

International Women's Day

March 8

International Women's Day is an annual **call to action**, not a celebration. It's time to bring America one step closer to its promise of liberty and justice for all.

*In the distant past, Cherokee people believed that the world existed in a precarious balance... An important part of the balance was equity between men and women."
— Wilma Pearl Mankiller, first female chief of the Cherokee Nation*

The United States **no longer ranks in the top 1/3** of countries for gender equality, as ranked by both the World Economic Forum and the World Bank Group's Women, Business and the Law.

Every time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women. — Maya Angelou

Not until the half of our population represented by women and girls can live free from fear, violence and everyday insecurity, can we truly say we live in a fair and equal world. — UN Secretary-General António Guterres

In 2018, the United States was ranked as the **10th most dangerous** country in the world for women.

- America ranked third, with Syria, for risk of sexual violence, harassment and coercion into sex.
- America ranked sixth regarding non-sexual violence such as domestic and mental abuse.
- The CDC estimates that around half of American women will experience some sort of sexual violence in their lifetime.
- More at <https://VoteEquality.US/FAQ/gender-violence>

Sources for stats available at <https://VoteEquality.US/FAQ/international>

America's gender equality gap won't close for over **200 years**, over twice the estimated international average (across all countries).

If we want to make workplaces more open, we need to acknowledge logistical challenges... by being more open, it might create a path for other women. — Jacinda Ardern

We have to dare to modernize to get room to maneuver for the priorities of the future. — Erna Solberg

168 international constitutions include gender equality and so should ours.

This isn't an issue of politics — it's an issue of fairness for all Americans. Congress must press forward and end any unnecessary barriers to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. — Rep. Tom Reed, NY-23

It is absolutely imperative that every human being's freedom and human rights are respected, all over the world. Freedom and human rights — that is what the world needs most, that is what everyone longs for, and should be entitled to, in order to be able to live with dignity.. — Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir

*I'm no longer accepting the things I cannot change...
I'm changing the things I cannot accept. — Angela Davis*

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. — Arthur Ashe

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. — Margaret Mead

Have a bias toward action – let's see something happen now. You can break that big plan into small steps and take the first step right away. — Indira Ghandi