



Women in the World

Resource Guide 2014

As the World Affairs Council of Oregon turns its attention to Women in the World for this year's International Speaker Series, we encourage educators to explore the nuances of women's issues today. In conjunction with the Speakers Series, we offer this resource guide to illuminate many unseen problems, and to discuss methods for dealing with these situations. Using a variety of mediums, we cover women and politics, women's health, education, media representation, and economics. By presenting these subjects in diverse and engaging formats, we hope to reach different types of learners in the classroom and impart lasting importance to students.

theguardian [Women's rights country by country— interactive](#)

Using World Bank and UN data, this infographic from the *Guardian* offers a snapshot of women's rights across the globe. Select a region and hover over a country to see how it has legislated for violence, harassment, abortion, property and employment rights, discrimination and equality. Country data can be viewed in relation to its population size and those of its neighboring states.

[Sex and Power: How Women Are Represented in Global Politics](#)

This infographic from the Representation Project depicts statistics about women in global politics, including representation as heads of state, cabinet members, and parliament members. Countries are compared on their levels of representation.



[Egyptian Women Want To Be Recognized In Revolution](#)



During times of political turmoil, women's rights can make great advances or suffer regression. In this 10 minute NPR talk, Egyptian women discuss how when pressing for women's rights in the new constitution, they were told "you should wait."

Health

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DATA BLOG

Facts are sacred

[WHO report into violence against women: Key data](#)

This article from the *Guardian* summarizes the findings of the WHO report into maps and graphics in order to visualize the findings. Most striking, WHO found that one in every three women have experienced violence.

[Child Marriages Burden Young Nepalis](#)

This article from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting relates the story of Suntalli, a child bride in Nepal. Child marriage is a practice found in many parts of the world, and the consequences can be devastating for girls. Once married, their education ends, and the health risks from early pregnancies are high. This article discusses how the social roots of child marriage.



World Health Organization

[Female Genital Mutilation Fact Sheet](#)

This WHO fact sheet key facts about FGM, including cultural, religious, and social causes for the practice and the harm that ensues from it.

Click [here](#) to see the *Guardian's* interactive infographic on the prevalence of FGM. Particularly interesting is female approval of the practice.

TED Ideas worth spreading

[Violence against women—it's a men's issue](#)

Domestic violence and sexual abuse are often called "women's issues." But in this bold, blunt talk, Jackson Katz points out that these are intrinsically men's issues — and shows how these violent behaviors are tied to definitions of manhood.



[Voices from India: Three Stories of Dowry Violence](#)

This short video from the Pulitzer Center explains how dowries in India were originally meant to empower married women. As the stories of the three featured women show, the tradition has made the ugly transformation into abuse.

Click [here](#) to read Saraswati's story in her own words.

Education

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[A Girl Who Demanded School](#)

Kakenya Ntaiya made a deal with her father: She would undergo the traditional Maasai rite of passage of female circumcision if he would let her go to high school. Ntaiya tells the fearless story of continuing on to college, and of working with her village elders to build a school for girls in her Kenyan community. It's the educational journey of one that altered the destiny of 125 young women.

[Dare to Educate Afghan Girls](#)

22-year-old Shabana Basij-Rasikh runs a school for girls in Afghanistan. Her TED talk examines the hurdles to female education in Afghanistan, how men are an integral part of improving women's rights, and how girls who receive an education go on to help and empower their communities.



Learning Squared Infographic—[USAID](#)

This infographic from USAID provides statistics and visuals on how educating girls can brighten not only their futures, but the world's, by reducing child mortality, raising agricultural yields, and more.

Media

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[Abet Music Video](#)

By Yegna

Sometimes called Ethiopia's Spice Girls, this all girl band is dedicated to promoting female empowerment and solidarity. English translation of the lyrics is included in the song description. A great way to discuss how entertainment can be used to challenge social norms and spread empowering messages.

[Indian TV Ad Addresses Harassment](#)

One year after Nirbhaya, a young girl in Delhi, was brutally raped on a bus, this Mumbai film school released a video highlighting the harassment and unwanted attention women face while just trying to go about their day.

UPWORTHY



[Lady In Black: 'Burka Avenger' Fights For Pakistan's Girls](#)

NPR article and video trailer. *Burka Avenger* is a Pakistani kids' show featuring a female superhero schoolteacher who fights corrupt politicians and religious zealots. The creator wanted a show that was culturally relevant to young Pakistanis, but had a positive social message.

[Women should represent women in media](#)

Reporter Megan Kamerick explains how the underrepresentation of women in media affects the messages we hear and how we interpret those stories.

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Economics

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[The Business Benefits of Gender Diversity](#)

A recent Gallop study provides statistical evidence that hiring a gender-diverse workforce can improve a company's financial performance.

[Bangladesh Women Find Liberty in Hard Labor](#)

While labor conditions in the garment industry leave much to be desired, many Bangladesh women find the work preferable to early marriage. Economically empowered, these women are using their new-found independence to challenge society's harmful traditions.



[How Do We Cultivate Women Leaders?](#)

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg gives a TED talk about why women in the world are struggling to make it to the top of any profession.

[Women CEOs: Myths and Messages from the Top](#)

This infographic from the Representation Project depicts gender pay gaps between male and female CEOs and debunks myths about women at the top of their professions.

Click [here](#) for Investing in Women, an infographic about women in the workforce.

