

ECO FEMINISM

A photograph showing several women's hands reaching upwards towards a clear blue sky. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned in a way that suggests a collective effort or a shared goal. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The overall mood is positive and hopeful.

Also called *ecological feminism*, a branch of feminism that examines the connections between women and nature.

Origins

The modern ecofeminist movement was born out of a series of conferences and workshops held in the United States by a coalition of academic and professional women during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

They met to discuss the ways in which feminism and environmentalism might be combined to promote respect for women and the natural world and were motivated by the notion that a long historical precedent of associating women with nature had led to the oppression of both.



Femininity and nature

A photograph of three women lying on their stomachs on a light-colored blanket in a field of tall grass and small white flowers. They are all wearing white, flowing dresses. The woman in the center is holding a bouquet of bright orange flowers. The woman on the left is smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman on the right is resting her head on her hand and looking towards the camera. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a warm day in nature.

Femininity consists of care, compassion, affection, giving, peace, etc characteristics linked and close to nature.

Principles

A photograph of four women of diverse ethnicities sitting on a white sheet that is hung over a black metal frame outdoors. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The women are wearing light blue and white dresses. The background consists of green trees and foliage, suggesting a natural setting. The overall mood is positive and serene.

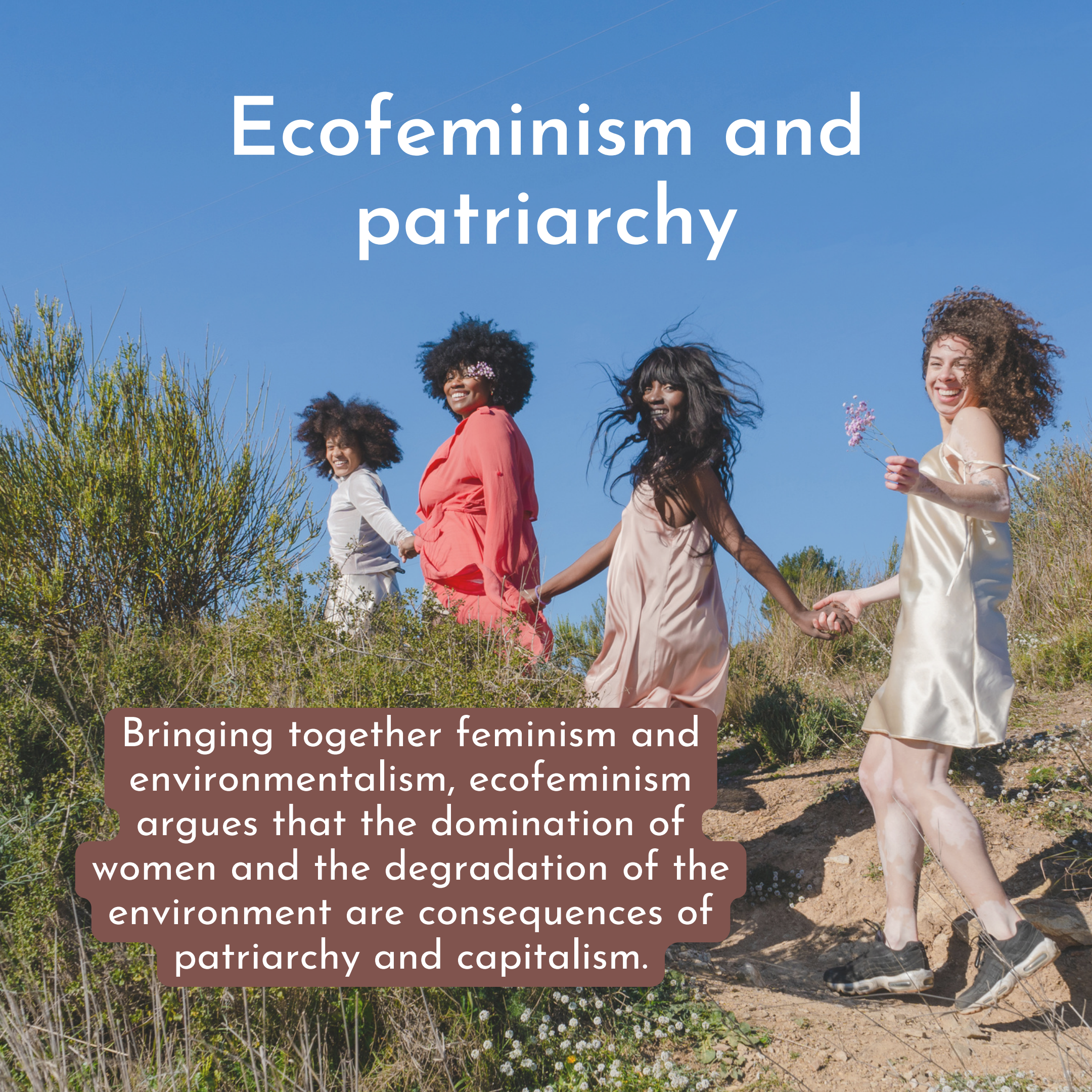
Emphasis on the ways both nature and women are treated by patriarchal (or male-centred) society.

Examination of the effect of gender categories in order to demonstrate the ways in which social norms exert unjust dominance over women and nature.

Practice advocacy on an alternative worldview that values the earth as sacred, recognizes humanity's dependency on the natural world, and embraces all life as valuable.

Ecofeminism and patriarchy

Bringing together feminism and environmentalism, ecofeminism argues that the domination of women and the degradation of the environment are consequences of patriarchy and capitalism.



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