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Issue and Topic

Women's Equality

Description of the Problem

Women have been discriminated against by men since the beginning of time. Women were not allowed to vote until 144 years after men could vote. From the beginning, women were forced to stay home. Cooking, cleaning, watching after children, and not attending school, while men were getting an education, working at a job and getting paid. Women get paid 78 cents for each dollar a man makes. If women and men had an equal chance of getting into the white house, all 44 presidents being men "by chance" is 1 in 18 trillion.

Will equality in our system bring more female leaders?

Women feel put down by men and are held to a higher standard. Women want to be leaders but men are always pulling them down. Men are not the only influence to this problem. Companies are under paying women when they are working just as hard as or even harder than men in the same job and situation. Men have this "trophy wife" ideal of what a woman is supposed to be, meanwhile, women are barely hanging on with the under payment they're receiving.

Major Area(s) and Population(s) Affected

Every woman across the world is affected by this problem. Women are looked down upon by people everywhere. Women in most third world countries cannot drive, obtain an education, leave their houses, or even vote.