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Feminism In Russia: On The Streets and Behind The Scenes

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The long list of issues that Russia's feminists want to make headway on in 2018 is daunting.

The domestic violence law, maternity and paternity leave, abortion rights, post-divorce custodial matters and the wage gap all loom large.

This year, with presidential elections in March fast approaching, political representation has become a prominent issue. Even though one of the most prominent candidates, Ksenia Sobchak, is a woman, female politicians in Russia hold only 61 out of 450 State Duma seats.

Alena Popova, a gender equality advocate, stresses the need for unity. "We have to strategize, to use all the doors we have to promote equality."

Here's a look at some of their ongoing activism. Read more about the feminists of Russia and their goals for the year ahead here.

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