



Are we raising sexist sons and men?

Sexism is still very much a hot button issue, even in 2020. Men and women both feel the effects of the debate. One side says that sexism died out in the first wave of feminism. Women gained the right to vote, to run for office, and can seek employment outside the home. The other side argues that women are still under-represented in both work and politics. This is a debate that will remain for a long time, as society progresses and faces new challenges that comes from a society that's become more sensitive to social issues.

Points For	Points Against
Men still hold political power over women and make policies regarding women without female politicians weighing in.	Women are now able to hold office when they weren't decades ago. If men are electing female officials, this is a sign of improvement.
The gender pay gap in the UK stands at 8.9% and isn't getting any smaller. Women are under-represented in managerial and high paying professional occupations.	The British government imposed a law that stated all companies with the pay gap should implement practices so the payments equal out. The statistics on the pay gap don't take into account the type of job, education, and resources. It can't all be based on gender, but who does the best job.
Commerical and media hyper sexualize women in order to reach a male demographic. This type of media ruins women's self esteem and creates an impossible to achieve body image.	The women in these commercials and shows participate of their own freewill, just like women buying these products aren't being forced to buy them. It isn't sexist to participate in capitalism.
Rashida Manjoo, a UN spokesperson, said that the UK was the most sexist country she's ever visited. She noted a "boy's club" culture, where men are encouraged to treat women as objects.	If you're looking for issues, you're going to find something wrong. The culture of Britain isn't sexist. British women have their own inappropriate issues and behaviours that aren't the fault of a male-dominated society.



Useful language to use in formal debates

In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

Building your Argument

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

Opinions, Preferences:

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

Disagreeing:

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

Partially agreeing:

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

Delaying Strategies

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

Asking someone to repeat

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

Holding the floor

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that..., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet, I haven't made my point yet ...

Expressing solutions and alternatives

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ...,
To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices....,

Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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