

Who Can be More Feminist? The Parties line up for the 2015 election.

Rightly or wrongly all the major parties believe that favouring women is a vote winner. In the last few days we have seen Yvette Cooper, shadow home secretary, setting out Labour's agenda for women and we have seen the Prime Minister reshuffle his cabinet to oust 12 men and move in 9 women.

Have no doubt about this, David Cameron's move is solely to pander to the female vote. Polling of women only shows that the Conservatives lag behind Labour seriously in terms of female support. It is a priority for the Conservatives to increase their female support. And are women so sexist that they are more likely to vote for a Party simply because it fields more women? I don't know, but certainly the Parties think so - and there is evidence to suggest it is true. For example, one woman commenter on the link below wrote that, although she was not a Tory she very much approved of promoting more women into the government. Note that this statement was made regardless of merit and even in the teeth of having an opposing political outlook. It seems that female gender cohesion trumps those issues.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2693563/Now-win-election-PM-tells-new-girls-including-Esther-McVey-queen-Downing-Street-catwalk.html#ixzz37dppofLW>

<http://conservativewoman.co.uk/kathy-gyngell-harriet-harman-harmanisation-tory-party-harriets-reshuffle-daves/>

<http://conservativewoman.co.uk/kathy-gyngell-dave-dooms-middle-aged-male-mps-guinea-pigs-gender-politics-experiment/>

One of the more frequent comments on the above articles was "To think I was going to vote for this lot. It's UKIP for me now". With all three major parties now firmly feminist, it is not only the racists and the EU haters who will be voting UKIP. It is also many people fed up of being force fed feminism. I am really not sure that I can overcome my reluctance to be associated with the likes of UKIP to actually vote for them. I'd vote J4MB if there were a candidate in my constituency. Failing that I will, once again, spoil my ballot paper "none of the above - they are all objectionable".

One of the new cabinet appointments which most worries me is Nicky Morgan, the incumbent Women and Equalities minister, who retains this role whilst also taking on the post of Secretary of state for Education, replacing Michael Gove. Amazing, isn't it, the way the public swallow a title like "Women and Equalities" as if it were not a flagrant contradiction. Let's have a minister for "Whites and Equalities" shall we? But I shudder because education is already an area where boys are seriously disadvantaged and nothing is being done about it. So, what a great idea it is to stick someone in that post who cares only about females. Brilliant.

But worse by far is the Labour party. The recent articles from Yvette Cooper are outright fascism. Entitled "we must educate our sons to save our daughters" Cooper has not noticed that it is our sons who need saving and that it is our daughters who are being raised to not give a shit about it. Totally disregarding the serious disadvantage that boys face in our education system, this fascist ideologue is determined to crush them further. Here,

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/we-must-educate-our-sons-to-save-our-daughters-9588177.html>

the lovely Yvette pursues the time honoured feminist strategy of making out all males to be violent abusive swine. Don't knock it, it continues to be very effective despite being lies. She tells us, and most people will believe it, that boys are nasty sexist abusers of the poor defenceless girls in our schools, thus disadvantaging said girls by not allowing them to speak in class, etc. Really? No. It's bollocks. Don't believe me, believe Josh O'Brien who is still at school. Here's his video on Yvette's piece of crap,

<http://youtu.be/h2udtNf1MXA>

And Yvette's 'cure' for this vileness of boys? To raise them as "confident feminists". Of course, this is not actually new. It is just not usually stated so bluntly. Want to do well at school, boys? Do try to be like girls, then, OK? Please do compare this with the Soviet Union under Stalin or China under Mao. It is suppression of dissent, full stop. But this Stalinist boot camp approach to 'educating' boys is just one aspect of Yvette's agenda. Her further intentions for furthering equality are described here,

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2014/jul/04/labour-womens-safety-yvette-cooper-fgm-revenge-porn>

No marks for originality, Yvette. It's the same stuff we have been hearing from feminists for a long time: violence against women, FGM, etc - oh, but a new one specifically targeted on 'revenge porn'. But whilst the issues are familiar, the virulence of the determination to punish men as much as possible has become more ambitious.

Her calls for compulsory sex education in schools would, without any doubt whatsoever, be entirely from the feminist perspective. I would like better sex education in schools too. I would like boys to be told that having sex is extremely dangerous *for them*. I would like boys to be told exactly what the law is on sexual assault and rape.

Cooper refers to domestic violence against women, as usual making no mention that partner violence against men is almost equally common and far more in need of public discussion and organised support. Instead she talks up the number of women killed by their partners. To put this in context, in England & Wales, the number of women killed by their partners in 2013 was 76. That is 76 too many, of course, but compare this figure with the 380 homicides of men (mostly outside the home, and ~70% of all homicides). Compare it too with the number of men committing suicide which was 3,740 in the same year. Yvette Cooper cares nothing for these violent deaths of men - and this is the woman bidding to become Home Secretary!