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feminist, *a.* and *n.*

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(fɛmɪnɪst) Also '**femininist**. [ad. F. *féministe*, f. L. *fēmina* woman: see [-IST](#).]**A.** *adj.* Of or pertaining to feminism, or to women. **B.** *n.* An advocate of feminism.

1894 *Daily News* 12 Oct. 5/5 What our Paris Correspondent describes as a 'Feminist' group is being formed in the French Chamber of Deputies. **1895** *Critic* 2 Feb. 90/2 The writer depicts Ford as the deepest 'femininist' in the Shakespearian constellation. **1898** *Daily Chron.* 15 Oct. 5/1 The lady Parliamentary reporter is the latest development of the feminist movement in New Zealand. **1904** *Athenæum* 26 Nov. 730/2 There have been feminists who claimed George Eliot as the rival of Thackeray. **1920** W. J. LOCKE *House of Baltazar* v. 56 We're out of this feminist hurly-burly. **1930** *Manch. Guardian* 15 Sept. 7/7 Feminists are rare birds in Russia.

Hence **femi'nistic**, **femini'nistic** *adjs.*

1902 BEERBOHM *Around Theatres* (1924) I. 365 Ibsen's femininistic propaganda. **1908** *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Sept. 6/3 Some thinkers in Hungary anticipate feminist developments even in Turkey. **1912** *Englishwoman* Mar. 261 This society is only feminist in so far as it strives to give women better opportunities.