
TED TALK

***WE SHOULD ALL BE
FEMINISTS***

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

INSTRUCTIONS

Individually or as a group, watch the TED Talk “We Should All Be Feminists” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (available at leanin.org/all-be-feminists). Use the questions below for a group discussion on the themes and ideas presented in the video.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- Prior to watching this video, did you identify as a feminist? Why or why not?
- Did hearing Chimamanda’s definition of a feminist as “a person who believes in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes” change whether or not you identify as a feminist? What would you add or edit in her definition?
- Chimamanda says her brother is her favorite feminist. Who is your favorite feminist?
- Chimamanda had several stories from her past that are common among many women living and working today. Did you relate to parts of her journey (for example, her friend who said things used to be bad for women but aren’t anymore; her experience at the parking lot where a worker thanked her male companion for the tip she gave him; or her noticing that the higher she went in her profession, the fewer women were working alongside her)?
- Have you ever felt invisible? What did you do about it? Is there anything you would do differently were you in that situation now?
- Chimamanda makes the point that the concept of gender tells us how we “should” be in society. What messages do we send about how women “should” behave versus how men “should” behave? How do you think those expectations affect us?
- Chimamanda makes the point that culture does not make people, people make culture. What’s one aspect of your culture that you’d like to change for the better?
- What’s one key takeaway from the video that you’d like to share with someone else? With whom would you share it?