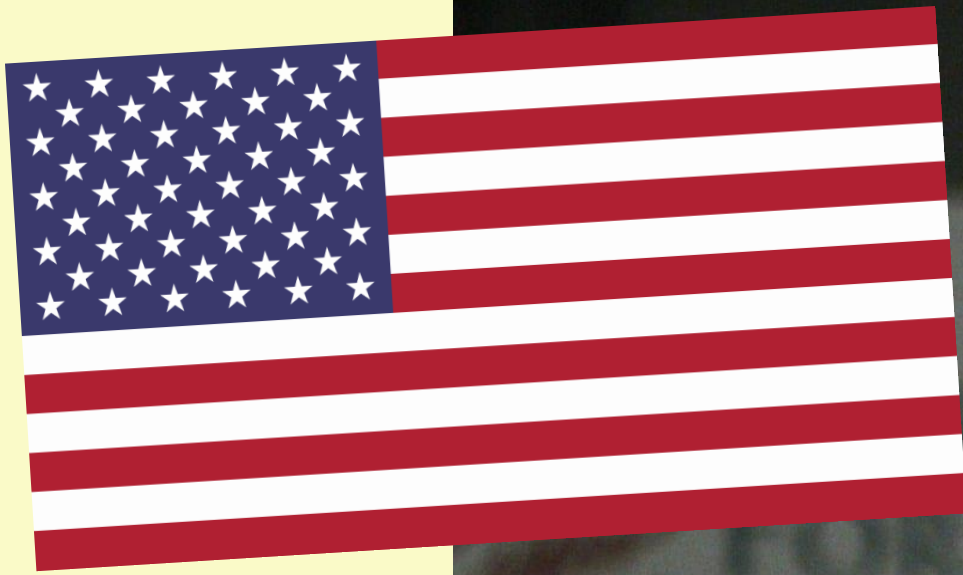


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Six liberal thinkers: Summary table

	Human nature	Society	State	Economy
1. John Locke				
2. John Stuart Mill				
3. John Rawls				
4. Thomas Hill Green				
5. Mary Wollstonecraft				
6. Betty Friedman				

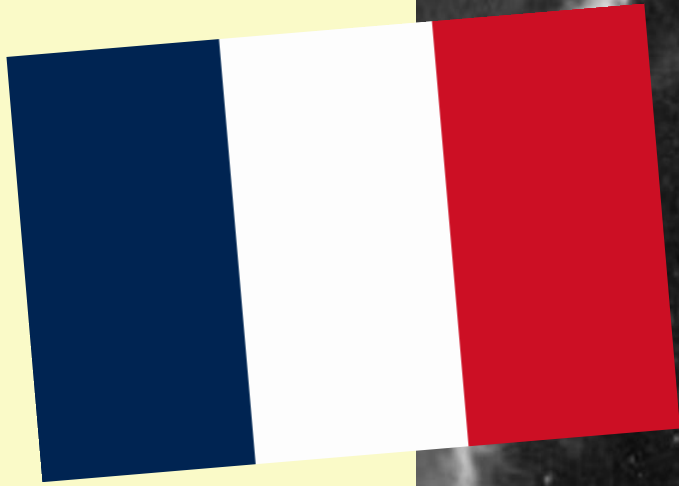




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**Betty Friedan**  
**1921-2006**



**Major  
influence:**

**Simone de  
Beauvoir**

**mother of  
modern  
feminism**



# THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE

BETTY FRIEDAN

1963



first wave  
feminism

women's  
suffrage

# Five things women couldn't do in the 1960s (USA)

<https://edition.cnn.com/2014/08/07/living/sixties-women-5-things/index.html>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbetS9Lk-l8&ab\\_channel=NBCNewsLearn](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbetS9Lk-l8&ab_channel=NBCNewsLearn)



**She conducted  
interviews with  
female graduates**



**She discovered**

**a problem  
without a  
name**

**sacrifice**

**trapped**



**A deep  
dissatisfaction  
with life  
confined to  
being wives  
and mothers**

**depression**

**divorce**



**First president of the National  
Organization for Women (1966)**

## **Aim: to bring women**

"into the mainstream of American society now in fully equal partnership with men".





# THE SECOND STAGE

BETTY  
FRIEDAN

AUTHOR OF THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE

1981

second wave  
feminism

broader female  
emancipation

# Critical of factional feminists who maligned...



**men**



**housewives**

**Men are not the enemy,  
but the fellow victims. The real  
enemy is women's denigration  
of themselves.**

— *Betty Friedan*

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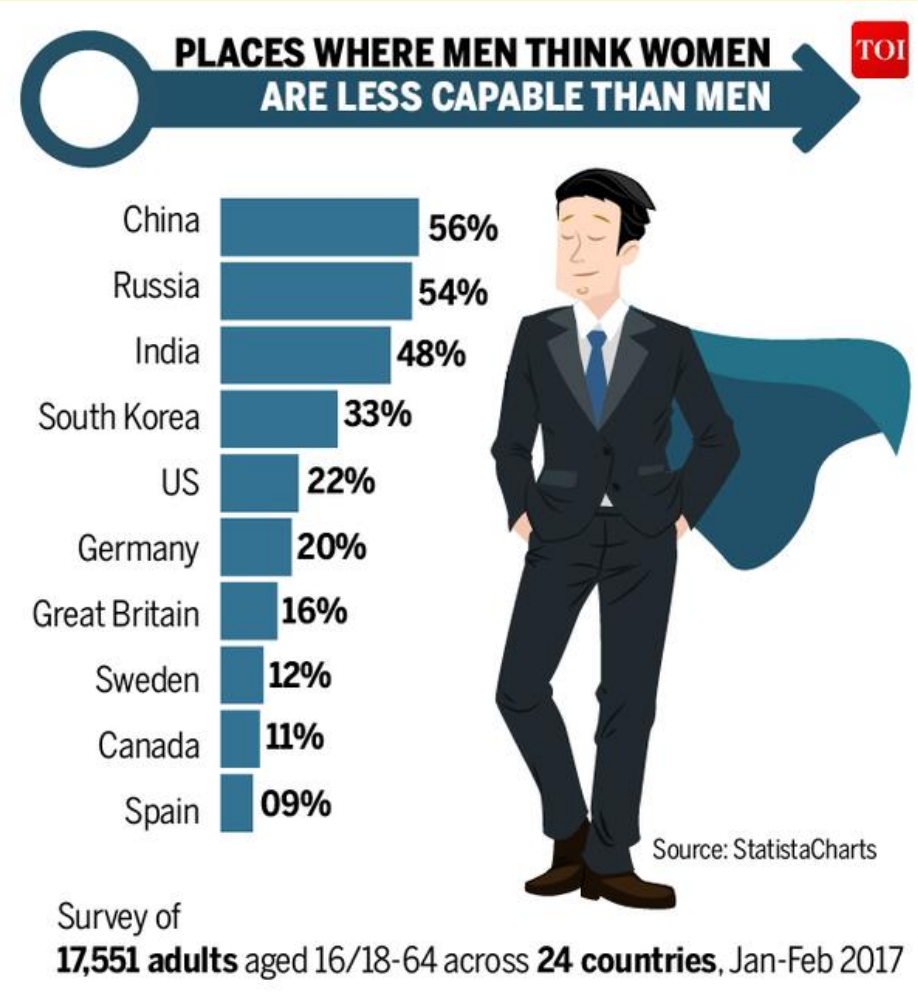
**Self-liberation**





# Human nature

- Individual freedom
- Women as capable as men
- Women, like men, have a need to develop

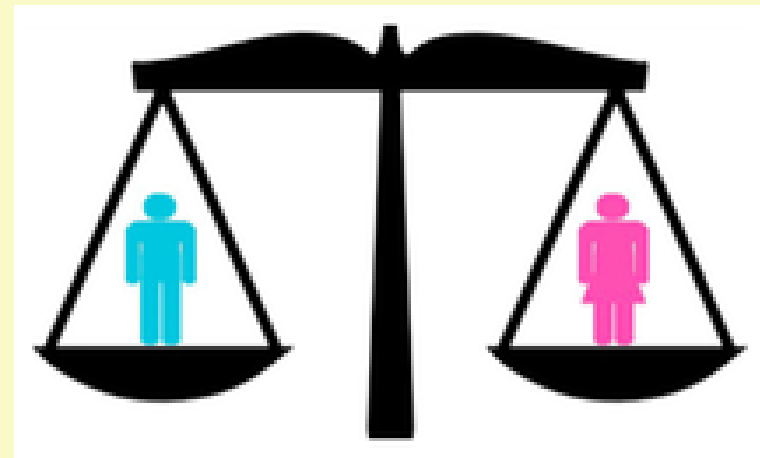




# Economy

**Women's  
economic equality**

**e.g. equal pay**



## **Society**

**Formal social  
equality of  
women**

**Same legal  
and political  
rights**

**Oppression of  
women**

**Equality Act  
1975 = no  
job  
discrimination**

**public values**



**change...**



**leadership  
styles**



**social  
institutions  
(e.g. marriage)**

**State**

**Equality of  
opportunity**

**Same chances  
to succeed or  
fail**

**State  
intervention to  
promote  
equality**

**Childcare  
benefits from  
single  
mothers**



A girl should **not expect special privileges** because of her sex, but **neither should she "adjust"** to prejudice and discrimination.

— *Betty Friedan*

AZ QUOTES



**Opposed to  
affirmative  
action**

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2022/nov/01/ketanji-brown-jackson-affirmative-action-higher-education-admissions>

**an enabling state**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRICe6iivU8&ab\\_channel=ThamesTv](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRICe6iivU8&ab_channel=ThamesTv)

**Criticised by  
third wave  
feminists**

