

everyday feminism

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

Stop me if you've heard this one before.

"Yeah, I don't have any friends who are girls. I just don't get along with them. They're all so catty, and bitchy, and they love drama. Ugh, drama! And not me, I'm not like that. I like hanging out with boys so much better, you know, they're like down-to-earth and they don't judge you. I'm like, one of the guys, you know."

You have? Of course you have! We all have. And I will tell you a secret – that used to be me too. But here's the thing – that's the biggest pile of bullshit you can lead yourself to believe.

All women are catty bitches? All women!?! Last time I checked, there are assholes located in every hidden pothole of the gender spectrum.

Look, all of these relationships that didn't work out, they all seem to have one common denominator – you. Did you ever think that maybe you were the problem? Or failing that, you have terrible taste in friends.

And the worst part about saying that you dislike women and get along so much better with men, you're pretty much saying that you don't like yourself very much. You're probably thinking you're distancing yourself from the "other girls" AKA the girly girls, women you deem excessively feminine and therefore distancing yourself from them and making yourself look better to dudes, but you're really not.

You are not a special, unique little snowflake. You are a girl who is annoyingly cutting herself off and limiting herself from amazing female friendships that you don't even want to give a chance.

Ok, I hate to bring up T-Swift because I did that in my last video and I really don't want to make a habit of this, but I can't do this video without mentioning the song "You Belong to Me" is basically "You should like me better because I'm less stereotypically feminine. Feminine bad. Masculine good." It's just that one is not better than the other and you don't need to shame other women to make dude bros like you.

If you ever say "Ugh, girls are so crazy, and bitchy," and your guy friends are like "Yeah, they are! They're so crazy and bitchy!" you need to keep in mind you are in no way exempt from that rule. Or perhaps, you are for now, until you show any emotion outside of passive agreement. Then you will also become crazy and bitchy. It's funny, how that works out.

No matter what you're interests are, even if they are stereotypically masculine or what our society currently deems as masculine, there are other female-identifying people who share the same interests as you.

I'm not judging you if you're a girl and all your friends are boys. If that's what you're getting out of this video, you're missing the point. Hell, when I was a teenager, all but one of my friends was a boy. My best friend in the whole world is a man. Guys are pretty great, I'll give you that.

But, I am side-eyeing you a little bit if you are strategically only making friends with boys because you have yourself convinced that you get along with them better. Or, that you think that having male companions makes you better in some way. Because it doesn't.

Gender is a social construct. It's fluid and silly and fun and weird. Don't be afraid to open yourself up to the possibilities of new and fulfilling friendships.

And, shut the fuck up with all this girl hate. Honestly. Be nice to your fellow humans. They're struggling with shit too.

Good, I'm glad we had this talk.

Oh, also, I have things now. That is to say, I have a Facebook page now. So, if you want to like that, that would be cool. And, also, I have an Etsy shop. The links for both are in the description box.