



Society / Gender & Social Movements

The 4B movement is a radical feminist current that originated in South Korea and has recently returned to public debate amid renewed discussions on patriarchy, gender violence and women's autonomy. It frames personal refusal as a form of political resistance rather than an individual lifestyle choice.

The movement rejects participation in four institutions associated with patriarchal control—marriage, childbirth, dating and sex. Emerging in the late 2010s, it was shaped by persistent gender inequality, online misogyny and perceived institutional apathy, and gained wider visibility through social media during South Korea's #MeToo movement.

APSC relevance

Relevant for GS on gender studies, contemporary social movements, feminism and changing family and social norms.