

# IS WESTERN FEMINISM DANGEROUS TO AFRICAN WOMEN?

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

At age 15 she served as the South African Youth Ambassador for the Global Volunteering Network. At the tender age of 16 she represented her Continent at the Global Young Leaders Conference at the UN Headquarters. Here she was voted and elected by 169 other young leaders from all over the World to be the Chairperson of the Youth UN 2016 and received a standing ovation for her closing speech. At 17 she received the Barclays Africa Bursary for academic excellence and exceptional leadership potential to complete her undergraduate degree. At 18 she was invited to become a member of Golden Key International Honors Society for being one of the top 15% academically excellent students in over 400 Universities Worldwide. She then went on to become the President of Golden Key for her University, the youngest to earn that title. At age 20 was selected as one of Gradstar's Top 100 Employable graduates in the country from 7000+ applications Nationwide and was consequently awarded a MasterCard Scholarship for her postgraduate degree. At the age of 21 she had complete 2 degrees and is currently busy with her third. She is a moderator, conversation strategist, keynote speaker and a gender equality activist who uses her voice to empower young African women to aspire for greatness. Elma hopes to one day Chair the African Union and use the power of stories for influence and change.

### **Is Western Feminism dangerous to African Women?**

As a young woman who was born in West Africa and has lived in South Africa for 13 years, the term "feminism" remains uncharted waters for many women in my Continent. In fact in my home, Cameroon, it is a word that every mother hopes to never hear come out of their daughter's mouth. But why? What does feminism mean to African women? Is feminism un-African but more importantly is feminism dangerous to the safety, health and empowerment of African women? The aim of this presentation is to analyse the Western feminism philosophy and its implications on the safety of African Women