

## **Glossary of Sexism**

**Patriarchy-** social organization marked by the supremacy of the father in the clan or family, the legal dependence of wives and children, and the reckoning of descent and inheritance in the male line; (but here's the newly coined term:) broadly- control by men of a disproportionately large share of the power

**Sexual harassment-** unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature

**Rape culture-** a complex set of beliefs that encourage male aggression and support violence against women. Rape culture includes jokes, TV, music, advertising, legal jargon, laws, words, and imagery that make violence against women and sexual coercion seem so normal that people believe that rape is inevitable.

**Sexism-** unfair treatment of people because of their sex, especially unfair treatment of women

**Feminism-** the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities

**Androcentrism-** dominated by or emphasizing masculine interests or a masculine point of view

**Misogyny-** a hatred of women

**Ambivalent sexism-** the theory that sexism is actually executed by means of two differing types of sexism: hostile sexism and benevolent sexism

**Hostile sexism-** an adversarial view of gender relations in which women are perceived as seeking to control men, whether through sexuality or feminist ideology

**Benevolent sexism-** recognizes that some forms of sexism are, for the perpetrator, subjectively benevolent, characterizing women as pure creatures who ought to be protected, supported, and adored and whose love is necessary to make a man complete.

**Sexist microaggressions-** the everyday verbal, nonverbal, and environmental slights, snubs, or insults, whether intentional or unintentional, which communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative messages to target persons solely based upon their marginalized group membership. The impact of the microaggression lies not only in the message itself but in the "hidden meaning" behind the message

**Mansplaining-** when a man talks condescendingly to someone (especially a woman) about something of which he has incomplete knowledge, with the mistaken assumption that he knows more about it than the person to whom he is talking

**Bropropriation-** taking a woman's idea and taking credit for it

**Maninterrupting-** unnecessary interruption of a woman by a man

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