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In many western societies Feminism is defined by the priorities of white women and how stability and success measure up for them. In these societies' poverty, access to food, education and shelter is often overlooked, as white women in the country do not generally face these issues.

We need to see an integration of gender intersectionality as a perspective. For too long the success of feminism has been based off the success of white women both in society and internationally. In contrast women of colour are more often the victims to gun violence, poverty, sex trafficking, undiagnosed or unaddressed health issues and are more likely to go missing or murdered.

We need to ensure we have women representation in all walks of life across the globe. We should not be content with tokenism but promote genuine representation from all cultures, demographics, races, classes, beliefs and value systems.

If we see women of all walks of life and cultures involved at every level of decision making, then we can start to challenge the narrative that feminism has succeeded just because white women have made it into those positions. I fear the world is becoming less tolerable and we need to stop that. To be an ally to the feminist movement you need to be involved in every form of injustice all women face, even if you cannot identify with that injustice or victim personally.