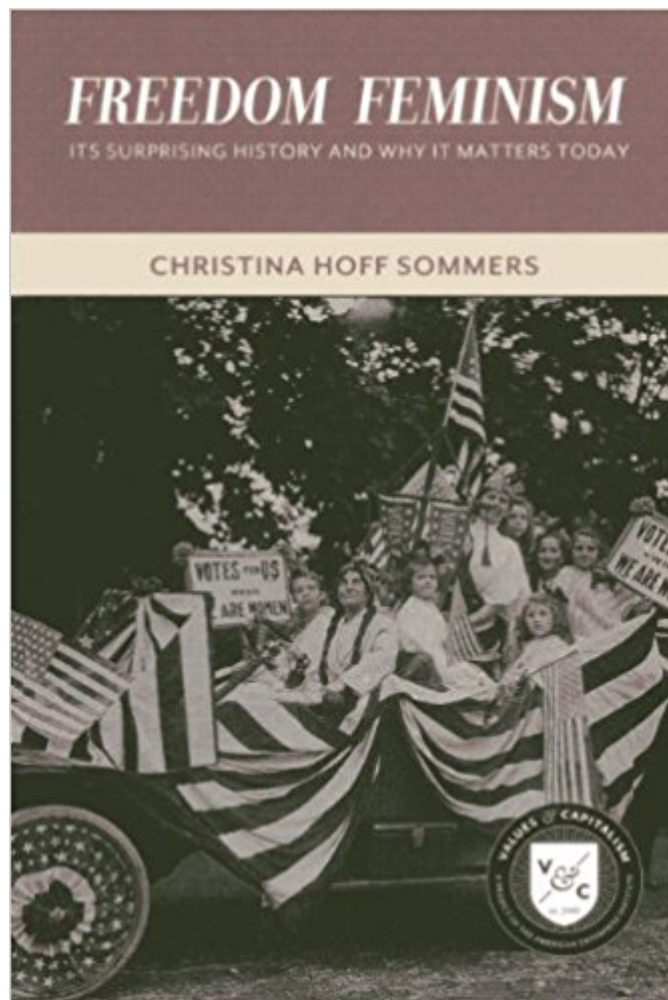




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# Freedom Feminism: Its Surprising History And Why It Matters Today (Values And Capitalism)



## Synopsis

Women's equality is one of the great achievements of Western civilization. Yet most American women today do not consider themselves "feminists." Why is the term that describes one of the great chapters in the history of freedom in such disrepute? In *Freedom Feminism: Its Surprising History and Why It Matters Today*, Christina Hoff Sommers seeks to recover the lost history of American feminism by introducing readers to conservative feminism's forgotten heroines. More importantly, she demonstrates that a modern version of conservative feminism • in which women are free to employ their equal status to pursue happiness in their own distinctive ways • holds the key to a feminist renaissance. "Freedom Feminism" is a primer in the Values & Capitalism series intended for college students.

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## Customer Reviews

Christina Hoff Sommers is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. She was a professor of philosophy at Clark University from 1981 to 1996. Sommers specializes in ethics and contemporary moral theory and has published many scholarly articles in such journals as the *Journal of Philosophy* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Her textbook, *Vice and Virtue in Everyday Life*, currently in its ninth edition, is a bestseller in college ethics. She became known to the wider public as the author of *Who Stole Feminism? How Women Have Betrayed Women* (Touchstone Books, 1995). Her book *The War against Boys* (Touchstone Books, 2001) received

widespread attention and praise and was excerpted for a cover story in the Atlantic Monthly. It was included in the New York Times's "Notable Books of the Year." She also coauthored *One Nation under Therapy* (St. Martin's Press, 2005) with Sally Satel, M.D., and is the editor of *The Science on Women and Science* (AEI Press, 2009). Sommers's articles have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, USA Today, Weekly Standard, National Review, the Economist, the New Republic, and the American. The second edition of *The War against Boys: How Misguided Policies Are Harming Our Young Men* will be published in August 2013 (Simon and Schuster).

This excellent, short history of "the other side of feminism" is an essential counterpoint to the kind of ideological feminism which pervades academia and has had so much deleterious influence on culture, politics, law and research. Particularly for those, like myself, who came of age in the leftist social change movements of the latter half of the 20th century, this thoughtful and more conservative perspective is a necessary remedy for the philosophical excesses that have driven so much "politically-correct" social policy, especially on America's college campuses.

Everyone even mildly interested in feminism or gender relations should absolutely read this book. It begins with a brief history of feminism and its prominent figures, both of which were essential in the promotion of freedom and liberty in America. It goes on to discuss "second wave" feminism, which was also needed and was largely beneficial. Finally, it critiques modern feminism and demonstrates how unnecessary and counter-productive it has become in today's society. It perfectly explains and summarizes everything I have always felt but been unable to articulate about modern feminism, in an insightful and respectful manner. This feels like a very important little book.

This is what feminism was all about and clearly shows how modern feminism has diverged from its roots. If modern feminism is a dirty word to you, then Freedom Feminism helps restore your faith.

Great book about the "other" side of feminism. In this book Christina Hoff Sommers talks about many brands of feminism that are often secreted away from the mainstream.

Feminism appears to have been totally subsumed intellectually and politically into radical post-Marxist ideology. This a huge turn off for a large segment of the population, especially young women. For feminism to survive this century it is vital that it extricate itself from its sordid

political/ideological alliances and embrace reason and science once again. This short piece is a step in that direction.

Frankly, I had given up on feminism until I read this book. It provides an alternative view of the history of feminism and its current state. If you wish to leave behind a dogmatic and narrow feminism in favor of supporting equal rights for ALL and declining to engage in male-bashing, you will find this book empowering and fascinating.

Good read.

Great intellectual history.... and antidote to the modernist / Kantian - Marxist pseudo intellectual rationalists that claim to understand/represent the humorless drag act which is Modern, mainstream Feminism ( a/k/a "feminaziism")... Thanks, C.H.S., love your work!

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