

Jessica Valenti

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When are we going to realize that hating other women - no matter how much money they have or how far they've fallen - is just as bad for ourselves as it is for anyone else?

~Jessica Valenti

Men take what women make and claim it as their own. Men don't love children. They kill them in a heartbeat to hurt a woman.

~Jessica Valenti

Men in their hearts hate women. It doesn't matter how much we love them. They hate us.

~Jessica Valenti

It's become impossible to enjoy most quality television shows because the hurt or endangered women device is so frequently used.

~Jessica Valenti

It seems odd that we continue to worry about the reputations of men who are accused of sexual wrong-doings.

~Jessica Valenti

If your husband is cheating on you, it doesn't mean that you need to get prettier -- it means he's a scumbag.

~Jessica Valenti

Something you hear a lot is that feminism is dead. But if feminism is dead, why do people try so hard to kill it?

~Jessica Valenti

It's time to teach our daughters that their ability to be good people depends on their being good people, not on whether or not they're sexually active.

~Jessica Valenti

If you don't identify as a feminist, you're missing out on this whole community that's out there that could really help you with your work, help you with your personal life, and just give you support.

~Jessica Valenti

Wedding fever is one of the scariest diseases I have ever seen.

~Jessica Valenti

Once you get married, women are still implicitly expected to do the majority of the housework and take care of any future children.

~Jessica Valenti

People aren't comfortable thinking of women as people. Like we're not people, we're women, and that means something completely different, especially when you have power.

~Jessica Valenti

Child-rearing can be a tedious and thankless undertaking.

~Jessica Valenti

My informal writing style is a political choice, because I want feminism to be more accessible.

~Jessica Valenti

I think the biggest obstacle I still have to overcome is myself, and just kind of struggling every day with what to do with the work and where to go next.

~Jessica Valenti

I've been thinking a lot about Lady Gaga and what she means for feminism. I think - I find her completely fascinating, and I really like what she has to say.

~Jessica Valenti

As much as I disagree with Sarah Palin, there's no denying that she was the victim of sexism.

~Jessica Valenti

Small blogs are starting up big campaigns.

~Jessica Valenti

People are not going to give up marriage. But we can try to make it more fair. We can try to change that institution and make it more equal.

~Jessica Valenti

Obviously Feministing is kind of a women's space in a certain way, even though we have a lot of male readership and people who don't identify as women.

~Jessica Valenti

I think feminism has always been global. I think there's feminism everywhere throughout the world.

~Jessica Valenti

I certainly wouldn't be writing books if it hadn't been for the feminist blogosphere, and I think that's a really amazing thing.

~Jessica Valenti

I think that blogging and the Internet has completely changed feminism for ever, I think.

~Jessica Valenti

The biggest thinker that's influenced my feminism is definitely Bell Hooks, who's a feminist cultural critic, because of her accessibility but also just because she's a genius.

~Jessica Valenti

I'm glad that we have a history at all and that we can talk about feminist

history. But I do think that it doesn't really pay attention to the complexity and the nuance that is feminist thought.

~Jessica Valenti

There were a WHOLE LOTTA us not having sex at Harvard . . . but none of us thought that that was special enough to start a club about it, for pete's sake.

~Jessica Valenti

I grew up definitely a feminist, but I didn't call myself a feminist until I took my first women's studies class in college.

~Jessica Valenti

At the end of the day, though, the entire basis for consent laws doesn't make sense. We're not old enough to decide if we don't want a baby, but we are old enough to have one?

~Jessica Valenti

I always go with the dictionary definition of feminism, which is just social, political and economic equality for women.

~Jessica Valenti

If you're fighting to limit other women's rights, then you can't really call yourself a feminist.

~Jessica Valenti

Life is messy, and it's okay if you are too! We all screw up, that doesn't have to define us.

~Jessica Valenti

I think we get into very dangerous territory when we start to define who can and cannot be a feminist. It's such a slippery slope, and I have no interest in being the feminist police!

~Jessica Valenti

I don't get much career advice at all, and I would like some.

~Jessica Valenti

Stress from blogging keeps me up at night.

~Jessica Valenti

You're not too fat. You're not too loud. You're not too smart. You're not unladylike. There is nothing wrong with you.

~Jessica Valenti

You come to a point where you give up on holding yourself to a perfect feminist ideal â€” it just feels stifling.

~Jessica Valenti

Social media is not just another way to connect feminist and activist voices - it amplifies our messages as well.

~Jessica Valenti

I revisit old favorites like 'Buffy' and 'Battlestar Galactica' when I'm bored. I am obsessed with 'Scandal.' I love TV.

~Jessica Valenti

I think people resist feminism because they're scared. I think for women, they're scared of being picked on or of being called out.

~Jessica Valenti

The truth about parenting is that the reality of our lives needs to be enough.

~Jessica Valenti

The only purpose of an engagement ring is to show you 'belong' to someone, and your man makes bank.

~Jessica Valenti

While falling in love is fun, it's not everything, and it's not the antidote to an unfulfilled life, despite what Reese Witherspoon movies may tell you.

~Jessica Valenti

I do think that more people are feminists than they realize.

~Jessica Valenti

I'm really aware of how feminism and feminist rhetoric has been appropriated by the right.

~Jessica Valenti

The cultural insistence that parenting is the 'most important' job in the world is a smart way to satiate unappreciated women without doing a damn thing for them.

~Jessica Valenti

If you go to places like YouTube, it's a cesspool, and a lot of the comments are really horrifying and misogynist and harassing.

~Jessica Valenti

Something I say a lot when it comes to anti-feminist stereotypes is that they exist for a reason.

~Jessica Valenti

I don't find the wave model very productive, because I think it kind of serves to fan the flames of generational tension, or make it seem like there's more generational tension than there actually is.

~Jessica Valenti

If feminism wasn't powerful, if feminism wasn't influential, people wouldn't spend so much time putting it down.

~Jessica Valenti

Whether people identify as feminists or not, if they're doing work that furthers a feminist cause, I think that's wonderful, like if it works for me, right, it works for the movement.

~Jessica Valenti

[Virginity is] a cultural ideology that conflates passivity - the act of not having sex - with superior morality.

~Jessica Valenti

I think feminism is taking off. It's just not visible in the way that we would like it to be.

~Jessica Valenti

Women do not get raped because they weren't careful enough. Women get raped because someone raped them.

~Jessica Valenti

According to the virginity movement, men have no self-control when it comes to anything sexual.

~Jessica Valenti

Instead of focusing on men and focusing on what we can do to prop them up, people seem really incredibly focused on the fact that women are doing well and maybe that's not such a good thing.

~Jessica Valenti

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