

# Gloria Steinem Quotes

*Men, Thinking, People, Children, Mean, Ideas, Feminist, Believe, Home, Needs,  
Jobs, Want, Mother, Writing, Self, Sex, Unique, Country, Long, Real*

Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.

~Gloria Steinem

God may be in the details, but the goddess is in the questions. Once we begin to ask them, there's no turning back.

~Gloria Steinem

We've begun to raise daughters more like sons... but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters.

~Gloria Steinem

How ever sugarcoated and ambiguous, every form of authoritarianism must start with a belief in some group's greater right to power, whether that right is justified by sex, race, religion or all four.

~Gloria Steinem

Far too many people are looking for the right person, instead of trying to be the right person.

~Gloria Steinem

Law and justice are not always the same. When they aren't, destroying the law may be the first step toward changing it.

~Gloria Steinem

Each individual woman's body demands to be accepted on its own terms.

~Gloria Steinem

No man can call himself liberal, or radical, or even a conservative advocate of fair play, if his work depends in any way on the unpaid or underpaid labor of women at home, or in the office.

~Gloria Steinem

The purpose of feminism is to free the uniqueness of the individual and to understand that inside each of us is a unique human being who is a combination of heredity and environment.

~Gloria Steinem

A woman reading Playboy feels a little like a Jew reading a Nazi manual.

~Gloria Steinem

Superwoman is the adversary of the women's movement.

~Gloria Steinem

A pedestal is as much a prison as any small, confined space.

~Gloria Steinem

We'll never solve the feminization of power until we solve the masculinity of wealth.

~Gloria Steinem

There is no such thing as Superwoman. You cant have everything if you do everything.

~Gloria Steinem

By the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in human potential, not God.

~Gloria Steinem

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.

~Gloria Steinem

The art of life is not controlling what happens to us, but using what happens to us

~Gloria Steinem

In my own mind, I am still a fat brunette from Toledo, and I always will be.

~Gloria Steinem

I have me brave women who are exploring the outer edge of human possibility, with no history to guide them, and with a courage to make themselves vulnerable that I find moving beyond words.

~Gloria Steinem

Some of us are becoming the men we wanted to marry.

~Gloria Steinem

Clinging to the past is the problem. Embracing change is the answer.

~Gloria Steinem

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~Gloria Steinem

A liberated woman is one who has sex before marriage and a job after.

~Gloria Steinem

One day an army of gray-haired women may quietly take over the Earth!

~Gloria Steinem

The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn.

~Gloria Steinem

A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men.

~Gloria Steinem

You can't do it all. No one can have two full-time jobs, have perfect

children and cook three meals and be multi-orgasmic 'til dawn ...  
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The future depends entirely on what each of us does every day; a  
movement is only people moving.

~Gloria Steinem

No one can give us power. If we aren't part of the process of taking it,  
we won't be strong enough to use it.

~Gloria Steinem

when pain has been intertwined with love and closeness, it's very  
difficult to believe that love and closeness can be experienced without  
pain.

~Gloria Steinem

The origins of violence against women by men are not biological. If that  
were the case, it would exist in every culture. And it doesn't exist in  
every culture.

~Gloria Steinem

Planning ahead is a measure of class. The rich and even the middle  
class plan for future generations, but the poor can plan ahead only a  
few weeks or days.

~Gloria Steinem

It's an incredible con job when you think about it, to believe something  
now in exchange for something after death. Even corporations with  
their reward systems don't try to make it posthumous.

~Gloria Steinem

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The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights

~Gloria Steinem

Hope is a very unruly emotion.

~Gloria Steinem

The old languages - at least the ones I know - don't have gender. They don't have gendered pronouns. There's no "he" and "she." A human being is a human being.

~Gloria Steinem

Democracy is mob rule with income taxes.

~Gloria Steinem

Happy or Unhappy, families are all mysterious.

~Gloria Steinem

Whenever one person stands up and says, "Wait a minute, this is wrong," it helps other people do the same.

~Gloria Steinem

We need to stop raising boys to think that they need to prove their masculinity by being controlling or by not showing emotion or by not being little girls.

~Gloria Steinem

Childbirth is more admirable than conquest, more amazing than self-defense, and as courageous as either one.

~Gloria Steinem

Women's total instinct for gambling is satisfied by marriage

~Gloria Steinem

For much of the female half of the world, food is the first signal of our inferiority. It lets us know that our own families may consider female bodies to be less deserving, less needy, less valuable.

~Gloria Steinem

Women can be vivacious. We are allowed more varieties of facial expression and gestures. Men must be rocklike.

~Gloria Steinem

If the shoe doesn't fit, must we change the foot?

~Gloria Steinem

Feminism isn't called the longest revolution for nothing.

~Gloria Steinem

Writing is the only thing that, when I do it, I don't feel I should be doing something else.

~Gloria Steinem

If what's inside your dreams wasn't already real inside you, you couldn't even dream it.

~Gloria Steinem

I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career.

~Gloria Steinem

I've yet to be on a campus where most women weren't worrying about some aspect of combining marriage, children, and a career. I've yet to find one where many men were worrying about the same thing.

~Gloria Steinem

Like art, revolutions come from combining what exists into what has never existed before.

~Gloria Steinem

I want to say to you that there is life and dreams and surprises after 30-and 40, and 50, and 60, and 77! Believe me, life is one long surprise.

~Gloria Steinem

Power can be taken, but not given. The process of the taking is empowerment in itself.

~Gloria Steinem

Homemakers work longer and harder than any other class of worker in the United States for less pay, and are the most likely to be replaced by a younger worker.

~Gloria Steinem

If you say, I'm for equal pay, that's a reform. But if you say, I'm a feminist, that's a transformation of society.

~Gloria Steinem

Being married is like having somebody permanently in your corner. It feels limitless, not limited.

~Gloria Steinem

Women may be the one group that grows more radical with age.

~Gloria Steinem

The first resistance to social change is to say it's not necessary.

~Gloria Steinem

Empathy is the most radical of human emotions.

~Gloria Steinem

During the first suffragist wave in this nation, women were possessions,



like a table or a chair. So violence toward them was quite condoned. The attitude has diminished, but it's still there.

~Gloria Steinem

Most women are one man away from welfare.

~Gloria Steinem

We need to remember across generations that there is as much to learn as there is to teach.

~Gloria Steinem

I think one of the great innovations of sexual harassment law was that it did not use the word "consent." It used the word "welcome."

~Gloria Steinem

Women have two choices: Either she's a feminist or a masochist.

~Gloria Steinem

Evil is obvious only in retrospect.

~Gloria Steinem

It turns out that we literally don't empathize unless we're physically present - that the oxytocin, the famous "tend and befriend" hormone is not produced unless we're present with all five senses.

~Gloria Steinem

Unless we include a job as part of every citizen's right to autonomy and personal fulfillment, women will continue to be vulnerable to someone else's idea of what need is.

~Gloria Steinem

Before feminism, work was largely defined as what men did or would do. Thus, a working woman was someone who labored outside the home for money, masculine-style.

~Gloria Steinem

As a concept [androgyny] raise[s] anxiety levels by conjuring up a conformist, unisex vision, the very opposite of the individuality and uniqueness that feminism actually has in mind.

~Gloria Steinem

Helping begins with listening.

~Gloria Steinem

I believe a unique core self is born into every human being; the result of millennia of environment and heredity combined in an unpredictable way that could never happen before or again.

~Gloria Steinem

Overthrowing capitalism is too small for us. We must overthrow the whole...patriarch!

~Gloria Steinem

In order to make a choice, you need the power to see there is one.

~Gloria Steinem

Dying seems less sad than having lived too little.

~Gloria Steinem

We have to stop arresting prostitutes and not arresting traffickers and pimps. It's absurd. We're arresting the victim or the survivor and not the oppressor.

~Gloria Steinem

Girls are taught to view their bodies as unending projects to work on, whereas boys from a young age, are taught to view their bodies as tools to master their environment

~Gloria Steinem

The ends and means are a seamless web.

~Gloria Steinem

Her searches after knowledge were arbitrary and without context. It was as if she were shining a small flashlight of curiosity into the dark room of the world.

~Gloria Steinem

Most women's magazines simply try to mold women into bigger and better consumers.

~Gloria Steinem

We can tell our values by looking at our checkbook stubs.

~Gloria Steinem

The surest way to be alone is to get married.

~Gloria Steinem

Women fear endangering men's approval so much, we don't even wait for them to say no. Or else we protect them, even if it means saying no to ourselves.

~Gloria Steinem

The art of being helpful is behaving as if everything we do matters - because we never know which things might.

~Gloria Steinem

Once we give up searching for approval we often find it easier to earn respect.

~Gloria Steinem

She is a water bug on the surface of life.

~Gloria Steinem

Women are not going to be equal outside the home until men are equal in it.

~Gloria Steinem

I want us to organize, to tell the personal stories that create empathy, which is the most revolutionary emotion.

~Gloria Steinem

Women are always saying, "We can do anything that men can do." But Men should be saying, "We can do anything that women can do.

~Gloria Steinem

The authority of any governing institution must stop at its citizen's skin.

~Gloria Steinem

What would happen if even one generation were raised with respect and without violence?

~Gloria Steinem

The same big TV antenna dwarfed each roof, as though life here could only be bearable if lived elsewhere in the imagination.

~Gloria Steinem

Clearly no one knows what leadership has gone undiscovered in women of all races, and in black and other minority men.

~Gloria Steinem

The only thing I can't stand is discomfort.

~Gloria Steinem

Self-esteem isn't everything; it's just that there's nothing without it.

~Gloria Steinem

I think we all have the power to name ourselves. I try to call people

what it is they wish to be called. But we can take the sting out of epithets and bad words by using them.

~Gloria Steinem

The young women seem to think that they can only go out with or marry a man who is superior to them. The problem there is that they are wanting to be defeated, as opposed to finding a partner.

~Gloria Steinem

no one ever got radicalized by being grateful

~Gloria Steinem

Behave like everything you do matters.

~Gloria Steinem

America is an enormous frosted cupcake in the middle of millions of starving people.

~Gloria Steinem

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