ACTIVISTS would have so much more credibility if they weren’t so hypocritical and confusing.

Whether it’s animal rights, feminist causes, immigration, climate change or politics, those who scream and wail are so self-absorbed that it’s almost too easy to dismiss them.

The much-hyped Women’s Marches against Donald Trump around the world were a case in point.

How can women unite in hatred of a democratically elected man, but fail to show the same gusto to protest forced child marriages, female genital mutilation and honour killings?

In Washington, one of the main march organisers, Linda Sarsour, is an avid supporter of Islamic sharia law, a law with a shocking reputation for its treatment of women.

The Washington organisers also banned a feminist group from marching because they were anti-abortion, and when women defied the ban, they were assaulted and spat on.

The other laughable scene was an anarchist punching a Trump supporter in the face. The guy promptly decked the anarchist whose masked friends started demanding nearby police arrest the guy.

Anarchists are supposed to be against police, but the first thing they do when confronted by trouble is to run to the police. Go figure.

Just this month it was reported that the Melbourne Women’s Hospital treated 600-700 women in 2010 who had their genitals cut in the name of Islam.

Where are the mass street protests? Why is the sisterhood so willing to scream about losing an election, but so relatively silent against real problems affecting women?

On other matters, how can we take the preaching and criticism of climate-change activists seriously when they fly everywhere on fossil fuel-powered jets and helicopters?

Why do animal activists demand the end of zoos and circuses but never form picket lines outside aquariums? Maybe fish don’t count.

They also conveniently ignore the fact that pretty much every animal in zoos and circuses has been born in captivity and doesn’t know any different. They’ve in effect been domesticated, and if that’s still not palatable to the activists, then they should also be railing against dog, cat and bird ownership. But they don’t.

These people will cut shark nets and sabotage crocodile traps in the name of animal rights, but they don’t say boo about mass fogging of mosquitoes and using dragnets to kill hundreds of jellyfish every year.

All this is designed to protect human life, but in the bizarre world of activism, only some animals matter.

Then we have people defending the burqa because it’s a sign of cultural identity and expression.

But if you wear an Australian flag around your neck, this isn’t cultural expression, the activists call you a “bogan” or “racist”.

The permanently angry also decry freedom of speech, but they are the same people who gathered in their thousands holding pencils and “Je suis Charlie” signs, in a faux show of solidarity with journalists who made fun of the prophet Mohammed and were killed by Islamists as a result.

Genuine activists would have marched with cartoons of Mohammed as a defence of free speech, but no.

Protesting for free speech one day and then demanding we have laws to prevent people saying what they think – as with Section 18C in Australia – is another ridiculous example of tokenism.

If anyone who protests for open borders has a fence around their yard or security system at home, they are also guilty of hypocrisy.

If you put up barriers to stop people you don’t know coming into your property, why shouldn’t a country do the same?

It’s long been observed that those who scream loudest about tolerance continually prove themselves to be the most intolerant, and that’s why they’re losing the argument.

With the advent of the internet, more people can now see in real time how ludicrously paradoxical left-wing activism is.

The scenes of window smashing and violence by Trump haters is the equivalent of a spoilt brat lashing out physically when he’s lost the debate.

It does their cause no good and actually confirms why conservative politicians are gaining so much traction.

In protest of protest hypocrisy