

Feminism for the 99%

A Collective-Individual
Reading Session



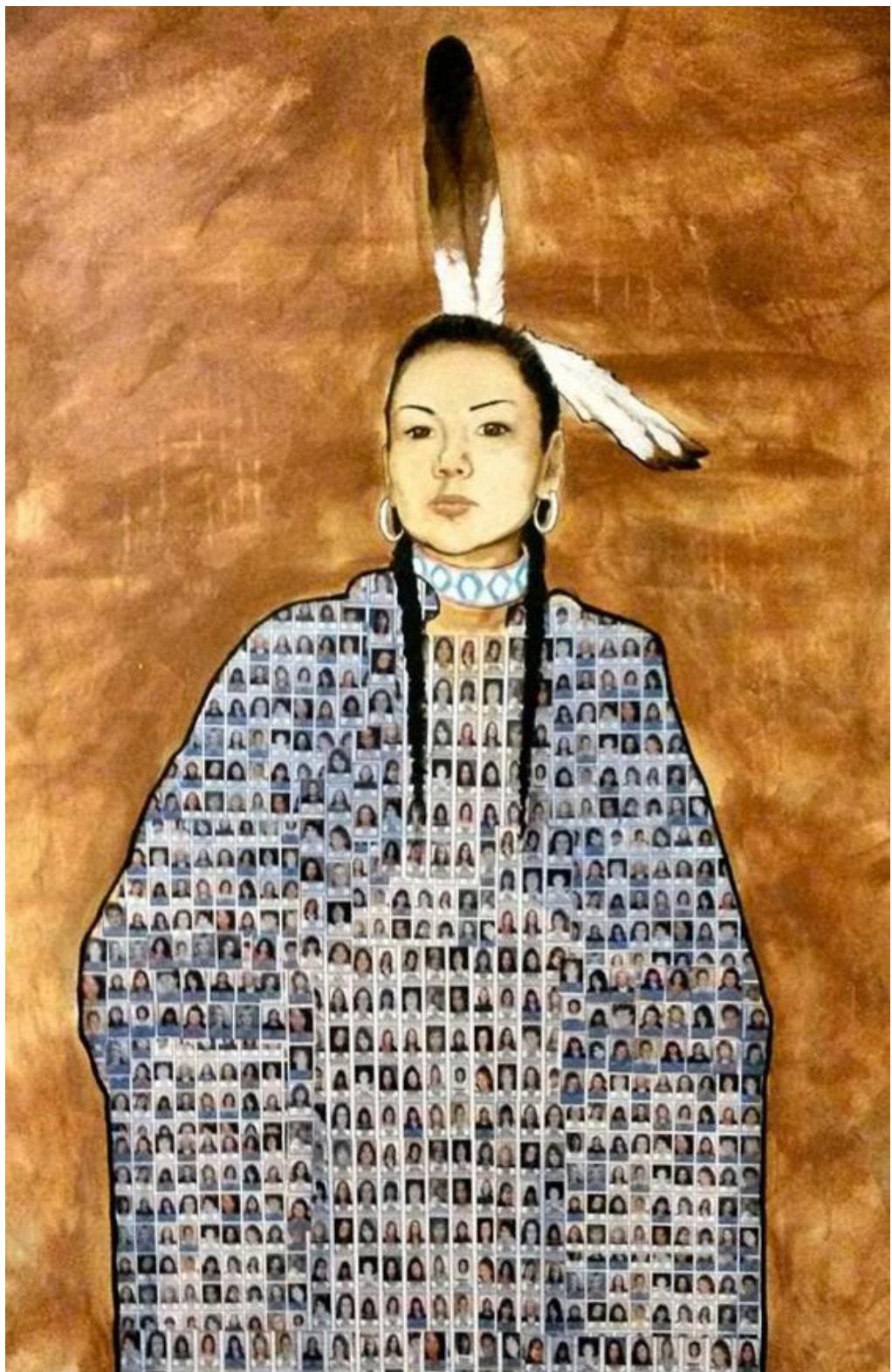
introduction

Welcome to Feminism for the 99%, a space for reading, reflection, and self-education. This booklet is an invitation to explore feminist perspectives that have historically been overlooked—those emerging from Black, Indigenous, and queer/trans experiences.

This reading session is based on two key premises:

- 1. *No single voice can represent all feminist perspectives.***
- 2. *The responsibility of learning about gender oppression and intersectionality should not fall solely on those who experience marginalization—everyone has a role to play.***

Through these readings and multimedia resources, we invite you to challenge dominant narratives, expand your understanding, and reflect on how feminism can become a movement for all.



Still Dancing by Jonathan LaBillois, 2014.

intersectionality

The term intersectionality was coined by legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989 to describe how different forms of oppression—such as racism, sexism, classism, ableism, and transphobia—overlap and create unique experiences of marginalization.

Example: A Black woman may experience discrimination differently than a white woman or a Black man because she faces both racism and sexism simultaneously.

Mainstream feminism has often focused on the experiences of white, middle-class women, ignoring how race, class, gender identity, and sexuality and other identities shape oppression differently. Understanding intersectionality is essential for creating a feminism that includes and uplifts all people.



All of Creation Screams by Little Gaze, 2025

how to use the booklet

This is a self-directed reading and reflection experience. There is no right or wrong way to engage—take your time, absorb the material, and allow yourself to reflect.

- Choose readings that resonate with you.
- Watch videos using the QR codes provided.
- Reflect on the ideas presented—how do they challenge or expand your perspective?
- Engage in quiet reading or informal discussion if you feel comfortable.

Feminist texts can be powerful and challenging. Give yourself space to process emotions and thoughts as you read.



selected readings & excerpts

Here are short excerpts from key feminist thinkers, offering insights into different feminist traditions:

- A Feminist Theory of Violence - Françoise Vergès
- Burn It Down! Feminist Manifestos for the Revolution - Breanne Fahs
- Feminist City - Leslie Kern
- Fortunes of Feminism - Nancy Fraser
- I, Rigoberta Menchú - Elisabeth Burgos-Debray
- My Country, Africa - Andrée Blouin
- The Kurdish Women's Movement - Dilar Dirik
- They Call It Love: The Politics of Emotion - Alva Gotby
- To Exist is to Resist - Akwugo Emejulu
- Tomorrow Sex Will Be Good Again: Women and Desire in the Age of Consent - Katherine Angel
- What We Don't Talk About: Sex and the Mess - JoAnn Wypijewski
- Where Freedom Starts: Sex, Power, Violence #MeToo - Anonymous
- All Said and Done - Simone de Beauvoir

selected readings & excerpts

- What We Don't Talk About When We Talk About #MeToo - JoAnn Wypijewski
- Quem Tem Medo do Feminismo Negro? - Djamila Ribeiro
- The Second Sex - Simone de Beauvoir
A Vindication of the Rights of Woman - Mary Wollstonecraft
- The Thing Around Your Neck - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Women, Race & Class - Angela Y. Davis
- Everyday Matters: Contemporary Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto - Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, Nancy Fraser
- Gender Trouble - Judith Butler
- Women Who Run with the Wolves - Clarissa Pinkola Estés
- Ecofeminism - Maria Mies and Vandana Shiva
- Caliban and the Witch - Silvia Federici
- Gentrification Is Inevitable and Other Lies - Leslie Kern
- Kolonial Rotterdam | Stad van vandaag en morgen
- Por um Feminismo Afro-Latino-Americano - Lélia Gonzalez
- Design Struggles - Claudia Mareis & Nina Paim (eds.)

video & multimedia resources

Scan the QR codes below to access videos that expand on feminist perspectives:

Perspectives:

- Queer & Muslim: Nothing to Reconcile | Blair Imani | TEDxBoulder
- Leslie Sanic | Beyond Tradition: Indigenous Women Redefining Leadership
- Life As A Young and Native American | Indigenous Voices
- The Danger Of Being A Black Woman In Brazil | Fundamental | Refinery29
- How women in Pakistan are creating political change | Shad Begum
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a single story | TED

Decolonial Feminism

- 'The west believe they taught us feminism': the women's movement around the world
- Ecofeminism explained
- An urban girl's ecofeminist theory: Equitable access to nature | Serati Maseko | TEDxPretoria
- Meet the ecofeminists fighting for Uganda's forests

On Intersectionality:

- The urgency of intersectionality | Kimberlé Crenshaw | TED
- #APeoplesJourney: African American Women and the Struggle for Equality

video & multimedia resources



reflection

Feminism is not just about knowledge—it's about action. After reading and watching, take time to reflect:

Reflection Prompts:

- What was something new or surprising that you learned?
- How do these feminist perspectives challenge dominant narratives?
- How can you integrate intersectionality into your own activism, studies, or daily life?

For follow-ups about the readings, feel free to contact us:

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