Feminist Blogs

Feministing: Feministing has been around for about 5 years. They promote young women speaking on their own behalf about issues that affect them. They hope to encourage progressive and safe discourse, therefore they maintain their blogs and the subsequent comments carefully to avoid any harsh anti-feminist sentiment. Plus they have some really rad merchandise with their super cool logo on it. http://www.feministing.com

Feministe: Another blog which has been around for years. Feministe is ran solely by and for women. They cover issues from race and homophobia to language issues, advertising and abortion. They also offer an extensive list of blogs, media sources, and organizational links to other great feminist websites. Plus their writing is usually humorous but poignant, making it not only funny to read, but informative. http://www.feministe.us

Our Bodies Our Blog: If you have ever read the book, Our Bodies, Ourselves, you would see the connection between this site and the book. This website, like the book, represents a non-profit public interest group centering women's health education, advocacy and consulting. If you have any questions about your body and what's going on with it, this is definitely a good place to go. They aim to provide easily accessible research-based information about women's sexuality and health. <u>http://www.ourbodiesourblog.org</u>

The F Bomb: This site is aimed towards teenagers and younger feminists who have something to say about their rights as women and aim to be heard, but it is also interesting for the older crowd, too. They encourage young women who are pissed off by what's going on in the world around them to come here and talk to one another about it to create a community of awareness and support. If anything you learn while studying feminism really angers you, this is the site to go to in order to find like-minded women speaking their mind. <u>http://thefbomb.org</u>

The Pursuit of Harpyness: This site is written by five "of the most charming and vicious women on the internet." They comment on topics in the daily news by looking at them through a feminist lens and reporting how they think and feel about it, no holds barred. These women are tough, funny, and easy to read. If you're looking for a feminist perspective on current events, this is a good place to check out. <u>http://harpness.com</u>

Hip Mama Zine: This website is the online outlet for the print 'zine of the same name, started a number of years ago. Although it focuses entirely on parenting from a feminist perspective, I thought it may be of interest to anyone who is considering having children in this patriarchal world of ours one day. It is informative, funny, touching and interesting. <u>http://www.hipmama.com</u>

Pandagon: Ran by four women, this site offers not only feminist cultural critiques of current events but also has a political slant, leaning left. If politics interest you at all, I would definitely recommend giving this site a look. Their list of categories range from body image issues to the Bush administration to L-O-S-E-R-S. Want to know what that means? Go check it out! <u>http://www.pandagon.net</u>

Role/Reboot: Role/Reboot is a website dedicated to understanding and embracing changing gender roles. Strives to promote the best writing on gender roles and share content with partners and to provide a platform for up-and-coming leaders, speakers, and commentators to develop their voices. Also offersa free library of materials called Turn the Page that can be used by existing book clubs or new discussion groups to guide important conversations about men and women and our changing roles. http://www.rolereboot.org/

Womanist Musings: Womanist is a word to describe someone who finds the word feminist to have too many racially limited or discriminatory connotations. This website is aimed toward women of color, and offers a feminist lens and racial lens to view and analyze current events. I recommend this site highly to anyone who wishes to open their eyes to the issues that women of color face on a daily basis. <u>http://www.womanist-musings.com</u>

Viva La Feminista: This site is run solely by one woman in search of understanding the intersections of being a mom, a Latina, and a feminist. She offers her views on current related issues as well as interesting book reviews on timely topics. <u>http://www.vivalafeminista.com</u>

TransGriot: This is the blog of Monica Roberts. She describes her blog as "News, opinions, commentary, history and a little creative writing from an African American trans woman about the world around her." It is an excellent blog that often explores the intersection of race and transgender issues, among other engaging topics. <u>http://transgriot.blogspot.com/</u>

Alas, a Blog : A feminist blog created to discuss current events and feminist issues. It offers places for comments, debates, and discussion. There are a lot of interesting videos and many links to other sites. It's a little bit random but entertaining and informative. <u>http://www.amptoons.com/blog/</u>

Focal Point/ Duly Noted: These are blogs by Lindsay Beyerstein a feminist who writes about exposing political corruption and feminism. Focal Point is her older blog and Duly Noted is just beginning so it would be great to start reading now and watch how the blog develops. Duly Noted shares the same philosophies as Beyersteins earlier blog. Both have a strong focus on media influences. <u>http://bigthink.com/blogs/Focal-Point</u> and <u>http://www.inthesetimes.com/duly-noted</u>

Jezebel: This blog focuses a lot on celebrity culture, fashion, sex, and advertising. They focus on a lot of feminist topics like body image and of women in the media. This is a great blog if you follow celebrity culture and are interested in viewing it through a feminist lens. <u>http://jezebel.com/</u>

I'm not Sexist but...: The author of this blog searches public facebook posts for the phrase: "not sexist but" and post examples of things people post. The purpose of the blog is to explore how mainstream sexism often is, without people realizing it. Partner site is: "I'm not Racist but...." which follows the same concept as the Sexist blog but with racism comments. <u>http://www.notsexistbut.net/</u> and <u>http://www.notracistbut.com/</u>

The Crunk Feminist Collective (CFC): from their mission statement, "The Crunk Feminist Collective (CFC) will create a space of support and camaraderie for hip hop generation feminists of color, queer and straight, in the academy and without, by building a rhetorical community, in which we can discuss our ideas, express our crunk feminist selves, fellowship with one another, debate and challenge one another, and support each other, as we struggle together to articulate our feminist goals, ideas, visions, and dreams in ways that are both personally and professionally beneficial." http://crunkfeministcollective.wordpress.com/

Shakesville: a progressive feminist blog about politics, culture, social justice, cute things, and all that is in between. It is a safe space. It is a community. It is a blog whose contributors are resolved to be willing to self-examine and learn, and whose community members are expected to do the same. Forward movement, progress, on cultural, political, and individual levels is woven into the fabric of Shakesville. Our key objectives are equality, liberty, and justice for all, empathy, self-awareness, growth, momentum, compassion, and laughter." <u>http://shakespearessister.blogspot.com/</u>

Girl w/ Pen: features two SWS editors, Virginia Rutter and me, plus many posts focused on SWSers' books and research to help fulfill its mission to "publicly and passionately dispels modern myths concerning gender, encouraging other feminist scholars, writers, and thinkers to do the same." <u>http://girlwpen.com/</u>

Ms. Magazine Blog: has featured quite a few SWSers as post authors and has an excellent feminist "Blog Roll" on its homepage (right column), with the names and links to about two dozen feminist blogs. <u>http://www.msmagazine.com/blog/</u>

Gender Across Borders: *Gender Across Borders (GAB)* is an international feminist blog-community where issues of gender, race, sexuality, and class are discussed and critically examined. We embrace people of all backgrounds to come together to voice and progress positive gender relations worldwide. http://www.genderacrossborders.com