

# Feminist Allies and the Movement to End Violence Against Women: Oxford Studies



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Violence against women is a global pandemic that affects women of all ages, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds. It is a serious human rights violation and a major public health concern. The World Health Organization estimates that one in three women worldwide has experienced physical or sexual violence in her lifetime.

The movement to end violence against women has been led by feminists for decades. However, in recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of feminist allies in this fight. Feminist allies are men and women who believe in gender equality and who are committed to working to end violence against women.

This article explores the role of feminist allies in the movement to end violence against women. It draws on Oxford Studies to provide a comprehensive overview of the topic, including the history of feminist allyship, current challenges, and promising practices.

## The History of Feminist Allyship

The history of feminist allyship can be traced back to the early days of the women's suffrage movement. In the late 19th century, men like Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison played a key role in the fight for women's right to vote. These men recognized that women's rights were human rights and that they could not be achieved without the support of men.

In the 20th century, feminist allies continued to play an important role in the women's rights movement. Men like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X spoke out against sexism and violence against women. They recognized that the fight for racial equality was inextricably linked to the fight for gender equality.

In the 1970s, the feminist movement began to focus more explicitly on violence against women. This was due in part to the work of activists like Susan Brownmiller, who wrote the groundbreaking book *Against Our Will: Men, Women, and Rape*.



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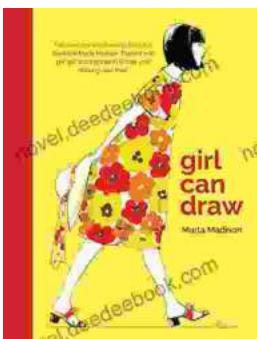
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