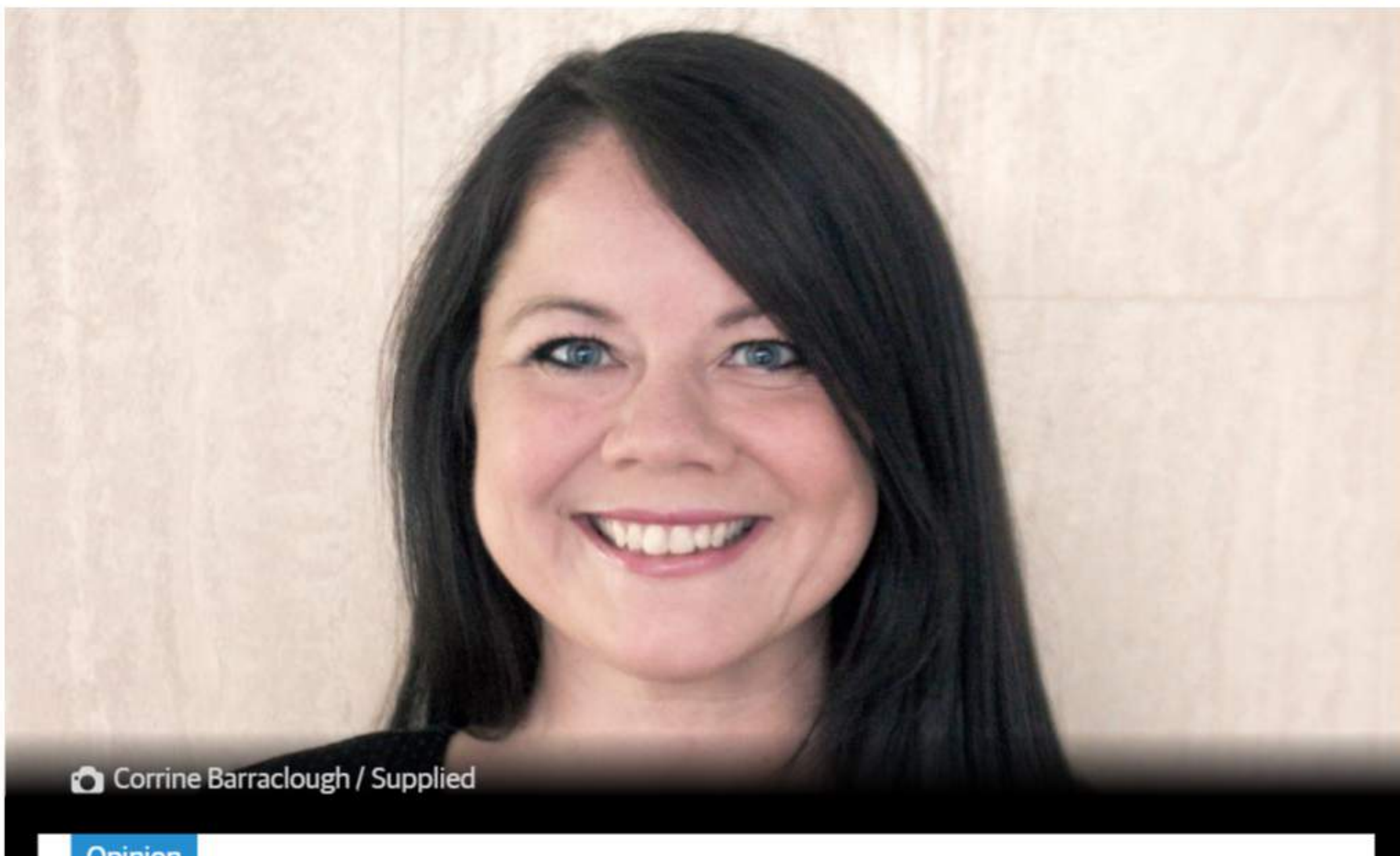


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Feminism or victimism? Bashing men is not the answer

Corrine Barraclough, The Daily Telegraph

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A GREEDY empire has been built on enforcing the fictitious notion that men are evil perpetrators and women are innocent victims. It's lazy, immoral, incorrect and unacceptable.

Some victims are victims entirely by circumstance — wrong time, awful ending.

However, damaging third-wave feminism has now saddled Australian society with the prevalence of victim mentality. This weak culture of blame has stripped men of their human rights and disempowered women.

It has fuelled learned helplessness as a habitual way of life. Wailing feminism is running a Centrelink of disempowerment, barring unbiased reason and fact. Opting to forgo personal responsibility and negating any ability to make educated informed personal choices is the ultimate in weakness. Real women don't want to be weak — fierce feminists have become the real oppressors of women through enforcing their victim status.

Being a victim should neither be a lifestyle choice, nor basis for public policy. The myth that men are evil perpetrators and women are innocent victims is the weeping elephant in the room, blocking productive progress.

Why does this laborious, twisted notion persist? Money. Feminism is the scrounger that can't get its thieving hands on precious power and delicious dollars fast enough. It profits from the weeping elephant while making no viable contribution, such as finding evidence-based solutions for domestic violence, as championed by Erin Pizzey.



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📷 Damaging third-wave feminism has stripped men of their human rights and disempowered women.

“It’s far less clear-cut than the ideologues like to pretend, with their neat division between female victims and male oppressors,” Pizzey, an outstanding women’s rights advocate who opened the first women’s refuge in the UK in 1971, tells me.

Her own experience and research shows women can be just as violence as men: “The truth is, much of the violence takes place in tortured relationships, often involving drink and drugs, where both partners are guilty of verbal and physical assault. But feminists make too much money to let the truth be heard. They are invested in keeping women as victims.”

Every moment you are reading this feminism is cashing in on domestic violence. Pizzey asserts “gendered domestic violence is a fraudulent claim” — but feminists close their ears. After all, why would they want to remove the weeping elephant, devour insightful research and actively pursue progress when they’re so comfortably wedded to the blame game and blissfully bewitched by victimhood? They have a simplistic equation that lines their pockets and strokes their egos.

Feminists are trying to hijack legislation for online safety claiming “The internet should be safe for women.”

Come on, there’s no “online culture of hatred for women”.


When Clementine Ford tweets “Kill all men” she hopes men will respond so she can wave the victim card. We saw Van Badham play victim on Q & A beautifully. Bad men. Except, I’ve only had threats from women.




📷 ‘Kill all men’ ... feminist Clementine Ford.

Happiness simply doesn’t thrive online. Are feminists too feeble to block? Real women aren’t, and we’re tired of this transparent blame game. We love our men, marry them, curl up with them at night, giggle with them and have their children. Equally, women adore their sons and want to protect them from the heavy tar smeared on them at birth. Compassion is our ruler, not hatred.


Feminism is now about middle class privilege for middle-class women, the destruction of traditional marriage and a tiresome obsession with the fantasy




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of victimhood.

Australia is a secular country. We will not bow at the feet of oppressive feminism any more than any other set of beliefs. Why is it governing us?

Unfortunately for the blinkered antagonists of gender division, the rational, calm and peaceful among us know masculinity is no more problematic than femininity. Neither is it as problematic as feminism.

Domestic violence doesn't discriminate. We don't have to scrap over statistics to know there are male victims. Why are they being discriminated against? Why is government funding being cascaded into violence against women, ignoring equality? Why are advisory panels packed with blinkered people who incorrectly see DV as a simple gendered issue rather than having inquiring minds?

Why do we have a Minister for Women who also oversees Prevention of Family Violence? On this minister's Twitter feed you'll see a picture of a witch tweeted to Van Badham captioned: "Some days you just have to put on the hat to remind them who they are dealing with." Imagine the feminist outrage if the word "witch" was switched for "hysterical" on a TV discussion panel.

Counselling services across Australia have advised they're "not funded to support male victims of family violence". No DV shelters will take a father and his children. Pets get government funding in domestic disputes. Men? No. Outside fierce feminist fantasyland most women don't want to embrace this sickly obsession with "victimhood". It's as far from empowering as male-perpetrated DV is from fact. Feminists: Get back to work, you bludgers. Swap blame for solutions, victimhood has lined your pockets long enough.

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Vulcans 4 minutes ago
The DV advocacy machine in Australia appears little more than a stage for practicing damseling.

Most observers today, including feminist observers like Christina Hoff-Sommers, Camille Paglia, Rene Denfeld, Katie Roiphe and others agree that feminism comes close, if not all the way, to being a cult of victimhood. The phenomenon has variously been referred to as grievance feminism, victim feminism, safe space feminism, and even fainting-couch feminism – with Christina Hoff-Sommers portraying its mythos as “a battle between fragile maidens and evil predators.”

Feminist icon Naomi Wolf tells that victim feminism evolved out of “old habits of ladylike behavior that were cloaked in the guise of radicalism,” and laments that a substantial segment of modern feminism is devoted to its cause.

Denfeld writes that current feminists “promote a new status for women: that of the victim,” and adds:

<blockquote>“This is victim mythology. From rape redefinitions to feminist theory on the “patriarchy,” victimization has become the subtext of the movement, the moral to be found in every feminist story. Together these stories form a feminist mythology in which a singular female subject is created: woman as a helpless, violated, and oppressed victim. Victim mythology says that men will always be predators and women will always be their prey. It is a small place to live, a place that tells women that there is really no way out.

“Like other mythologies, victim mythology reduces the complexity of human interaction to grossly oversimplified mythical tales, a one-note song, where the message of the story becomes so important that fiction not only triumphs over fact but the realities of women’s experiences are dismissed and derided when they conflict with the accepted female image.

</blockquote>

While Denfeld does a good job of describing feminism’s victim mentality, she labors under a myth of her own by characterizing it as a “new” fetish among feminists. Anyone reading through the history of feminist literature can see it appealed to by literally every feminist writer. Even a century ago Ernest Belfort Bax was able to say that feminists “do their best to bluff their dupes by posing as the victims of a non-existent male oppression.”

<blockquote>Feminists well know that the most grotesquely far-fetched cry about the injustice of man to woman will meet with a ready ear. They well know that they get here fond and foolish man on his soft side. Looking at the matter impartially, it is quite evident that man’s treatment of woman is the least vulnerable point in his moral record. Woman, as such, he has always treated with comparative generosity. But it is, of course, to the interests of the abettors of female domination to pretend the contrary. Accordingly everything has been done to excite prejudice in favour of woman as the innocent and guileless *victim* of man’s tyranny, and the maudlin Feminist sentiment of the “brute” man has been carefully exploited to this end.</blockquote>

In all of these accounts the behavior being described is *<i>damseling.</i>* a practice feminists have been at the forefront of preserving from the medieval canon. Evoked in conjunction with claims of male brutality, rapiness, depravity and insensitivity, the ultimate purpose of damseling is to elicit pity and sympathy from the audience. Naomi Wolf and Christina Hoff-Sommers

is to draw chivalric responses from men, a routine voir makes clear in her remark that "victim feminism casts women as sexually pure and mystically nurturing, and stresses the evil done to these 'good' women as a way to petition for their rights."

None of this of course is helping the problem of DV.

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Andrew

39 minutes ago

As a male victim of domestic violence how refreshing to read this article.

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Bethany

56 minutes ago

As a female survivor of DV with a fiance who was unable to prosecute his far worse abuser due to his genitals, I am so so grateful to you Corrine and to the Daily Telegraph for finally showing the other side of the coin. The one feminism screams doesn't exist.

I too have predominantly received hate from women online. Some unstable men may call me names if I refuse to sleep with them. Women are the ones who threaten to kill me or have me raped because I disagree with feminism.

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Joanne

1 hour ago

As a wife and mother to two wonderful young adults of both genders, I thank you.

A lot of women are turning away from feminism and refusing to call themselves feminists because of the embarrassing new wave feminists.

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David

2 hours ago

A lone voice of reason. The main reason why I will not offer any assistance or old fashioned "gentlemanly" courtesy's to women under 40 years of age. Carry your own loads girls, and if you need assistance for anything else well, do it yourself - and don't expect a seat to be vacated for you on public transport.

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Wise

4 hours ago

Good to see men being stood up for. So much hatred, based on fallacies against men out there. Great work again Miss Barraclough. You're a champion. Australia needs to be hearing more from the likes of you. :) You give hope to men in despair. Third-wave Feminists are gutless, shameless and evil and they refuse to acknowledge or take responsibility for the growing suicide rates of men - despite having the blood on their hands. They're arrogant, bully scum! Such a facist like approach with their White Ribbon lies. Brainwashing people by the millions. What people should be encouraged to get behind is Erin Pizzey's White Ribbon - "No to violence against EVERYONE!"

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Antifeminism

4 hours ago

Once again, thank you for being the voice of reason Corrine. I have been saying this for ages - feminism and man bashing is a money making industry. There is something seriously wrong in society when misandrists such as Clemetine Ford are not only given a platform to spew vile hate speech against men, they are paid to do it. Other feminists such as Van Badham are realising this and also wanting a slice of the pie.

I have written an article about this topic - it can be found if you google "why you should never attack clementine ford".

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Michael

6 hours ago

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Thankyou for your voice of reason

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rhys

7 hours ago

Thank you for writing this the attacks and harassment will come for you but always remember you are on the side of just and fair solutions. DV affects both genders but only one has no way out no help no understanding from anywhere and kills themselves at a rate of 4 a week.

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