

# PUNK PRAYER:

## The History of the Riot Grrrl Movement

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- Underground feminist punk movement originating in Olympia, Washington and Washington, DC in the 1990s
- Originated from Punk Music, with a feminist twist
- Gave feminists a chance to air their frustrations with common issues in women's oppression
- Songs talked about issues such as heteronormativity, goals for the modern women's rights movement, and rape culture
- Often feature semi-aggressive lyrics and topics, hence the term "Riot Grrl" with the growling affect, as opposed to Riot Girl
- Transformed into modern Girl Power in popular culture

### Popular Bands of the movement:

- Pussy Riot
- Heavens to Betsy
- Bikini Kill



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### Relevance Today:

- Gives the feminist movement a more easily accessible medium
- Encouraged Girl Power in popular culture
- Prominent in movement such as Women's March, Feminist Art Movement, etc.
- Spreads message not only by writing and performing powerful music but also by being successful in a genre of music that is dominated by male artists.
- Challenges typical gender norms by creating "Violent" and aggressive music



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*"It's about girls—love yourself, love each other—respect women."*

—Evelyn, "Start a Fucking Riot"

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