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and Ecuador in the 21st century”

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## **Abstract**

Within the world there are various movements that support both men and women; within them we have two which are the most recognized, male chauvinism and feminism which over the years have increased various catastrophic consequences such as death and others that have allowed both evolutions for the world and for women.

Unfortunately for wanting to hide information about catastrophic cases or improvements in women's rights, people have little interest and knowledge about these problems and they get confused in their concept, for example: "Hembrism" is the movement in which women they believe superior to men and many call this meaning feminism. It should be noted that there are men and women who can be sexist, hembrist or feminist.

This lack of knowledge not only generates confusion within society but at the same time we cannot distinguish when a person is going through a problem. Moreover we do not know how to help.

We must understand that the people affected with these problems are not only the people involved, on the one hand we have the relatives of the people who do not know how to act in this situation, they despair. On the other hand, we have the closest relatives, such as the children, they are the most affected.

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## Introduction

This monograph work will address the issues of *how has been developing male chauvinism and feminism in Latin America and Ecuador during the 21st century*, which has a great importance because in this way we will have greater knowledge about what involved these two ideals and how affects us. We will take it with the importance that it has and so we can cut of root this kind of problems.

It is important to have knowledge of this subject because in recent years there have been many cases of men who kill to their wives by jealousy or vice versa. In this way if you have a greater knowledge will be given more importance and less serious consequences such as the murder, abuse and depression.

Given that is not explores thoroughly the facts, you cannot articulate which is the real cause of why these events occur. Several theories of the origin of men or women chauvinist, men or women feminist, for example, it is said that male chauvinism came from the age of cavemen. While, feminism after the French Revolution, but is not yet discovered which is the real cause of these problems, all these deductions can be found in the following books: *Feminism is for everybody*, *Everyday Male Chauvinism*, *the manipulated man*. It should be taken into account that over the years these events will cause more consequences than the existing ones currently; if we don't start to deal with the problem by root.

Within the Latin American countries as well as in Ecuador, people who inhabit these regions usually do not have a broad knowledge of what sexism and feminism imply and how over time it has affected our society until the political, economic and social news. The majority of information about these two ideals are not openly dialogued but they collect data from the testimonies and from there we acquire information, this situation is because the same society does not have the courage to face this type of circumstances clearly, which is important so that the people involved or those around them, can identify or help all those who are going through any of these two problems.

In recent years we have been able to hear many cases of death because of these events, so it has been possible to see a little more desire and participation by the population, they advocate for cases like these are not defer or left behind, in order to be able to do justice and that no similar incident will be unpunished by any minimum, citizens are starting to get up and have the courage to fight, we must not go back but move forward, all they want and must help rural or urban sectors that do so to have a better life, free and far from fears.

The monograph will consist of three chapters divided in definition of male chauvinism and feminism, the second the personal and global consequences and finally how to provide help to people go through these ideals.

## **Chapter 1**

### **Causes of feminism and male chauvinism**

#### **1.1 Definition**

##### **1.1.1 Male chauvinism.**

The wrong ideas that we used to have about man's evolution, of being transformed into man to a "real man" is what gave origin to which we know as male chauvinism, because it was an unstoppable fight for knowing who was the best and who has more power over his children, wife or in many cases with all the family regardless how many people around him get affected.

Women are also guilty for this starting from a mother's womb, when a man's birth the family started choosing the color of the clothes, the toys which he can play, girls and boys are told that "A man's appearance has to be masculine if he wants to have success with women, and that means it will have to be geared to his one and only *raison d'être* – work" ( Vilar, 2008, p 6). Women have to know how to cook, to clean and to do other chores if they want to be accepted by men.

But no one tells boys how to respect women, if a girl gets pregnant is her fault for having sex, but when is a man; they are only judge based on the lack of protection. Finally, when their children create their own family the cycle will start again and this is how women create male chauvinism and keep it in a men's life.

##### **1.1.2 Feminism.**

Hooks (2015) said: “Simply put, feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression....I liked this definition because it did not imply that men were the enemy” (p.1).

Women have been creating during this time this doctrine; reflect those rights before men and equalities before the society, creating strategies to reach this goal through the field of law since this fact had shaken up in women attorneys’ world.

Some women attorneys help in a direct way on activities that they do traditionally. On the other hand, there are ones that help in an architectural role in feminist thinking, courts and laws are involved with this ideology because it exist a lot of claims for obtaining equality between both genders.

## **1.2 Causes**

### **1.2.1 Maleness.**

There are many theories of how male chauvinism started, it is said that Male chauvinism it has existed for many years, maybe it started in the prehistory, but is it true? Applied studies by the teacher Helena Bonet and the archaeology Margarita Sánchez Romero, in the antiquity, there wasn't much inequality as in the present, because women not only take care of children they also went hunting, to fish, collect fruits and other activities.

Other theory that came on 1990 in an interview for a magazine carried out by a Colombian writer and poet Luis Vidales said that “male chauvinism started when it was

decided that God was a man” is it true?, We have to remember that God is a superior being who has not sex, Jesus was sent by it to lead us and even if Jesus is a man we don't have to forget that Jesus to whom he offered his help first? to a woman, Who received more? to children and women, so we can discard both theories that are wrong.

So what is the real cause of this doctrine? Everything brings us to the present. Is this the cause?. Unfortunately, it is, with the creation of Chauvinistic teachings since they are small, excluding in the religious sphere, with discriminatory rules, sexist advertising, gender-based labor confrontation, and Insecurities is what has led to the creation of this ideology. “One reason for the effectiveness of everyday male chauvinism is that it is almost absolutely invisible. This is how it can do insidious and continuous harm to women’s lives, which is only aggravated as time passes” (Szil, 2006, p.14).

### **1.2.2 Feminism.**

Many people have to remember this proverb “ an action brings a reaction” either for a joke we did to our brothers, tell something bad to our friends or excluding stranger people for us, our parents tell us this saying so we shouldn't be surprised if they act against us and it is a phrase that has to be turn up in every moment and here an example of that.

As we already know male chauvinism has an unknown beginning, but what we have clear is that it has been developing for centuries in the world while feminism appeared in the XVIII century, but what was the true reasons that provoke this tendency, will it be by male chauvinism movement that started this tendency?, Well for being eloquent in what I have said in the earlier phrase I said, women cannot be living with discrimination of her sex forever,



people always say girls are the weakest sex, they can't be police, they can't be firefighter or mechanic just because they are of the female gender, there are commentaries than in a while affect to women, inequality sometimes can be so big that girls start getting afraid to talk on what it is going on.

Women said it is enough! After what happened during French Revolution of creating the "Rights of Man and Citizen", this was the fact why women of Occidental Europe saturated, demanding the equality between the masculine and feminine sex, starting by the right of vote. Unfortunately in the spite of numbers of attempts of girls to look for the equality it has not been possible to settle on in a hundred percent, because if we observe inside of public and private areas, women are still being discriminated.

### **1.3 Features of the people involved.**

#### **1.3.1 Male Chauvinism.**

Recognize a sexist man sometimes is difficult, because this person makes believe that everything he says or he does it is because he loves the girl he is with. Making her live in a world that is not real. In the next section I will present some characteristics to identify if the man you are with is a male chauvinist, some of them don't look like they have a male chauvinist attitude; these little actions can become worst.

1. Economic and emotional dependency: woman feels psychological dependence stopping her for looking for an external help for men, woman is a conquest trophy that belongs to him, she has to obey in everything of what he says

2. The comparison: is one of the main issues, usually the male chauvinists comparing their wives with their mother, the first female, figured that they have in their childhood.
3. Woman possession: If she is not with her husband, she can't go anywhere; if you want to go to a party you have to ask him for permission even if you want to go with your family, because he thinks they are a bad influence.
4. Devaluation of women: He minimize any action women does because he thinks you are not doing it well, that's why he never supports you and doesn't care about your goals and wishes.
5. Utilization of women for purposes of service: men want that women be at their service at anytime, you have to cook and serve them the food, stay at home taking care of them children while he goes to job, because women can't work.
6. Jealous man: He hates that you have boy friends, he gets jealous and angry when you mention them even worst if you want to go out with them that always finish on a fight but anyone can't tell you with who you have to be.
7. Controller: If you delay answering his calls or texts, he thinks that you are with another person, cheating on him, he checks your phone with or without permission, and insecurity and jealousy are one of the main characteristic of a male chauvinist.

### **1.3.2 Feminism.**

Recognize a feminist woman is easier to identify than a male chauvinist because that kind of women are in a constant exposure of the things they are doing to get the movement ahead, these are not things they want to hide but rather to be recognized to the world, now I am going to tell you some characteristics of a feminist girl so you can identify them.

1. They are in a continuous dispute for their rights to obtain equality between girls and boys and in that way they can live in a fair and equal world.
2. They demand the rights of dressing like they want, they don't talk about the religious doctrine that imposes dressing in some way, they refer that they don't have to be judged for how they dress if they feel comfortable. They want to eradicate the body shaming, it means to wipe out the people that are always judging someone else appearance, there is always at least one person that does not agree with others appearance.
3. They look for boys who support feminism, because in that way, they will get more a equal society.
4. They stand up for reproductive rights, not because they are the mother it means that they are the only ones that have to take care of the baby, men as fathers also have to be responsible for the same duties as the mom.
5. They look for the equality in the politics division, not because they are girls it means that they can achieve a higher position than a man like be the president of a country

and lead a country.

## Chapter 2

### Personal Consequences

#### 2.1 Consequences

##### 2.1.1 Male chauvinism.

The mistreatment by men, physiological as much as physical to women, brings a lot of consequences in long term, such as:

1. Regression of women: Women with the pass of the time have been holding themselves back, what have blocked the natural development of her personality, this also affect the development of her marriage.
2. Cause low self-esteem in the women, generating depression what can brings to the suicide.
3. Laboral obstacles: Women have been reducing the possibilities of work because they can't choose a career by themselves.
4. They look for loneliness and lack of communication.
5. Femicide: women are murdered by men for the simple reason of being a woman, this is because men's contempt, hatred, pleasure or sense of possession to women.
6. Work or school obstacles: Women entering a school or work are afraid because it is difficult to collaborate with people of this type, who attack them psychologically.

7. It can cause that women suffer sleep disorders, alcoholism and gambling.
8. Harms the nation: A woman, who is limited by a male, produces less quantity and quality, so it affects the nation. On the other hand, it disadvantages the country because there are more divorces.
9. Women start to feel terror, anguish, stress, anxiety, acute psychic commotion and disorientation.

### **2.1.2 Feminism.**

The consequences of feminism are not as lethal as the consequences that male chauvinist brings because this movement, as it has already been mentioned, seeks equality between men and women within society, however several of these consequences can also bring discomfort to certain citizens, especially men.

1. Women reached the right to vote: In 1893 in New Zealand the right to vote for women was allowed by leader Kate Sheppard, but this consists that women could not get close to voting, the ballots came to them. In Ecuador the first woman to vote was Matilde Hidalgo de Procel.
2. Equality in the eyes of the law: Women have the same right as men in politics, such as being president, governor, among others.

3. Reproductive Rights: This right implies that women can decide the number of times she wants to have sex or the amount of children she wants to have, without someone deciding for her.
4. Women can choose the careers that they want: This gives them the possibility to work in the places that by them vocation they choose.

## **2.2 Search for real cases**

### **2.2.1 Ecuador.**

#### **2.2.1.1 Male chauvinism.**

November 25 is the international day of non-violence against women, to commemorate this day in the year 2013, a group of women took to the streets of Guayaquil, to tell their stories and educate citizens about this problem, below will be shown few short stories told in the *Expreso* newspaper.

Anita Moreno told us about how she lived this sad event with her children, this situation goes beyond the psychological and verbal violence that her ex-husband practiced with them. Moreno said she is outraged because of the injustices she has been implicated in recent years. If that was not enough to have passed this bad event in her life, she has to send an allowance to her ex-husband of \$ 700 for the support of her daughter, Apart from the fact that her income is minimal, she tells us that she has been indebted with a number of loans to be able to pay lawyers who defend her in the injustice dictated by the judge. Historias reales contra las agresiones machistas. (2013, Noviembre 25).*Expreso*. Recuperado de [http://www.expreso.ec/historico/historias-reales-contra-las-agresiones-machis-YBgr\\_5331298](http://www.expreso.ec/historico/historias-reales-contra-las-agresiones-machis-YBgr_5331298).

### **2.2.1.2 Feminism.**

Feminism has helped break down various schemes that society had. This movement has helped women a lot, within Ecuador thanks to the feminism was given the opportunity to open public environments of political denunciation, art and culture through publications; in addition it has been achieved equality before the law and the state.

The most important representatives who have made changes in Ecuador are:

- **Manuela Sáenz:** better known as "libertadora del libertador", fought the conventions established for women in her period, participated in the process of independence.
- **Hermelinda Urvina:** She was the first South American woman in being able to obtain the license like pilot aviator in the United States in 1932.
- **Matilde Hidalgo de Prócel:** Claimed and registered to exercise her right to vote, she was the first Ecuadorian woman to defray in 1924.
- **María Zúñiga:** She managed to integrate women in the school, had excellent qualifications, it was the first doctor in Ecuador.
- **Manuela Espejo:** She was part of the independence acts, worked as the nurse next to the "precursor", defended him in the court. It is considered as a great Ecuadorian pictorial.



## **2.2.2 Latin America.**

### **2.2.2.1 Male chauvinism.**

According to reports by the United Nations, Latin America is a "red zone" of outrage against the female gender, the data are not so successful because several women still do not feel brave to face and denounce these situations. According to a study conducted by the newspaper *El Imparcial*, gender violence affects between 30% and 60% of women, depending on the country.

The ways to see male chauvinism is not only for aggression it is also for differentiation or harassment. The wage inequality is a clear example of the male chauvinism that is going through Latin America, women in Latin America and the Caribbean earn 19% less than men, after whom they cannot access to management positions, they work more hours than they should and these overtime hours are not recognized. Sexual harassment is another form of male chauvinism, this consist that a person of higher rank seeks sexual favors even though the other person does not want it. The countries that have registered the most abuse is in Bogota, Ciudad de Mexico, Lima, according to studies conducted by the international company YouGov.

### **2.2.2.2 Feminism.**

In some parts of the world, women are still being exploited laboriously and sexually. Feminism is a constant struggle that continues from approximately 70 years, then it will address some of the challenges that women have had to go through to achieve various achievements.

The overriding challenge today is that feminism is spreading throughout the world; constant struggles have brought about a revolution and have prompted a series of important institutional, legal, political and economic changes.

Latin American women have participated in the history of American work and production. At the beginning of the 20th century, when capitalism began, they organized themselves to improve their working conditions. Within Latin America, the following achievements were obtained:

- Maternity was considered compulsory, every time the man wanted to have children or sexual relations, the woman had to follow his orders. Nowadays motherhood is something voluntary that only happens if both want it.
- The woman gained access to elementary, higher education and personal training. With the passage of time it has been achieved access to several professions which were previously totally prohibited for women.
- Women have not been the only ones benefited by feminism. Men have also benefited from some of these social triumphs, for example: they are no longer the only economic sustenance of the family because women can now access work and help economically at home , can take on domestic activities, play better role of father and partner in helping raise and educate their children.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Provide assistance for male chauvinism**

#### **3.1 People around this problem**

##### **3.1.1 How to recognize if someone is going through male chauvinism?.**

Identifying people who go through this kind of problem is easy if we pay attention and we don't let time pass since we suspect that something is going on or we think she has whatever kind of problem, that is to say, we have to act immediately we suppose something is happening.

When a girl starts a new relationship and with pass of time we see that suddenly she changes her attitude, she has low-self esteem, low security of herself, low autonomy, she becomes distant, changes her personality, changes her way of dressing even stops going out or doesn't initiate a conversation with her friends or family, out of nowhere she appears with bruises on her legs, arms and she tells that it is because she falls or she hits herself, we have to be alert because maybe she is passing through this problem.

##### **3.1.2 How to act in these cases?**

The intervention of third party in this kind of problem is complicated because in many cases the woman doesn't want help because it is afraid of the consequences it would happen if she tells something.

First of all, we have to consider if the person who is going through this position is aware of the situation she is living or not also we have to identify in what violence phase she is going through, because the assistance provided to women who are suffering from

psychological violence, that is to say, manipulations in name of love, is not the same help that receive the women who have faced aggressions for longer and not just psychologically also physically.

It doesn't matter the way you can help, what you have to know is that if you decided to be with her all the way you don't have to judge it, you have to motivate her instead, raise her self-esteem and security, make her understand that she should not feel guilty for what is happening, explain her that several women have gone through similar problems and have been later receiving help from experts and attending to talk with psychological, inform parents of the situation and indicate risks.

### **3.2 Analysis of knowledge of conflicts in youth**

To analyze the knowledge of young people about male chauvinism and feminism, we have chosen to do a survey to third year of baccalaureate "A" of the Unidad Educativa Particular Javier (Annex 1) in which it can be observed that:

Most people have a neutral thinking about these two movements because 69% do not consider themselves feminist or male chauvinist, but despite this result, we can see that there are more feminists than male chauvinist with 32% feminist and with 2.4% male chauvinist, these results can also be evinced since at the time of making several questions about the equality of women and men in the society, 92.9% said that men and women are equal above all and that both men and women should help in domestic tasks.

Young people consider that they have a clear idea of the true meaning of male chauvinism and feminism, for what they have considered that Ecuadorian society promotes

both movements equally, in the case that an association in favor of women will be made , 69% would collaborate with it and they would do things like: marches in favor of their rights, with financial support for any campaign they carry out, raising awareness among people, transmitting a message of equality, marches for equal pay, etc.

## **Conclusion**

For the deep analysis that have been made we can conclude that:

Male chauvinism is when a man feels superior to women in work or at home, we must emphasize that there are also sexist women because there are many who still say that certain jobs are for men and not women. The beginning of male chauvinism is still uncertain, there are several theories, but it can be concluded that it has been around the world for several centuries and is the first movement to appear against women.

Feminism is a doctrine that was created by women to defend their rights and equality before men and society, remember that there are also feminist men who support that women should be the same as men. It can be said that feminism emerged after the French Revolution when they created the declaration of man and citizen.

Finally, we must understand that seeking equality does not mean that we have to harm man in the rights that they have also strived to achieve, we also must know that there are many ways to help people suffering from male chauvinism and that we must not leave all these situations aside because in the long run it affects society and little by little destroying the world.

These situations should not be hidden from society or the whole world, there is no correct age to talk about these problems, if people find out as quickly as possible what these ideals are and how they can affect us as soon as possible it would be better because thus the problem is eradicated and not evolutionary.

## **Recommendations**

At the end of this work it is recommended that:

1. To better understand the second and third chapter of the monograph, we must first be clear about the concepts of male chauvinism and feminism written in the first chapter and be clear about why these situations occur.
  
2. We must understand that we all make mistakes but we are not the ones to judge someone else, instead we should be supportive if a person is being mistreated and afraid to ask for help. Furthermore, if we know someone who does this physical abuse stop him or her and make them realized that it is a mistake.
  
3. We must not prevent the evolution of people, in recent years we have seen how women have been able to move forward and assert their rights, we must be with them and help them in their evolution and not trample them thinking that man is the only one who can perform certain activities.
  
4. Adults and even young people should be aware of the situations of male chauvinism or feminist manifestations that occur in the world, hiding these problems will not stop them, they will make them evolve more and more.

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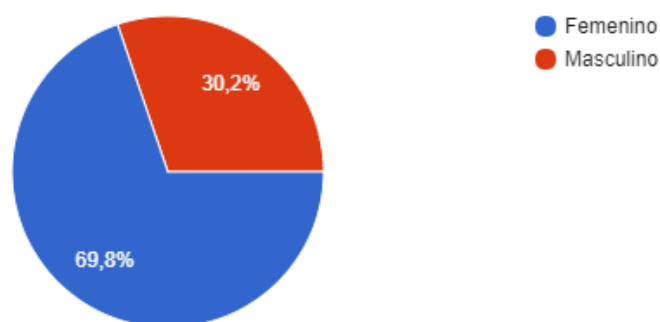
## ANNEX 1

### Survey made to third baccalaureate "A"

#### 1. Gender:

Female

Male

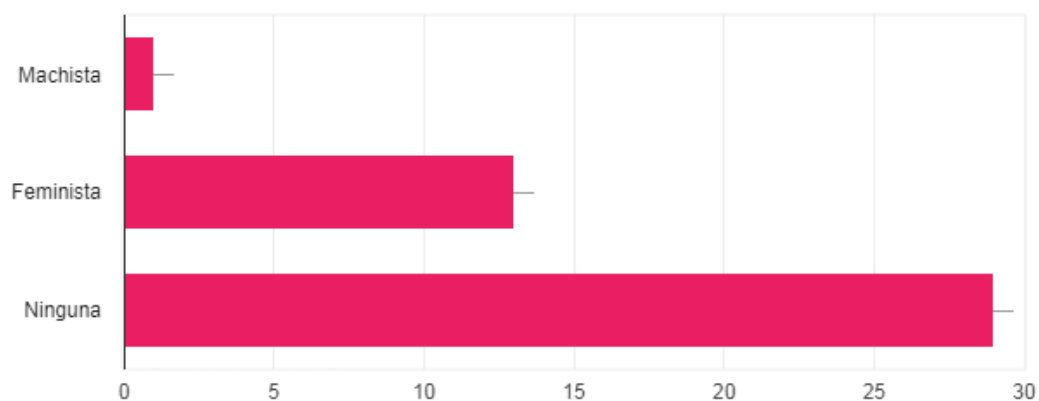


#### 2. You consider a person:

Male chauvinist

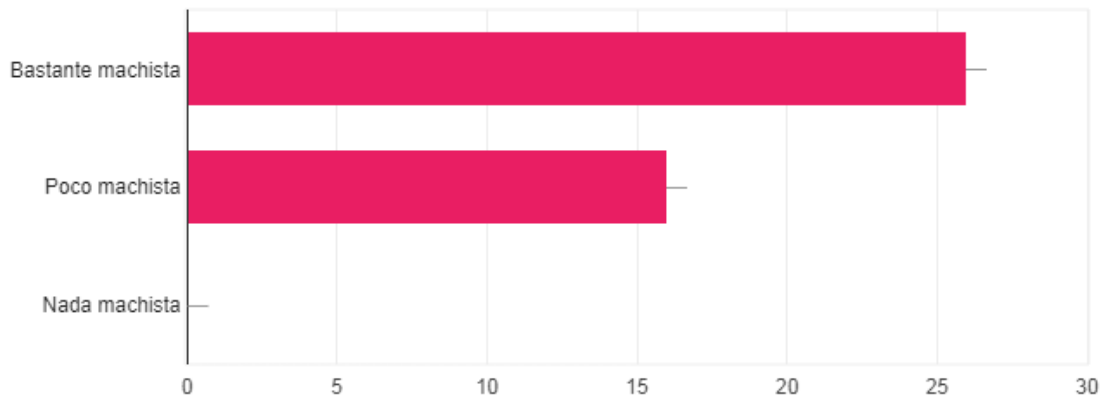
Feminist

Any



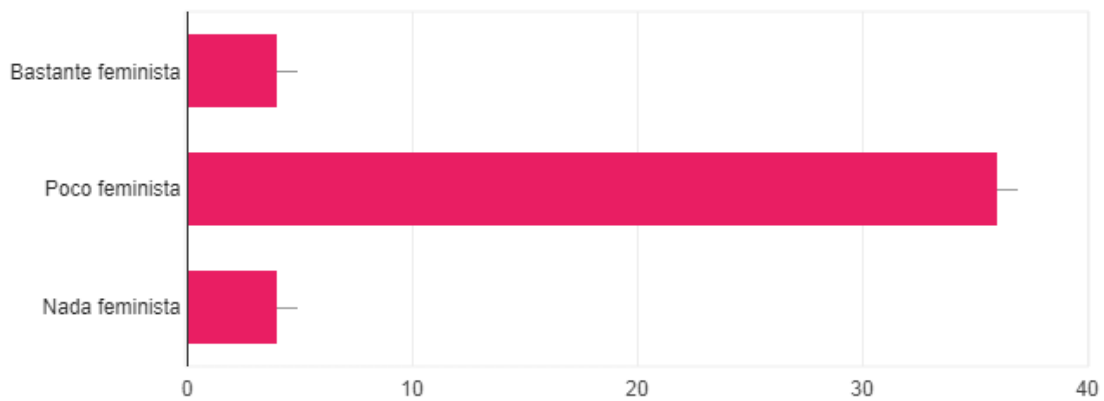
#### 3. You consider that ecuadorian society is:

- Quite male chauvinist
- Little bit male chauvinist
- Nothing male chauvinist



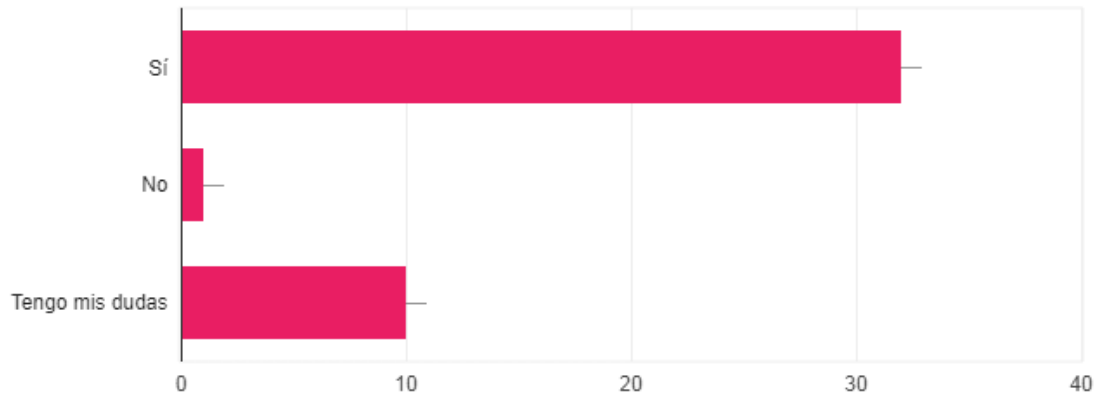
**4. You consider that ecuadorians are:**

- Quite feminist
- Little bit feminist
- Nothing feminist



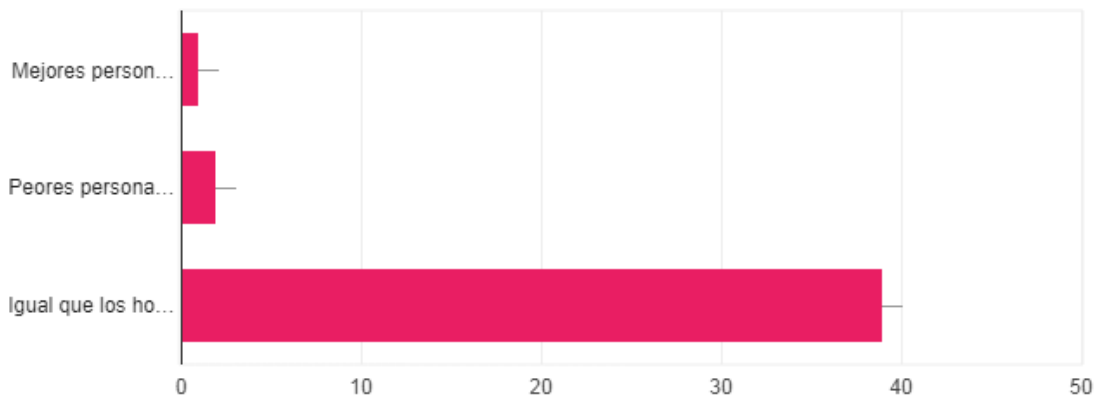
**5. Do you know the real meaning of male chauvinism and feminism?:**

- Yes
- No
- I have doubts



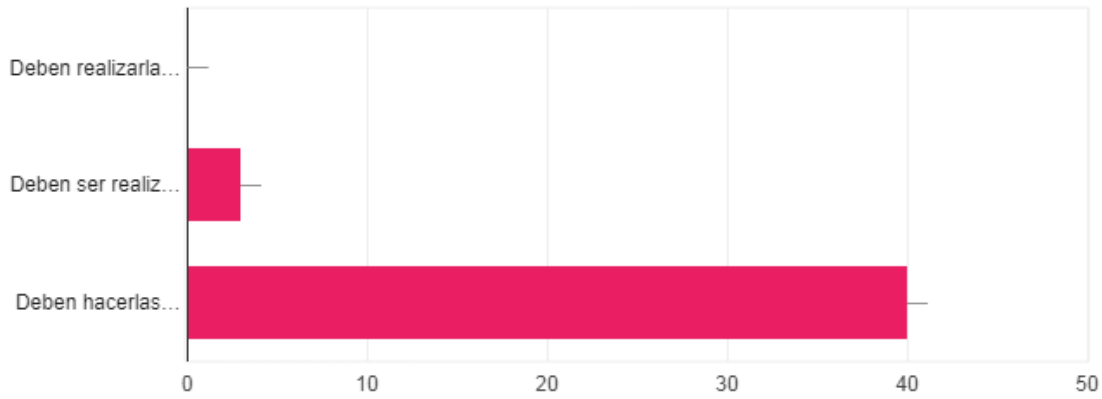
**6. Women are:**

- Better people than men**
- Worse people that men**
- Same as men**



**7. Houseworks :**

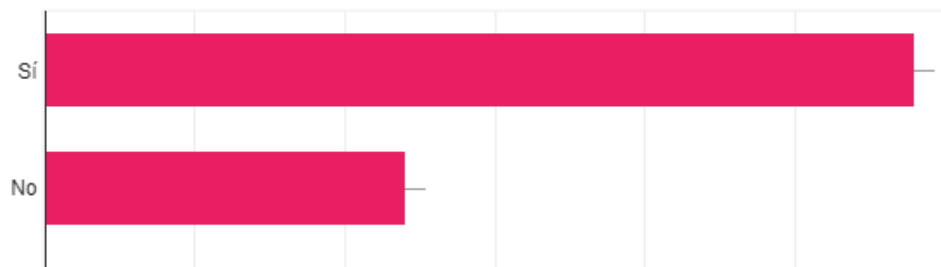
- Have to be done by men**
- Have to be done by women**
- Have to be done by men and women**



**8. Would you participate in a group in favor of women?:**

**Yes**

**No**



- Marchas a favor de sus derechos
- Con apoyo y cualquier necesidad que necesiten si van a hacer una campaña economicamente
- Apoyando
- Tendria prioridad por las embarazadas con problemas de drogadiccion
- En defender sus derechos
- Apoyaría con ideas que quieran realizarse
- Ayudando bastante
- conscientizando a las personas

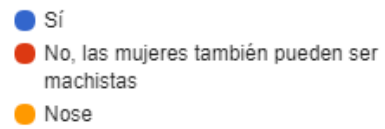
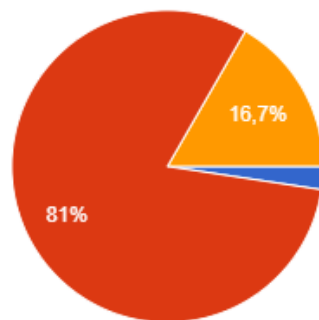
**9. How would you help?**

**10. It only exist men that are male chauvinist?:**

**Yes**

**No, woman can also be chauvinist**

**I don't know**



**11. It only exist women that are feminist?:**

**Yes**

**No, man can also be feminist**

**I don't know**

