

Mary Wollstonecraft - On the Vindication of the Rights of Women

	Main idea/argument in ten or fewer words	How does this threaten tradition authority? Explain both how and which form of traditional authority.
<p>The most perfect education, in my opinion, is such an exercise of the understanding as is best calculated to strengthen the body and form the heart; or, in other words, to enable the individual to attain such habits of virtue as will render it independent. In fact, it is a farce to call any being virtuous whose virtues do not result from the exercise of its own reason.</p>		
<p>I firmly believe, that all the writers who have written on the subject of female education . . . have contributed to render women more artificial, weaker characters, than they would otherwise have been; and, consequently, more useless members of society. . . . [I object to previous writings on the subject of female education] which tend, in my opinion, to degrade one half of the human species, and render women pleasing at the expense of every solid virtue.</p>		

Which value(s) of democracy are most reflected in this document? Explain in 25 words.
