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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

1. International Women's Day: Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities: Progress For All

U.N. Development Fund for Women

March 8, 2010

Full Text: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/>

In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating 8 March as International Women's Day. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. For the United Nations, International Women's Day has been observed on 8 March since 1975.

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2. Female Heads of State and Government Currently In Office

Worldwide Guide to Women in Leadership

January 20, 2010

Full Text: <http://www.guide2womenleaders.com/Current-Women-Leaders.htm>

There are 192 members of the United Nations, 2 independent states outside, a few self-declared de-facto independent states and many self-governing external territories. 23 have got female leaders at the moment.

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3. Women Breaking Musical Barriers

Smithsonian Institute

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Full Text: http://www.folkways.si.edu/explore_folkways/women.aspx

Recordings by women fill the archives of Smithsonian Folkways, but we shouldn't take them for granted. Gender discrimination and gender segregation have posed considerable barriers to women's musical talent. Still, many women musicians around the world challenge traditionally held beliefs about gender and women's social status simply by playing a certain instrument or singing a certain song.

4. Women Nobel Laureates

Nobel Foundation

2010

Full Text: http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/lists/women.html

The Nobel Prize and Prize in Economic Sciences have been awarded to women 41 times between 1901 and 2009. Only one woman, Marie Curie, has been honored twice, with the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics and the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. This means that 40 women in total have been awarded the Nobel Prize between 1901 and 2009.

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5. Detailed Chronology: National Woman's Party History

American Memory

2010

35 p.

Full Text: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/suffrage/nwp/detchron.pdf>

The National Woman's Party, representing the militant wing of the suffrage movement, utilized open public demonstrations to gain popular attention for the right of women to vote in the United States. Their picketing, pageants, parades, and demonstrations—as well as their subsequent arrests, imprisonment, and hunger strikes—were successful in spurring public discussion and winning publicity for the suffrage cause.

6. Famous Firsts in American Women's History

History.com

2010

Full Text: <http://www.history.com/topics/famous-firsts-american-womens-history>

American women's history has been full of pioneers: Women who fought for their rights, worked hard to be treated equally and made great strides in fields like science, politics, sports, literature and art. These are just a few of the remarkable accomplishments that historians not to mention people across the United States celebrate. What "Famous Firsts" will American women achieve next?

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7. Experiencing War: Women of Four Wars

Veterans History Project

2010

Full Text: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-women4wars.html>

The four major wars in which American women served after World War II can be split into two pairs. Korea and Vietnam were conflicts fought in Asian countries divided by the politics of the Cold War. The Persian Gulf War and the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq were fought in the Middle East and grew out of tensions over aggression in that region and, in the latter instance, the 9/11 attacks. For women, the first two wars signaled few advances in their roles in military service, but in the two recent wars, the areas of women's participation expanded immensely, with potentially more dire consequences.

8. The History of Women and Education

National Women's History Museum

2010

Full Text: <http://www.nwhm.org/exhibits/education/Introduction.html>

Until recently, women have largely been excluded from the educational system. While Harvard opened in 1636, the first college to admit women did not do so for another 200 years. Women did not begin attending college in equal numbers to men until as recently as 1980. Education is something that women today often take for granted and they do not think about all of the hard work it took to attain the right to education. In the past, women with little education often believed that they were not capable of things like participating in politics, having a career or even owning property. Women who were lucky enough to have received a quality education were more likely to be pioneers in civic activism and make history. By understanding the history of women's education one is able to better appreciate how far we have come and the extraordinary women who got us here.

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9. Women Come To the Front: Journalists, Photographers, And Broadcasters During World War II

Library of Congress

2010

Full Text: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/wcf/wcf0002.html>

World War II opened a new chapter in the lives of Depression-weary Americans. As husbands and fathers, sons and brothers shipped out to fight in Europe and the Pacific, millions of women marched into factories, offices, and military bases to work in paying jobs and in roles reserved for men in peacetime. For female journalists, World War II offered new professional opportunities. Talented and determined, dozens of women fought for--and won--the right to cover the biggest story of their lives.

10. Women in Aviation And Space History

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Aeronautics Division

2010

Full Text: http://www.nasm.si.edu/research/aero/women_aviators/womenavsp.htm

Although women have flown since 1908, nearly all of them were restricted to general aviation, i.e. private planes, or support jobs, and our exhibits reflect those historical roles. However, women have now gained full access to military and commercial cockpits, as well as the Space Shuttle and aerospace technology.

11. Women's History Month: Writing Women Back Into History

Library of Congress

March 2010

Full Text: <http://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society.

12. Where Are The Other Women Leaders?

Jenna Goudreau

Forbes

November 11, 2009

Currently available online at <http://www.forbes.com/2009/11/13/women-leaders-white-house-project-forbes-woman-power-women-chief-executive.html>

Although most Americans are comfortable with women leaders across industries, women account for only 18 percent of the nation's top leaders and are still only making 78.7 cents to every dollar earned by a man, according to a study released by the White House Project. American women, the report found, are earning the majority of college degrees and make up more than half of middle managers, yet very few are reaching senior management level. The United States, it says, ranks 71st out of 189 countries in terms of women's representation in politics--trailing behind the U.K., Japan and France and Afghanistan, Cuba and Pakistan. The report recommends setting targets and timelines for the number of women needed in top positions, focusing more on powerful women role models in the media, and increasing flexibility in workplace structures.

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13. Why Do So Many Women End Up In Bad Jobs?: A Cross-Country Assessment

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

February 1, 2010

50 p.

Full Text: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/61/37/44524668.pdf>

There is an increasing concern in the development community about the increase in the feminization of bad jobs of many developing countries. Indeed, recent analysis shows a growing proportion of women are in jobs with poor working conditions and low pay. But what is driving this phenomenon?

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14. The Better Half: Helping Women Help the World

Isobel Coleman

Foreign Affairs

Currently available online at

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65728/isobel-coleman/the-better-half>

January/February 2010

126-130 p.

Coleman, Senior Fellow at the Council of Foreign Relations, writes that efforts to help women gain more economic and political power is more than a worthy moral crusade – it is probably the most effective means to promote development and stability around the world. During a tour of Africa in August 2009, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton underscored women’s rights as a crucial foreign-policy issue by spending a great deal of time meeting with a variety of women’s groups. In a review of Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn’s new book, *HALF THE SKY*, Coleman remarks that it is now well-known among the international-development community that aid provided to women generates much greater benefits, because women are more likely to use it to improve their families’ circumstances. Coleman acknowledges the difficulty of eliminating the deeply rooted social traditions that underlie the discrimination, marginalization and abuse of women and girls, and notes that in some instances, the problems may get worse: the globalization of trade and communication has created new channels for sex trafficking and incited contagious forms of violence against women. Coleman notes that the fundamental challenge to improving the status of women is cultural -- Many people in the West too often ignore the problems confronting women in other parts of the world by dismissing, or even condoning, the oppressive practices there as those of a different culture ... Culture, in fact, is contested in every country, and societal norms are far from immutable.”

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