

# Feminism



**Philosophy which aims to remove institutional barriers for talented women.**



**Ethic which insists on women as a group having an identical economic profile to men.**

Grrrl Power represents young women as angry and taking action. For example, Flea writes in her zine Thunderpussy, “Next time a bloke feels your arse or patronises you, forget the moral high ground. Just deck the bastard.” I believe this attempt to reclaim power is worth looking at closely.

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Mediocracy is good at co-opting ideas that are pro-individual, and turning them into means for attacking individuals. Pre-mediocratic feminism demanded that women of high ability not be barred from competing with men. But individual women of high ability are not of concern to mediocratic feminists, any more than talented individuals from poor backgrounds are of concern to mediocratic egalitarians.

As with *egalitarianism*, the real objective is to have a justification for attacking some class of individual – in this case, men. It does not matter much who the targets for hostility are, but men are particularly suitable since in their pre-mediocratic manifestation they tended to be associated with qualities of which mediocracy disapproves, e.g. self-reliance, territoriality, competitiveness.