



**Maternal ethics pattern**  
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**Abstract**

A society needs moral authority that provides the people in the society with moral samples to survive. But is the feminine moral sample different from masculine sample? Are the moral virtues which are considered in the women's ethics pattern different from men's moral virtues? These questions and similar questions were appeared in common western moral perspective after women's movement and up to now feminists have tried to find a proportionate answer to them. While up to now none of the feminists could offer a constant state for maternal ethic, rather maternal ethic is considered in the format of a collection of behaviors which are dependent to the situation and requirements. A mother is a passive and powerless creature in western culture. But in contemporary moral feminism approach it is tried to achieve a strong deduction by maternal thinking.

In this article by reviewing the history we are to investigate three answers: the equality of men and women, moral difference between women and men and moral superiority of women based on ethical sample and at the end maternal ethic pattern components are considered. Although feminists and none feminists have criticized this pattern for many different reasons such as impatience in encountering to answer to the more complicate issues, highlighting the maternal role and omitting the paternal role.

**Key words**

maternal ethics, moral equality, moral difference, moral superiority.