third of female respondents and nearly 40% of male respondents believed that women's lack of job opportunities was due to "their weak ability", another third felt that it was due to "women's inherent physical weakness", and a quarter of respondents believed that the reason was that "women don't care about their work, and they don't have enough career ambition. "

More importantly, the stereotype of gender has not weakened but even increased. When asked what they thought of the saying "men should be society oriented and women should be family oriented", half of the male and half of the female respondents agreed with the statement. However, the proportion has increased in the past decade: in 2010, more than 61% of the male respondents

supported the statement, and the number of women who supported it also increased by four percentage points. This shows that in women's minds, the idea of a patriarchal society is more deeply rooted once again.

In this way, men might be the enemy of feminism, Is that true?

If you're a man with universal values, which means you believe in love, peace, equal, human rights and so on, you should stand on the side of feminism even it will damage your own rights, which I prefer to call it privilege, because this right shouldn't be your own right, it belongs to the women. These men can be friends of feminism and there are many men contributed to the feminist movement in Chinese history.

Eliminating gender discrimination and realizing gender equality are the key issues for men and women. It is difficult to solve the problem of gender equality without the change and participation of men. The United States launched the "He for She" global advocacy campaign in September 2014. As we can know just from the name, this campaign aims to emphasize the importance of gender equality through male voice and call on more men to participate in the elimination of gender discrimination and the practice of gender equality. At the Global women's summit, Present Xi Jinping expressed appreciation for the "He for She" initiative, launched by UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, and hoped more and more men to participate in the movement.

Although the concept of "male participation" was first adopted in the 1994 International Conference on population and development, In the women's

movement in China, men have been active all the time for more than 100 years. In addition, some early male thinkers and social elites became the first feminists in China. They were the promoters of women's movement. They played an important role in the Chinese women's movement and open up the Chinese women's movement. It was the first of its kind in history and became the main force of Chinese women's movement in that period.

After the Sino Japanese War of 1894-1895, Kang Youwei, Sun Yat Sen and other male thinkers and politicians, put women's liberation into their own political program while exploring the reform of China. Freedom, equality, personality liberation became their slogan. They use the western talent and human rights as a weapon. Kang Youwei put forward that men and women are born of heaven, and they are the same as "Tianmin" , born with rights, which should be regarded as "Tianquan". There are no differences between men and women in sharing "Tianquan". In the book of great harmony by Kang Youwei, he put up the idea of realizing women's rights by setting up a women's school so that women can be educated. They should be educated and allowed to take part in examinations, elections and official posts; freedom of marriage; independence of personality; prohibition of taking the husband's surname; children's should be raised by the society to liberate women from housework.

Sun Yat Sen also put forward the idea of equal rights between men and women. He said "Four hundred million people are all equal, no difference between the noble and the humble, and have the right to manage state affairs.

Women have the same responsibilities as men." In 1912, *'the general chapter of the Chinese Alliance men's role in the rise of the Chinese women's movement* 'clearly wrote:" advocating equal rights between men and women"; in August, Sun Yat Sen issued his political views on going north, and the first one was "equal rights between men and women."

President Xi Jinping put forward at the global women summit that "there is a world men and women sharing together. Eliminate discrimination and prejudice against women will make the society more tolerant and more dynamic. We should strive to eliminate all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence. We should take equality between men and women as the core, and break the backward ideas and stereotypes that hinder women's development. "

What role do men play in feminism? Enemy or friend? In my opinion, every man should devote themselves to feminism and work hard to make women feel you are on their side.