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Citizens, I Betty Friedan, stand before you here in Chicago, the center of the Women's Rights Movement.

Feminism can be defined as the advocacy of this movement on the grounds of political, economic, and social equality to men. This movement has been brought to our attention again because of the way we have been discriminated against in this post war time. When the men came home from war, our jobs were taken from us!

They tried to push us back into the roles of motherhood and housework! We mustn't allow this! Men have

\_\_\_\_\_ Adverb discriminated and belittled us by lowering our wages, job opportunities, and our rights upon our decisions concerning motherhood. Luckily a few years ago, in 1964, the civil rights act was passed and has been able to eliminate some of these \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective sins by stating that people could not be discriminated against during employment. This is including us ladies! 28 brave and strong men and women have come together and created the national organization of women to move beyond the things that prevent women from achieving equality. This group has contributed majorly to our fight for \_\_\_\_\_ Noun. We have marched through these streets! We have held rallies and \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Participle counter demonstrations! We have acted upon civil disobedience in non-violent ways, and we have continued to invest in intensive lobbying to fight for our rights as women! These have been made possible by the amazing Gloria Steinem, our leader and media spokesperson of this liberation! She is the founder of Ms Magazine. She believed that "Any woman who chooses to behave like a full human being should be warned that the armies of the status quo will treat her as something of a dirty joke.

That's their natural and first weapon. She will need her sisterhood." Our role in society will \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb be changed by the 1980's. We will have the right to have abortions and to join the army and be accepted into military academies.

My dear friend will be going to court in a few months to fight for the right to have abortions. We deserve to have control over our bodies! It has also come to my \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ that there are some women fighting against the Equal Rights Amendment, which would provide us with the equal rights of the Constitution. I understand that you are afraid of being denied the right to be supported by your husbands and even losing some privacy right. But we must fight! To \_\_\_\_\_ Verb \_\_\_\_\_ our freedom! 'We need to see men and women as equal partners, but it's hard to think of movies that do that. When I talk to people, they think of movies of forty-five years ago! Hepburn and Tracy!' I myself have been traveling about the country, interviewing many women. I have come to the conclusion that many women feel as though there is something missing in their lives, even though they appear to be happy. They are missing freedom! I am currently in the process of turning my interviews into a book. I am taking action, and so should you!