

DISCOURSE ON FEMINISM: A SHORT INTERVIEW SESSION

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BACKGROUND

This philosophy has been one of the most discussed ideas, especially by the women who practiced them. Before I dive into this topic, I need to give a background check on this issue.

Feminism has the case maybe did not just emerge from thin air, it has a source, and one of the valuable traces is the family. Where the man trying to impose some duties on specific genders. From this, it is notable to understand that this does not go well with female folks, especially when it favours males.

Therefore, what is feminism?

Feminism is a situation where all genders have equal rights and opportunities. It concerns respecting diverse women's experiences, identities, strengths, and knowledge and striving to empower all women to realise their full rights.

A Feminist is someone (Male or female) who supports equal rights for women. There are three types of feminism.

- 1) Radical Feminism.
- 2) Liberal Feminism.
- 3) Intersectional Feminism.

Before I will discuss this, I would love to share the ideas of three priests concerning feminism. The main purpose of this research wasn't for publishing, I felt, it wouldn't be nice if I keep these ideas to myself after the purpose of the work have been achieved.

This research was conducted based on the following questions.

- 1) Based on a lady who says when she gets married, her husband also needs to be entering the kitchen to prepare meals because it is not the duty of a woman to cook.
- 2) And also, she won't answer her husband's surname when she gets married,

instead, she would answer her father's surname.

- 3) And that responsibilities and duties would be shared between her and her husband.

THOUGHTS OF FR. IGNATIUS OFFOR

Well, If that is her concept of feminism, I think it's a question of understanding between her and her husband. I have seen some women add their fathers' names to their husbands' names. I don't think it is a big deal. Perhaps, it might be a family ego or popularity.

Cooking may be for fun or a hobby. A highly learned and rich man narrated to me recently how cooking is one of his biggest hobbies. He shares the kitchen with his wife. Such things can strengthen the bonds of love between Spouses.

Responsibilities ought to be shared between spouses. It is not feminism but responsibility and mutual understanding.

THOUGHTS OF FR. PIUS NKUDA

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH ON THAT?

I don't have any take than what the Church teaches. In marriage, a man and a woman become one, meaning that she leaves her biological family to join the family. If she wants to be sentimental. That's her problem.

In terms of kitchen work, everyone has a responsibility in marriage. So sharing of cooking in turn is between her and her husband.

THOUGHTS OF FR. AZUBUIKE IKEMERIKA OSA

Feminism is not too hard to discuss. But only try and moderate feminists (that is to support them in their views, although not completely. Meanwhile, it is a psychological way of pleading the question about feminism).

Chimamanda once said in her talk, that everyone should be a feminist, people should not feel as if women should do everything.

Now this, is my take, what is feminism all about? Is it about women not carrying out their home responsibility and then shifting it to men to carry out or could it be about subjugating women to the background and not allowing them to air their views?

As the writer of this research work, here is my view on feminism.

Feminism should not be seen as a big deal, it involves discussing with your spouse or the person in question. We should accommodate them, instead of pushing them out, we should try and help them in their situations.

I am in no way against feminism, but at the same time, we shouldn't be hard on them, since such ideology did not just come on its own. It might have come due to peer pressure, family background, and others.

I think these are the basic things you must observe if you feel you can befriend or go into a relationship with them. But go your way and leave them to their fate than giving them force hope.

As I said before, I shall discuss the types of feminism.

1) **RADICAL FEMINISM**

Radical feminism is more aggressive and blames the exploitation of women on men. It focuses on dismantling the society which is patriarchal and also traditional gender roles by ensuring reproductive rights and critiquing the nuclear family and motherhood. Radical feminists are inclined to change the system themselves.

2) **LIBERAL FEMINISM**

Liberal feminism is the ideology that most people think of when they hear the word, "Feminism or Feminist". It can be described as " Mainstream Feminism", as

defined by Philosopher Alison Jagger.

It put more attention on political rights and equality in education and the place of work. This includes issues like equal access to education, equal pay, and so on.

3) **INTERSECTIONAL FEMINISM**

Intersectional feminism discusses how sexism, racism, classism, and xenophobia intersect and form a system of oppression. It counters "white feminism", which by ignoring racial oppression, can support white supremacy.

CONCLUSION

As I earlier said, the purpose of this research work, is not to condemn anyone, but to change the heart of extreme feminists. I do not support feminism and I do not condemn also. Because in all, there is a truism to all hidden truth.

I write to affirm that in all of these, the world would be a better place, where both feminism and other philosophies can strive.

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