

IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN - a response to a broad, critical description of women

1. Wait a second here.

The broad generalisation of the women's movement is incorrect. The segment of that movement that labels themselves as "radical feminists" are generally anti-father, but certainly not the bulk of the rest of them. Many of our strong, long term supporters from Cools and Erin Pizzey (founder of the shelter movement) to FACT's own directors are women who are strongly supportive of EQUAL SHARED parenting -- TWO parents, including fathers, not simply one or more mothers.

I do like to pull it out, but remember from the founding principles of the National Organisation of Women (in the US) before the radical feminists took it over:

WE REJECT the current assumptions that a man must carry the sole burden of supporting himself, his wife, and family, and that a woman is automatically entitled to lifelong support by a man upon her marriage, or that marriage, home and family are primarily woman's world and responsibility -- hers, to dominate -- his to support. We believe that a true partnership between the sexes demands a different concept of marriage, an equitable sharing of the responsibilities of home and children and of the economic burdens of their support. We believe that proper recognition should be given to the economic and social value of homemaking and child-care. To these ends, we will seek to open a reexamination of laws and mores governing marriage and divorce, for we believe that the current state of "half-equity" between the sexes discriminates against both men and women, and is the cause of much unnecessary hostility between the sexes.

My daughter will have the same opportunities as my son and, God willing, neither will have to deal with this divorce stuff any more in their lives.

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