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"Fat and Feminism"  
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The issues that Susie Orbach identified when she wrote *Fat is a Feminist Issue* in 1978-- cultural obsessions with managing weight and exercise and media images of slender bodies--are even more relevant today. Many scholars examine the same issues in feminist studies of the media.

This presentation will examine media representations of the female body, fat shaming, dieting as a national past-time (for women, at least!), and what feminism has to do with body weight.

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