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Even if the idea has been met with both praise and criticism — domestic and international — the word feminism is not as charged in Sweden as in many other countries. Occupationally separated schemes in conservative welfare regimes have approached near universalism, making the distinction between different occupational categories more or less meaningless. And although a believer in equality of welfare who also affirms further principles need not be a welfarist other than with respect to the metric of equality in particular, it is extremely unlikely that a good criticism of welfarism proper will not also apply to that restricted welfarism which acknowledges the relevance of no information but welfare in the context of p.

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