

Wearing makeup is anti-feminist

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By saying wearing makeup is anti-feminist you may make women uncomfortable with wearing makeup. This seems pretty anti-feminist to me

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@worshopper I can't phrase it as a question unfortunately on Kialo. So it needs to be structured this way, but you could see that and others already have in the cons. But the discussion's not about how saying makeup is anti-feminist is anti-feminist, but about makeup itself

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@youR.N. I'm not blaming you at all. I'm just saying the statement is kind of wrong.

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@worshopper I know. The setup on Kialo makes the wording of these awkward to where they create assumptions to be made based on them. Like in the "all humans should be vegan" - people think the thesis is asking people to go vegan - but it's just the thesis to facilitate discussion by being polarized

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Pros

- Makeup allows one to make up their physical appearances, because it's about "making it up!" Setting standards to have women conform to wearing makeup is anti-feminist
- Makeup culture places strict expectations on women to perform femininity.
- Makeup becomes oppressive when people are socially and cultural pushed to wear it.
- Makeup involves sexism, placing people into gender roles (as women are mostly expected to wear makeup and men not as much)
- Makeup involves objectifying women, and wearing makeup supports that.
- When women cannot appreciate their natural beauty when they wear makeup (does not happen in all instances of wearing makeup), then it ventures into being anti-feminist
- If a woman feels she is being forced to wear make-up to be noticed and/or recognized, that is anti-feminist because they are letting themselves be less than everyone else when they give in to the pressures.
- Makeup only increases the focus on female bodies, instead of character or abilities
- People can wear makeup and still be a feminist.

Cons

- Feminism can be shown whilst showing femininity. I can get dressed and feel good about myself and still be qualified to demand equal rights for men and women both. It doesn't matter how a woman looks on the outside, it's the perception of the idea of feminism.
- It is not anti-feminist, it's because some people like to alter their appearance. This is a choice and not expressing feminist values
- Makeup is an art and a way to express yourself. Having the choice to wear makeup for no one but yourself is feminist.
- Makeup, similar to fashion, is another way to allow people to express themselves. so why should people bash women for wearing too much makeup or no makeup at all if it makes them feel empowered or confident? Also men can wear makeup too, there is no rules saying they can't
- As a man the last thing I am going to do is tell any woman what to throw on her face.
- Feminism is a form of empowering women from a situation where they were unable to decide by themselves and usually was another person (many times their husbands or parents) who decided their life. Banning a girl from doing something (in case that it's legal) is actually a form of patriarchy and is actually anti-feminist. Women should be able to decide who they want to be without someone telling them what they can do or not.
- Feminism means personal choice to live however one wishes as a woman, without discrimination or oppression. As such, wearing makeup, or indeed not, is feminist on the understanding that it is a personal choice.
- Forcing women to not wear make-up is not different from patriarchy telling them how they should dress and appear for social acceptance.
- Makeup is about self-expression more than anything
- Wearing makeup does not have to be politically motivated, as there are multiple reasons and contexts as to why people wear makeup, just as there are multiple reasons/contexts for any activity.
- People can wear makeup and still be a feminist
- There are utilitarian purposes for wearing makeup that are independent of feminism, so it can't be feminist/anti-feminist in these instances
- Actors, dancers etc. wear makeup as part of their job.
- Women should have the right to choose what they put on or wear to express themselves, whether it's attractive or not, this is what true feminism teaches. This means that if a girl wants to put on makeup, then she can as long as it's what SHE wants to wear, not because someone else told her to.
- Makeup is just a way of empowering someone to make adjustments to how they look, like the clothes you choose to wear.
- Makeup is a traditionally feminine past-time. To remove it is to devalue femininity, which is anti-feminist.
- Pressuring women not to wear makeup (such as through saying it's anti-feminist to wear it) is anti-feminist in itself.
- Wearing make-up has nothing to do with the equality of men and women. You would rather focus on yourself and how you look rather than actually solving the issue of problems women and men face.
- Men can wear makeup too.
- Feminism is about freedom of choice and equality. A woman should never be forced to use makeup but should be free to do so
- Most women wear makeup to feel better about themselves, not to please to men's needs. To empower yourself as a woman and to empower other women is exactly what feminism is about.
- Women should be free to wear make-up, but not feel obliged to do so.
- Some people wear makeup to embrace feminism.

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