

## **THE IMPACTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEMINISM IN THE PRESENT DAY NIGERIAN SOCIETY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The development of the struggles around the world for the liberation of women differs from nation to nation. The basic issues feminism combats are gender inequality and the oppression of women. These basic issues are deep-seated within the Nigerian society. The issues of gender equality and women liberation have garnered momentum around the world more than ever. There are policies on regular basis promoting gender equality. Some employers are practicing non-discrimination in employment. Women are strongly encouraged to apply for certain employments, grants and a host of other opportunities to give them equal standing with men. The implementation of such related policies has been the main focus of women's movement in many countries. The problem confronting this study is whether this is the case with women movements in the Nigerian society. The aim of the study is to critically examine the impacts of the development of feminism in the present day Nigerian society. The paper submits that, while many Nigerian women from north to south and east to west are resolute, strong and impactful, others are weak and wasting away in religious bigotry and traditional cowardice. The conclusion is that religion, culture, and patriarchy may need to be jettisoned and modernism embraced to combat the oppression of women and gender inequality in Nigeria.