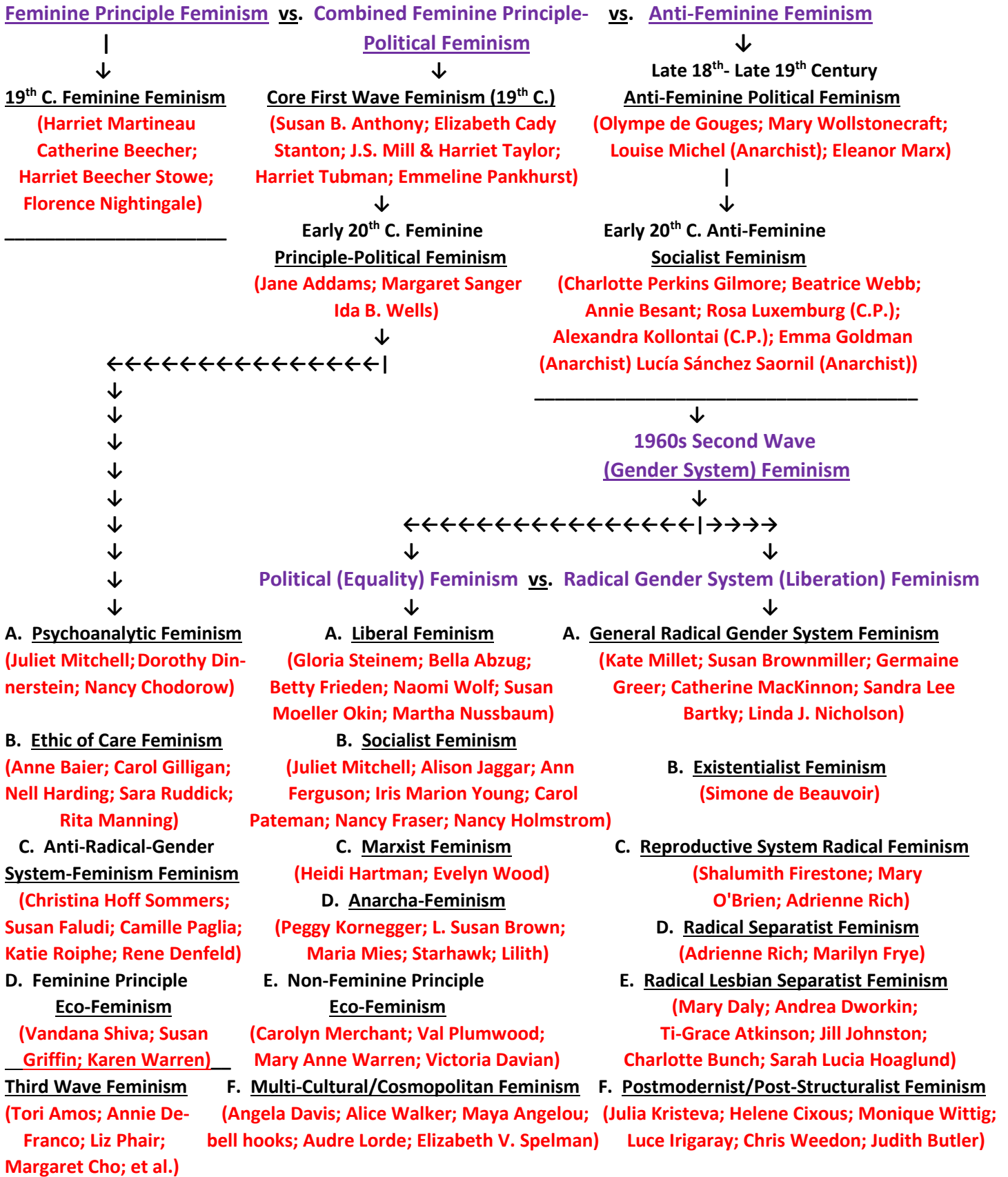


# Classification of Schools of Feminism

(with Representative Figures)

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# Schools of Feminism categorized according to their theories or perspectives on:

## Psychology:

- Nature (All psychological differences between men and women are innate) - **Harriet Martineau?**
- Part Nature, Part Nurture – **Steven Pinker; Steven Jay Gould; most Feminists**
- Nurture (There are no innate psychological differences between men and women) – **Andrea Dworkin**

## Theories/Perspectives on the Nature and Choice of Gender Roles:

- Feminine Principle Feminism (celebrates women's perspectives, attitudes, beliefs, & abilities)
  - First Wave Feminism – **Susan B. Anthony; Elizabeth Cady Stanton; Harriet Taylor**
  - Recent Feminine Principle Feminism – **Vandana Shiva; Karen Warren**
  - Ethic of Care Feminism – **Carol Gilligan; Annette Baier; Noel Nodding; Rita Manning**
- Non-Feminine Principle Feminism (argues for gender equality and that gender roles either should be freely chosen by people and not automatically forced on children according to their sex by means of status quo socialization ... or we should try to socialize children to be somewhere in the middle of the spectrum of gender, rather than towards the masculine or feminine extremes) – **All Other Feminists**

## Socio-Ideological Theory:

- Non-Gender System Feminism – **Gloria Steinem; Alison Jaggar; Evelyn Wood; Germaine Greer; Vandana Shiva; Martha Nussbaum**
- Gender System Feminism – **Catherine MacKinnon; Andrea Dworkin; Mary Daley; Julia Kristeva**
- Reproduction-Oriented Gender System Feminism – **Shalumith Firestone**
- Separatist Gender System Feminism – **Adrienne Rich**
- Lesbian Separatist Gender System Feminism – **Andrea Dworkin; Mary Daley**

## Socio-Political Theory:

- Liberal – **Gloria Steinem; Bella Abzug; Betty Frieden; Martha Nussbaum**
- Socialist – **Charlotte Perkins Gilman; Alison Jaggar; Anne Ferguson; Iris Marion Young**
- Marxist – **Alexandra Kollontai; Heidi Hartmann; Evelyn Wood**
- Anarchist – **Emma Goldman; Germaine Greer; L. Susan Brown**
- Eco-Feminism – **Vandana Shiva; Val Plumwood; Karen Warren**

## Philosophy:

- Analytical – **Martha Nussbaum; Marilyn Friedman**
- Existentialist – **Simone de Beauvoir**
- Post-Modernist/Post-Structuralist – **Julia Kristeva; Christine Weedman; etc.**

I think that, in theory, any option in one category is compatible with any option in any other category.

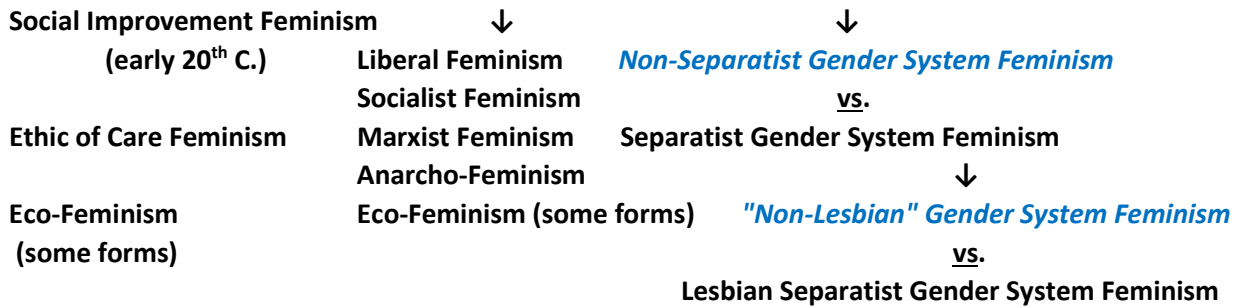
Key: *Blue Italics* indicate a  *Holding Category*  (not normally spoken of as an actual, specific school of Feminism but necessary to elaborate the relations between the various schools and sub-schools of Feminism)

## Classification of Schools of Feminist Thought in Terms of General Social-Political Perspective

Feminine Principle Feminism vs. *Non-Feminine Principle Feminism*



First Wave Feminism (19<sup>th</sup> C.) *Political Feminism* vs. Gender System Feminism



**Classification of Schools of Feminist Thought in Terms of Philosophical Perspective**

