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## The Changing Role and Status of Women in Britain Since 1900

Furthermore the criminal acts today of wife-battering and marital rape were legal.

### The Changing role of women in Britain since 1900

Feminism in 1950s England was strongly connected to social responsibility and involved the well-being of society as a whole. Bourgeois existence was a world of interior space, heavily curtained off and wary of intrusion, and opened only by invitation for viewing on occasions such as parties or teas. By the late 1860s a number of schools were preparing women for careers as governesses or teachers.

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The success of the government in providing new services, such as hospitals, and school lunches, as well as the equalitarian spirit of the People's war, contributed to widespread support for an enlarged welfare state. From these political actions, the suffragists successfully created publicity around their institutional discrimination and sexism. The author combines evidence from primary research, with an emphasis on personal testimony, with the most up-to-date work of specialist scholars in each field.

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The 1960s saw dramatic shifts in sexual attitudes and values, led by youth.

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Some women who held jobs prior to the war were obliged to forfeit them to returning soldiers, and others were exsessed. Single women typically worked as educators.

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They were also concerned about how the women would vote if they were given the right to, as they would likely vote for labour. Contraceptives

became more expensive over time and had a high failure rate. Young women officially became prostitutes and were trapped for life in the system.

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At the time, single mothers were the poorest sector in society, disadvantaged for at least four reasons. It was believed that women under 30 would be likely to support feminist or radical reforms. A magazine of her own? This had far-reaching repercussions for almost every area of life.

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Historians are still assessing the impact of the war on British society. Leicester Leicestershire New York: Leicester University Press St. Back to home and duty: women between the wars, 1918-1939.

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