



What is the Church's stance on feminism?

First, some basics: We are children of Heavenly Parents. Gender is an important part of who we are—both before, during, and after this life. Men and women are equal—one is not superior to the other. They are also different, with different roles within a family. Both men and women fulfill their highest purpose *together* as husband and wife, not separately. (See “The Family: A Proclamation to the World,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2017, 145, familyproclamation.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.)

Now, *feminism* can mean different things to different people. Sometimes it refers to efforts to ensure basic human rights and basic fairness for women, as well as efforts to encourage women to obtain an education, develop their talents, and serve humankind in any field they choose. Latter-day Saints support these things.

However, sometimes certain philosophies and social movements bearing the *feminism* label advocate extreme ideas that are not in harmony with the teachings of the gospel. These can lead people to become distracted from (or even work against) the ideals of marriage and family. Latter-day Saints frown upon such things.

By that same token, we also frown upon extremes such as male chauvinism, sexism, machismo, or any other cultural influence that would cause *men* to think and act in ways that are not in harmony with gospel teachings of respect, love, modesty, chastity, equality, and family responsibilities.

FUN STOP ANSWERS (from pages 40–41): New Year, New Crossword: Across: 1. Liahona 8. way 11. ire 14. attired 15. eye 16. max 17. brass plates 19. lip 20. aid 21. him 22. ease 23. nest 25. I bet 27. alter 28. dart 30. runniest 32. die 33. I beg 34. magic 37. tent 40. sip 43. mesa 44. leaf 46. err 47. Man 48. smell 49. ore 50. art 51. goodly 52. insets 54. oar 55. a ride 56. bad poetry 62. lodges 63. ill 64. neatro 65. den 66. day 67. I knew Down: 1. Laban 2. I tried 3. a tad sad 4. his 5. ORS 6. Nepht 7. ad lib 8. wet 9. eye 10. yes 11. I'm late 12. raises 13. expert 18. America 22. Eli 24. trim 26. tub 27. Angel Moroni 29. teammates 31. net 35. gears 36. isn't 38. need 39. tall 40. serial 41. iron rod 42. preside 45. fly 48. soap 51. godly 53. Eden 56. bid 57. a 58. eek 59. tan 60. re 61. yow Crack the Code: 1. peace on earth 2. actions speak louder than words 3. long time, no see 4. no way around it 5. face plant 6. cliffhanger 7. "Give, Said the Little Stream"