

T h a n k T h e F e m i n i s t s

— *Authors unknown*

If you're female and ...

...you can vote, thank the feminists.

...you get paid the *same* wage as men doing the same job, thank the feminists.

...you went to college or university instead of being expected to leave after high school so your brothers could go or because "You'll just get married anyway", thank the feminists.

...you can apply for *any* job, not just "women's work", thank the feminists.

...*you* can get or give birth control information without going to jail, thank the feminists.

...your doctor, lawyer, minister, magistrate/judge, car mechanic, bank manager, Member of Parliament or governor is a woman, thank the feminists.

...you can take your child/children to a child care centre or crèche when you have to go to work, or the doctor or shopping, thank the feminists.

...your boss or others at work or in public institutions aren't allowed to pressure you for sex or molest or harass you, thank the feminists.

...if you get raped then the trial *isn't* about your clothes or your previous relationships, thank the feminists.

...if your child is abused or molested or stalked - it is a crime - and you can get police and community services intervention, thank the feminists.

...you start a small business and can get a loan using only *your* name and credit history, thank the feminists.

... if you are on trial and *you* are allowed to testify in your own defense, thank the feminists.

...you have the right to *your own* salary even if you are married or have a male relative, thank the feminists.

...*you* get parental rights of your children following separation and/or divorce, thank the feminists.

...*you* get a voice in the raising and care of your children instead of them being completely controlled by the husband/father, thank the feminists.

...your partner beats you - it is unlawful - and the police can charge him instead of lecturing you on how you should behave, thank the feminists.

...you are granted a degree after attending college or university instead of a mere certificate of completion, thank the feminists.

...you can breastfeed your baby in a public place and not be arrested, thank the feminists.

...you marry and your rights and identity do not disappear into your husband's rights, thank the feminists.

...you have *the right* to refuse sex with your partner, thank the feminists.

...if your partner is abusive, violent or threatens violence to you and/or your children *you* can seek a restraining order through the court and seek shelter in a women's refuge, thank the feminists.

...you have the right to keep *your* medical records confidential from the men or others in your family, thank the feminists.
...you play an organized sport, thank the feminists.
...you can wear slacks without being excommunicated from your church or run out of town, thank the feminists.
...you have the right to read the books, webpages, magazines etc. *you* want, thank the feminists.
...you can testify in court about crimes or wrongs your husband/partner has committed, thank the feminists.
...you can choose to be a mother or not a mother in *your* own time and not at the dictates of a husband or partner, thank the feminists.
...you can look forward to a lifespan of 80+ years instead of dying in your 20s from childbirth, thank the feminists.
...you can see yourself as a full, adult human being instead of being seen as a minor who needs to be controlled by a man, **thank the feminists!**

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