

# Laura Bates

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In the 21st Century, I'd like to think women have the right to live lives free of both sexual violence and daily harassment, as well as any other form of inequality.

~Laura Bates

We have to name a problem to solve a problem.

~Laura Bates

The idea that men 'lose control' around a woman in a short skirt is insulting to men, completely relieves perpetrators of responsibility, and erases and ignores male victims.

~Laura Bates

The idea that feminism is a 'battle of the sexes' about blaming all men and setting up a 'gender war' is a handy, controversial media hook. But it doesn't reflect reality.

~Laura Bates

In order to achieve that end goal of equality it is a very gendered oppression primarily affecting women that needs to be tackled.

~Laura Bates

A compliment makes someone feel good about themselves. A catcall is harassment.

~Laura Bates

While not all men are sexist, all women face the impact of sexism in some way, so the point is there's a massive problem to be solved, and you can be a big part of the solution.

~Laura Bates

Feminism doesn't mean hating pink, make-up and high heels!

~Laura Bates

If your compliments are making women feel uncomfortable, scared, anxious, annoyed or harassed, you're probably not doing them right.

~Laura Bates

Protesting against sexism doesn't mean saying that all men are actively sexist.

~Laura Bates

We can't create a shift in normalised attitudes and behaviours without everybody on board, so not being sexist isn't enough - get stuck in and start tackling sexism too.

~Laura Bates

Turns out, this 'whatabbouter' is a classic way of silencing women when you don't like what they're fighting for. Don't panic, feminists are quite capable of fighting multiple battles at once!

~Laura Bates

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