

Fact Sheet on Women in the United States Today

Use these facts, in addition to the information in your book, to help you prepare for the discussions about the Declaration of Sentiments.

- Women have the right to vote in every state.
- In 2015, six of the 50 U.S. governors were women.
- In 2015, 20 of the 100 U.S. senators and 84 of the 435 House of Representatives members were women.
- In 1972, 26% of men and women polled said they would not vote for a woman for president. In 2014, 5% of people polled said they would not vote for a woman for president.
- In 2014, women earned approximately 79¢ for every dollar men earned.
- On average, women make \$430,480 less in their lifetimes than men.
- In 2014, of the 500 largest businesses in the United States, 16.9% of board members were women, up from 9.6% in 1995.
- In 1980, 13% of doctors were women. In 2016, 33% of doctors were women.
- In 1983, 15% of lawyers were women. In 2016, 35% of lawyers were women.
- In 2016, 21% of computer programmers, 84% of social workers, and 56% of realtors were women.
- In 2016, 34% of women had received a bachelor's degree by age 29 compared to 26% of men.
- In 1972, 4% of girls participated in high school varsity sports. In 2015, more than 40% of girls participated in high school varsity sports.
- In 2013, over 41% to 49% of high school students taking the Advanced Placement tests in calculus were female. In the same year, 59% of those taking biology and 47% of those taking chemistry were female.