



APA PsycInfo® Topic Guide

FEMINISM RESOURCES

Topics in APA PsycInfo of Relevance to Feminism

APA PsycInfo is a research database published by the American Psychological Association. Researchers exploring feminism in the behavioral sciences can use it to identify literature on topics such as sex roles and attitudes, feminist psychology, and more.

Sample Searches in Feminism

Scenario: A clinical psychology student is interested in learning more about the ways in which a feminist viewpoint can inform sessions with male clients.

Search: *Feminist Therapy*, use the Population Group limiter to select *Male*

Results: Book chapters and articles discussing ways that therapists can use the techniques of feminist therapy in treating boys and men with eating disorders, a history of violence or trauma, and more. Includes discussions of how male therapists can engage in feminist therapy.

Scenario: An organizational behavior researcher needs to learn more about the ways in which gender-based stereotypes about women play out in the workplace.

Search: *Sex Role Attitudes* AND *Working Women*

Results: Articles looking at the experience of women in a variety of careers, from those in the military or law enforcement to women in office environments.

Scenario: A women's studies major working on a paper for a literature class would like to supplement their own analysis with a couple of articles on the ways in which mothers and fathers balance caring for their children.

Search: *Child Care* AND *Division of Labor*

Results: Articles that look at gender equality in child care and household labor, as well as articles that also incorporate aspects of work-life balance.



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Selected Search Terms

The search terms provided here are just a few excerpts from the many relevant terms in APA's *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*®. If you aren't sure how to use these terms (called Subject Terms, Subject Headings, or Index Terms depending on your interface), check with your librarian or consult the APA PsycInfo Quick Reference Guide.

Feminism

- Activism
- Feminist Psychology
- Feminist Therapy
- Psychology of Women
- Social Movements

Motherhood

- Childlessness
- Dual Careers
- Family Size
- Family Structure
- Family Work Relationship
- Matriarchy
- Nuclear Family
- Single Mothers
- Stepparents

Reproductive Health

- Abortion (Attitudes Toward)
- Abortion Laws
- Birth
- Birth Control
- Family Planning
- Labor (Childbirth)
- Obstetrical Complications
- Pregnancy

Sex Roles

- Division of Labor
- Femininity
- Masculinity
- Patriarchy
- Sex Role Attitudes
- Sexism

Social Justice

- Civil Rights
- Coalition Formation
- Female Criminal Offenders
- Mothers
- Sex Discrimination
- Sex Work
- Social Change
- Social Discrimination
- Social Equality
- Social Processes
- Social Responsibility
- Widows
- Wives
- Working Women

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