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A PROCLAMATION

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Throughout our Nation's history, American women have led movements for social and economic justice, made groundbreaking scientific discoveries, enriched our culture with stunning works of art and literature, and charted bold directions in our foreign policy. They have served our country with valor, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the deserts of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan. During Women's History Month, we recognize the victories, struggles, and stories of the women who have made our country what it is today.

This month, we are reminded that even in America, freedom and justice have never come easily. As part of a centuries-old and ever-evolving movement, countless women have put their shoulder to the wheel of progress -- activists who gathered at Seneca Falls and gave expression to a righteous cause; trailblazers who defied convention and shattered glass ceilings; millions who claimed control of their own bodies, voices, and lives. Together, they have pushed our Nation toward equality, liberation, and acceptance of women's right - not only to choose their own destinies -- but also to shape the futures of peoples and nations.

Through the grit and sacrifice of generations, American women and girls have gained greater opportunities and more representation than ever before. Yet they continue to face workplace discrimination, a higher risk of sexual assault, and an earnings gap that will cost the average woman hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of her working lifetime.

As women fight for their seats at the head of the table, my Administration offers our unwavering support. The first bill I signed as President was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which made it easier for women to challenge pay discrimination. Under the Affordable Care Act, we banned insurance companies from charging women more because of their gender, and we continue to defend this law against those who would let women's bosses influence their health care decisions. Last year, recognizing a storied history of patriotic and courageous service in our Armed Forces, the United States military opened ground combat units to women in uniform. We are also encouraging more girls to explore their passions for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and taking action to create economic opportunities for women across the globe. Last fall, we finalized a rule to extend overtime and minimum wage protections to homecare workers, 90 percent of whom are women. And this January, I launched a White House task force to protect students from sexual assault.

As we honor the many women who have shaped our history, let us also celebrate those who make progress in our time. Let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds. And from Wall Street to Main Street, in the White House and on Capitol Hill -- let us put our Nation on the path to success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as Women's History Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month and to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2014, with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. I also invite all Americans to visit www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov to learn more about the generations of women who have left enduring imprints on our history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BARACK OBAMA

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

International Women of Courage Award

Since 2007, the annual Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award honors women around the globe who have exemplified exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for human rights, women's equality, and social progress, often at great personal risk. This is the only Department of State award that pays tribute to emerging women leaders worldwide.

- [2014 award ceremony Video](#)
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2014 International Women of Courage Award Winners



Dr. Nasrin Oryakhil
AFGHANISTAN

Ms. Fatimata Touré
MALI



Ms. Roshika Deo
FIJI

Dr. Maha Al Muneef
SAUDI ARABIA



Bishop Rusudan Gotsiridze
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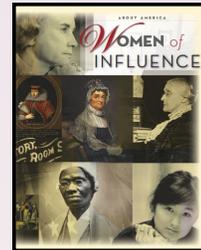
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Women of Influence



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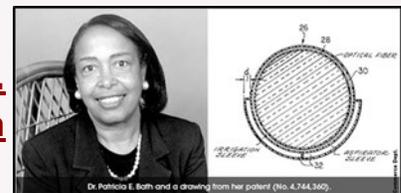
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Toni and Diezel Braxton, Autism Advocates



League of Women Voters

Black Women Inventors: Contributing to U.S. Culture of Innovation

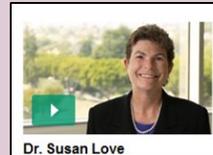


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Power Plays: Celebrating Women's Achievements

A publication with a focus on women making their mark on the U.S.



Video Women's Stories

Short videos offering stories and advice by successful American women



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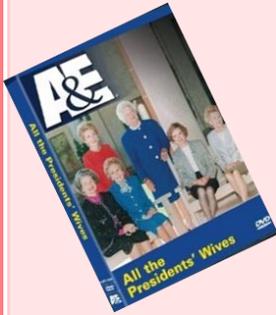
Women's History Month

<http://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

Women's Lives and Challenges: Equality and Empowerment since 2000

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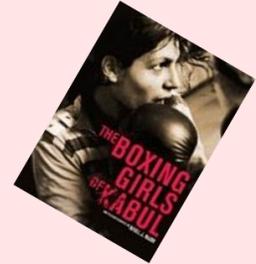


All the Presidents' Wives – 2004 (100 min)

An in-depth look at America's First Ladies-the women who have held one of the most enigmatic and high-profile positions in the country.

The Boxing Girls of Kabul – 2011 (52 min)

A remarkable group of young Afghan women hone their boxing skills without the benefit of even the most basic facilities

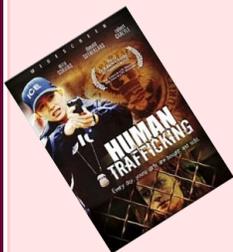


Fly Girls: A Superior Work –2006 (56 min)

In the midst of World War II, the call went out: women with flight experience were needed to fly for the military. From 1942 to 1944, more than 1,000 women were trained to ferry aircraft, test planes, instruct male pilots, even two targets for anti-aircraft artillery practice. Thirty-eight would give their lives.

Half the sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide – 2012 (224 min)

This Program takes on the central moral challenge of the 21st century: the oppression of women and girls worldwide.



Human Trafficking – 2007 (180 min)

Hundreds of thousands of young women have vanished from their everyday lives – forced by violence into a hellish existence of brutality and prostitution.

Kick Like a Girl – 2008 (25 min)

Tells the story of "The Mighty Cheetahs," an undefeated third grade girl's soccer team competing in the boy's soccer division.



DVDs list contd..



Miss Representation - 2011 (85 min)

Explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, and challenges the media's limited portrayal of what it means to be a powerful woman.

Shooting Women: a film— 2008 (54 min)

Shooting Women features more than 50 camerawomen from around the world, celebrating the amazing talent and spirit of these camerawomen, the image-making women from the movie sets of Hollywood and Bollywood, to the news and documentary camerawork covering the war zones of Afghanistan.



Women, War and Peace - 2011 (240 min)

This series reveals how women are agents of change in today's wars – purposefully targeted, yet essential to the quest for peace and justice. These stories from women on the frontlines pull the disheartening realities of war into the limelight of hope.

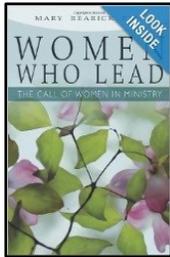
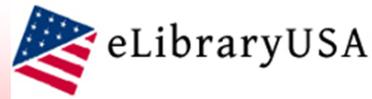
Women who make America – 2013 (180 min)

It tells the remarkable story of the most sweeping social revolution in American history, as women have asserted their rights to a full and fair share of political power, economic opportunity, and personal autonomy in the last 50 years.



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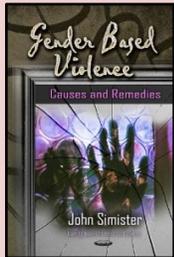
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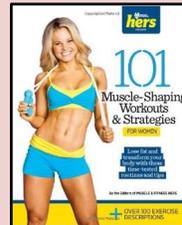
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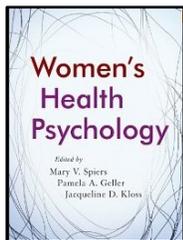
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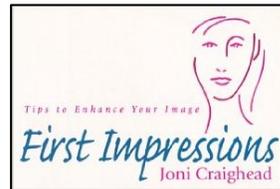
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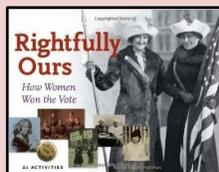
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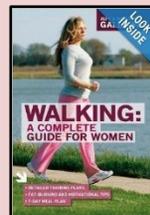
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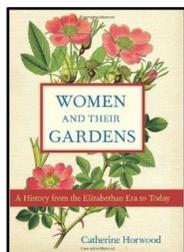
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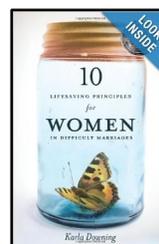
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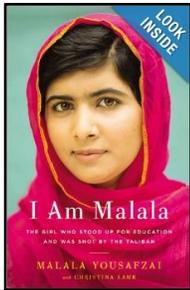


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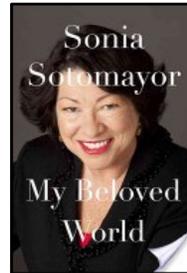


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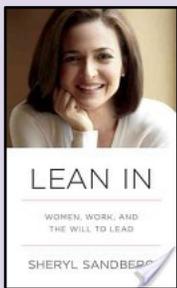
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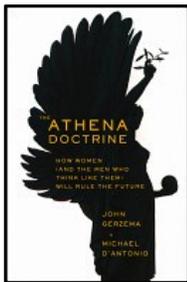
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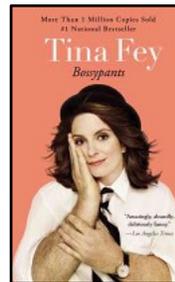
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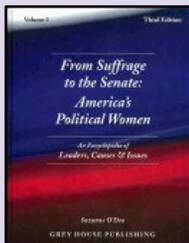
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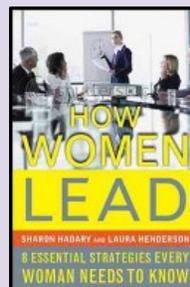
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