

# everyday feminism

WORK THROUGH ISSUES. STAND UP FOR YOURSELF. LIVE YOUR TRUTH.

## Video Transcription of *"Male on Privilege" by Jamie Kilstein<sup>1</sup>*

Hello there, internet! White guy here so I'm pretty sure that means you'll have to listen. I'm also straight. I'm cis. I'm not poor now but I used to live in my car and not just any car. I used to live in a Saturn which I'm pretty sure is made of plastic and tears. But I'm doing okay right now.

And that pretty much means I'm as privileged as you can get which guarantees that I will not be stop-and-frisk and that I'm boring as shit.

I have issues, like we all have issues. I've struggled. I've struggled financially. I've struggled with depression. I've struggled with addiction. I've had issues and mom issues. And I've had friend issues. I don't have any friends to have issues with, but the ones that I do have I have issues with.

But that was like my cat, well, started to give me like this cat-stink-eye. Like, just kinda like sweet to me I'm kinda sure it's furious. I'm kinda like "what's up man?" like "you judging me 'cause I'm goin' to college too?". He's like "meow", and I'm like "fuck".

But you know who didn't cause any of those problems? Feminists, women, vaginas, gays, Mexicans.

Those are struggles. We have struggles. And they happen to me, and that's okay.

I've been dumped a lot. This doesn't have to do with "misandry". This has to do with either a) I was the shitty boyfriend, b) she wanted to move on, c) it kinda started off really exciting and it's sort of warping off this friendship. And we're both kinda like "I know what's happening." And then we ended things. That's ok. C'est la vie.

Do men have problems too? Yes. Do custody battles often favor women? Sure. But sometimes, fathers are assholes. Also, if I push the tiny human out of my vagina, I might want home court advantage as well. Home court, being my vagina. I'm sorry.

Does male rape happen? Yes. Should we talk about it more? Yup. Do I know any feminist who don't care about that issue? No.

Does rape culture affect more men than women? No. I can go out jogging at night by myself without fear of being attacked. I don't have to walk to my car using the body system with my keys tucked in between my knuckles like a fist weapon. I don't have to bring my drink to a

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disgusting bar bathroom covering it with my hand so I don't get poisoned when all I wanted to do is go out for a night with my friends.

I can walk down the street without hearing "Hey, nice cock". And if I don't respond to said Shakespearean proposal by getting on to my knees, I'm not called a prude, a stuck-up, a bitch, or for some weird reason, a lesbian! Because remember ladies, if you don't blow the random guy on the street corner who says "nice tits", you probably like pussy.

In fact, social experiment, go outside, right now and cat call a guy. No one's gonna know what the fuck is goin' on. Find the most bro-y looking guy you can find, affliction shirt preferable, and start cat-calling the shit out of him.

Be like "Hey! You got some fine balls. Yeah! Why don't you jiggle those sweet balls over this way? Oh really you don't wanna hear it? Maybe you shouldn't have worn those cockies. Where are you going? Lesbian!". Did you do it? Did you cat call a guy? Were people confused? Did you have to run away? Are you home? Are you safe now? I hope you are. And if you're not, I'm sorry.

So men, good guys, nice guys, does feminism mean that you are a rapist? No. Does you having a penis makes you a woman hating perv ball? No. There are plenty of good guys out there. In fact, if you made it this far in the video without planning on responding in the comment section "this shit is gay", you might be one of those good guys.

When women talk about women issues, surprise! It's not always about you. It's about women, and that's okay.

So, what does being a feminist or an ally mean? Well, to men who aren't afraid to call themselves feminists, who don't think they are feminists or who drank soya milk once and felt by default that made them a feminist, here's what it means.

Don't be a dick! Listen to women. Don't be a dick to women.

Easy right? You can own that shit.

The only problem that comes with being privileged is occasionally shutting the fuck up listening to someone else and being like "oh! That does suck. How can I help?"

Being paid less sucks. Being blamed for my own assault sucks. Having old white dudes in congress trying to regulate a body part they don't see regularly sucks. Being slut shamed fucking sucks.

So say it with me. I'm a man. I'm not a dick. I don't hate women. I'm a feminist.