

Задача о феминизме как одном из самых значимых общественных движений XX века

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Текст задачи

У феминизма долгая история, особенно в США. В своё время это движение было самым видным социальным явлением. Что изменилось с тех пор? Каковы женщины сейчас? Как развивалось и менялось феминистское движение?

а) найдите информацию по тексту задачи

б) проанализируйте собранный материал

в) в диалогах и малых группах обсудите собранный материал

г) сделайте выводы

д) сравните полученные результаты с предлагаемой статьей о феминизме

Возможные информационные источники

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American Civics, William H. Hartley, William S. Vincent, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.

Hotline, pre-intermediate. Student's book. Tom Hutchinson. Oxford University Press 1997

Web-сайты:

<http://feminism.eserver.org/>

<http://www.feminist.com/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feminism>

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Культурный образец для сопоставления

Feminism

By Laura Warrell

The Start

The first women to fight for their rights were Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony in the 19th century. Their main issue was women's right to vote. Susan was a Quaker and she traveled the country speaking about voting and property rights for women, as well as abolishing slavery. Elizabeth was stuck at home changing diapers and wrote many of Susan's speeches. This led to some friction between the two women.

Despite their work, neither woman lived to see women win the right to vote. This was eventually granted under the 19th Amendment to the American Constitution in 1920. In the 1970s, a coin was made in honor of Susan B. Anthony, but was never successful with Americans. As one American male said:

«Sure, I don't mind if women can vote and own property. But a chick on my money? That's going too far!»

Lots Of Ass

The next most important event for women was the development of birth

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control. In 1921, Margaret Sanger formed the «American Birth Control League». At the same time, she said:

«Motherhood limits women to a life of drudgery and it withdraws them from their best years of their life.»

This message was popular with middle-class women. In 1953, Dr. Gregory Goodwin Princus developed the Pill and in 1961 it was approved by the «Food & Drug Administration».

Feminists see this moment as monumental because it freed women from the home, let them choose when and if they became mothers, and gave them the opportunity to participate more fully in public life.

The 1960s

The 1960s was feminism's most active time. In 1964, Betty Friedan published a book called «The Feminine Mystique» which questioned the role of women in society. The book sold five million copies by 1970 and laid the groundwork for the modern feminist movement.

During the Vietnam war women also became involved in the anti-war movements. They fought against unequal pay, abortion and institutional sexism at universities and work. In 1961, President Kennedy created the «Presidential Commission On The Status of Women» (which was *not*, as many were surprised to discover, a ranking system of Kennedy's best shags). In 1963, the «Equal Pay Act» required that women receive the same pay as men for the same work; and the 1964 «Civil Rights Act» said it was illegal for companies not to hire someone because of gender or race. The «equal employment Opportunity Commission», which was established to investigate job discrimination, received 50,000 complaints of sex discrimination in its first five years.

Free Love

This was also the time of the sexual revolution and free love. Free love was all about

enjoying sex without worrying about society's «rules». As one famous song said:

«If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with.»

Other women said that they didn't want to be seen as sexual objects. They rebelled against the feminized images of women by burning their bras. They also refused to shave or wear make-up. One of the 1960s most important scientific discoveries was that women with leg hair and no lipstick are still attractive to men.

The Future

Many believe that feminism is over in the US and Europe. Some say it's because women are relatively satisfied with the situation today. But others argue that they shouldn't become complacent. Domestic violence, equal opportunities at work and abortion rights are still major issues. Every year hundreds of women are killed by unstable husbands or boyfriends.

Modern day feminists are also helping women abroad, most notably fighting oppression in countries like Afghanistan and many places in Africa. Many people criticize feminists and say they're just bitter women who can't get a date. But without them, women wouldn't be voting, attending college or managing companies; and they'd probably still be at home baking cookies and cleaning their kids» asses.

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