

OVERVIEW OF FEMINIST THEORIES

THEORY	PROBLEM	CONTRIBUTIONS	CRIME AND JUSTICE	SOLUTION	CRITIQUE
Liberal Feminism	Sex-based discrimination Lack of Opportunity	Gender inequality; gender socialization in key institutions	Gendered opportunities for crime; gender discrimination in justice system	Equality - entrance into mainstream; legal change, equal rights and affirmative action	Doesn't address sources of inequality; men used as normative standard
Marxist Feminism	Capitalism Class relations	Private property and inheritance; marriage as class relation; exclusion of women from paid employment	Gendered patterns of crime reflect MOP; link betw. economic dependence, VAW and oppression	Focus on women's class position; transformation to social democratic society	Assumes universal capitalism; patriarchy precedes capitalism; reductionist
Radical Feminism	Patriarchy Masculine power and privilege	Consciousness-raising; Power expressed via men's control of women's sexuality, reproduction, VAW and homophobia	Crime as a problem of masculinity; Rape and VAW as crimes of power (not passion); violent pornography as dangerous	Need women's voices and woman centered solutions; Eliminate patriarchy (and heteronormativity)	Assumes universal patriarchy; reductionist
Socialist Feminism	Patriarchy and capitalism	Sexual DOL; public-private; relations of reproduction; family wage	Gender and class interact to shape crime; power and privilege are key	Eliminate capitalism and patriarchy; democratic socialism; re-construct gender	Doesn't adequately explain why gender persists (why don't women resist C/P?)
Transnational Feminism	Colonialism Neoliberalism Power linked to class, race, gender, nationality	Global DOL and structural adjustment; social exclusion from power; harmful cultural practices	"Crime" as form of social exclusion to penalize survival strategies and restrict citizenship and rights	Antiglobalization movement; coalitions; Eliminate neoliberalism and us of West as norm	Doesn't adequately explain why inequality persists (why don't people resist neoliberalism?)
Postmodern Feminism	Discourse, language, and culture as power	Signs and symbols; role of ideology and "soft power"; cultural production of gender	Crime is often symbolically linked to constructions of gender	Deconstruction of gender; performativity; anarchism	Too much focus on the symbolic rather than the real
Intersectional Feminism	Patriarchy, racism, and capitalism	Intersectionality; "matrix of domination:	"Crime" as form of social control; power is invisible	Movements must focus on race AND gender AND class	Very different history for each identity; tends to focus on "identities"

FEMINIST THEORY LINKAGES

THEORY	Liberal	Marxist	Radical	Lesbian	Standp	Socialist	TN	PoMo	Psych-Cultural	Social Constr	Multi R/E	Men	Queer	Third wave
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Multiracial/Multiethnic														
Men Studies														
Queer														
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Ecofeminism														