

A Philosophical Study of Men's Rights Discourses in Light of Feminism

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Abstract : Men's rights activists are largely antifeminism. Evaluation of men's rights discourses, however, shows that men's rights' goals would be better achieved by working with feminism. Discussion of men's rights discourses, though, is prone to confusion because there is no commonly used men's rights language. In the presentation 'male sexism', 'matriarchy' and 'masculism' will be unpacked as part of a suggested men's rights language. Once equipped with a men's rights vocabulary, sustained philosophical assessment of the extent to which several categories of male disadvantages are wrongful will be offered. Following this, conditions that cause each category of male sexism will be discussed. It shall be argued that male sexism is caused more so by matriarchy than by patriarchy or by feminism. In closing, the success at which various methods address the categories of male sexism will be contrasted. Ultimately, it will be shown that male disadvantages are addressed more successfully by methods that work with, than against, feminism.

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