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Why do women seek the equity they deserve in the US, a central goal of women’s liberation, by pushing for military combat equality? Do they gain so much via the killing code and profession, to justify losing so much for our entire society and the world as peacemakers?

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Heidi Hess, Military Justice Improvement Act v. Rape and Assault

PBS, “Independent Lens”: *The Invisible War* Documentary on Rape in the Military

Culver, Women Vets Return from War: PTSD, Recovering, Adjusting

**WOMEN AND THE UN Google Search, August 23, 2015**

UN Women – Headquarters

[www.unwomen.org/](http://www.unwomen.org/)
UN Women

**UN Women** is the [United Nations](http://www.un.org) organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of [women](http://www.un.org). A global champion for [women](http://www.un.org) and girls, **UN** ...

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**About UN Women**

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**UN Women**

It merges and builds on the important work of four previously distinct parts of the UN system, which focused exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment: Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women ([INSTRAW](http://www.INSTRAW.org))

1. **UN Women (@UN_Women) | Twitter**

[https://twitter.com/UN_Women](https://twitter.com/UN_Women)

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Girls in #Brazil's Sao Paolo find escape & empowerment through ballet classes: [owl.li/Rda9l](http://owl.li/Rda9l) via @reuters

2 hours ago

#Uganda outlaws custom of repaying bride price, making it easier for women to leave abusive marriages: [owl.li/RcTzr](http://owl.li/RcTzr) @takepart

4 hours ago

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Safak Pavey is the 1st woman w/ disabilities to become a parliamentarian in #Turkey [owl.li/Rda4Z](http://owl.li/Rda4Z)#Beijing20

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[www.un.org](http://www.un.org) › ... › Gender and peacekeeping

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**WomenWatch: UN Information and Resources on Gender** ...


WomenWatch is the [United Nations](http://www.un.org) Internet Gateway on the Advancement and Empowerment of [Women](http://www.un.org). WomenWatch contains [UN](http://www.un.org) Information and resources ...
The role of women in the UN Peacekeeping family and why it is important to have women in our police, military and civilian staff.

Women in the UN system - the United Nations
www.un.org/womenwatch/.../women_in_the_UN_system...United Nations
WomenWatch, UN Internet Gateway on the Advancement and Empowerment of Women.

Human Rights of Women - the United Nations
WomenWatch, UN Internet Gateway on the Advancement and Empowerment of Women.

UN Women - the United Nations
www.un.org/womenwatch/.../un_women_10001.htm
United Nations
WomenWatch, UN Internet Gateway on the Advancement and Empowerment of Women.

In the news

After 70 Years of Men, Some Say It Is 'High Time' a Woman Led the UN New York Times - 1 day ago

Growing calls for a woman to lead the United Nations reflect not only an appeal for gender ...

2. The Push for a Woman to Run the UN
New York Times - 1 day ago

3. UN human rights chief urges end to 'endemic impunity' for violations in Darfur UN News Centre - 2 days ago

More news for Women and the UN

WOMEN’S EQUALITY USA

WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY USA AUGUST 26, 2015, Google Search, August 23, 2015
1. Wednesday, August 26

Women's Equality Day 2015

Women's Equality Day | National Women's History Project
At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day." The date was selected to commemorate...

Do One Thing - Women's Equality Day - August 26

Women's Equality Day commemorates the certification of the 19th... for nations to achieve by 2015, several of which deal directly with empowering women.

Celebrate Equality Day - About - National Women's History...

Women's Equality Day - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Women's Equality Day is a day proclaimed each year by the United States President to commemorate the granting of the vote to women throughout the country. Wed, Aug 26

Women's Equality Day 2015 - Aug 26, 2015 - Cute Calendar

Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1971 when legislation was first introduced in Congress by Bella Abzug.

In the news

2. Women's Equality Day celebrated with luncheon

KSWO - 3 days ago

While Women's Equality Day is not until August 26, individuals at Fort Sill chose to celebrate...

3. Fort Gordon celebrates Women's Equality Day - MyFoxAL.com - FOX6 WBRC

Birmingham, AL
Dick,

**Ninety-five years ago today**, after decades of tireless advocacy, women finally won the right to vote with the certification of the **19th Amendment**!

It took just over a year after Congress approved the 19th Amendment for the required two-thirds of states to ratify the amendment and enshrine women’s right to vote in our Constitution. During this final push, Carrie Chapman Catt, leader of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, founded the League of Women Voters to “finish the fight,” and educate millions of women about the power of their votes.

*Test your knowledge of the 19th Amendment and learn more about the fight for women’s suffrage in the U.S. with our interactive quiz!*

The trajectory of American history has always been to greater, not less, freedom. But Making Democracy Work® has never been easy, nor is it ever finished. And as such, the fight Catt charged us with in 1920 continues today: ensuring that every eligible voter has free and fair access to the polls.

**The 19th Amendment opened the democratic process to 23 million women in 1920** – do you know how many of them turned out later that year? **Find out and learn more about the fight for the 19th Amendment through our fun quiz!**
In 1920, the League was founded as an outgrowth of this vital movement. From the beginning, the League has sought to strengthen our democracy by empowering voters to engage with their government and to tackle the most important issues in our communities, states and nation. Today, we are building on this legacy by working to keep the power of our democracy in the hands of the people.

The fight for universal voting rights continues today, so as we mark this historic anniversary, we are reminded how valuable our right to vote remains.

Thank you for Making Democracy Work®.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth MacNamara
President, League of Women Voters

P.S. Become a Partner in Democracy and support the League as we continue our work to keep our elections fair, free and accessible.

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EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN: THE FEMINIST MAJORITY Feminist Majority Foundation
www.feminist.org/ 5-10-15

The Feminist Majority Foundation works for social, political and economic equality for women by using research and education to improve women's lives.

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Contact Us Feminist Majority Foundation
East Coast Office (Washington ...}

Internships with FMF
Internship program affording a unique opportunity to combine ...

Blog
Just in time for Mother's Day, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin ...}

Feminist Jobs
Internship - Jobs - Full Time - Post A Feminist Job - FMF / FM / Ms.

Feminist News
The Feminist Majority Foundation Online features daily feminist ...

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN, Google Search, May 10, 2015 (Mother’s Day)

1. ERA: Home
   www.equalrightsamendment.org/

   by Jessica Neuwirth, Esq., Executive Director, ERA Coalition ... that when three more states vote yes, this non-traditional process could withstand legal challenge ...

   History - FAQ - Why We Need the Equal ... - In the States

2. ERA: In the States
   www.equalrightsamendment.org/states.htm

   By the Congressionally imposed deadline of June 30, 1982, however, no additional states had voted yes, and the ERA fell three states short of ratification.
1. **ERA: In the States**
   
   www.equalrightsamendment.org/states.htm
   
   The 15 states that have not yet **ratified** the Equal Rights Amendment are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, ...

2. **ERA: Home**
   
   www.equalrightsamendment.org/
   
   Help the ERA Summit and National Woman's Party promote **ratification** of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing equal rights for women ...

   History - FAQ - Why We Need the Equal ... - In the States

3. **ERA: FAQ**
   
   www.equalrightsamendment.org/faq.htm
   
   The proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the United States Constitution ....Why are these 15 states being asked to **ratify** the ERA based on a "three-state ...

4. **Equal Rights Amendment - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**
   
   en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equal_Rights_Amendment
   
   Wikipedia

   Jump to Congressional extension of ratification deadline - [edit]. In 1978—as the 1979 deadline approached—the 95th Congress adopted House Joint ...

   Text - Background - Congressional passage - Actions in the state legislatures

5. **Fight to ratify Equal Rights Amendment draws new interest**
   
   
   USA Today

   Sep 12, 2014 - Thousands of women are expected to rally on the west lawn of the Capitol on Saturday for women's equality, voting rights and **ratification** of the ...

6. **Welcome to Equal Rights Amendment 2PassERA.org - ERA**
   
   2passera.org/

   MAP of the ratified, UNratified states. See Equal Rights Amendment--You Don't Have IT! Nationwide now-flourishing Equal Rights Amendment enrages, ...

7. **Equal Rights Amendment Explained - ERA**
   
   2passera.org/explained.shtml

   The following states have not **ratified** the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA): Alabama; Arizona; Arkansas; Florida; Georgia; Illinois; Louisiana; Mississippi; ...

8. **When States Ratified the ERA - Women's History - About.com**
   
   womenshistory.about.com › ... › Equal Rights Amendment Index
Equal Rights Amendment history: a year-by-year list of when states ratified the ERA. Thirty-five states voted ‘yes’ on the amendment. Find out when states ratified ...

9. **Ratified the Equal Rights Amendment - List of States That ...**

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womenshistory.about.com › About Education › Women's History

Thirty-five states ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution from 1972 to 1978. The proposed amendment was passed by both houses of ...

10. **March 22, 1972 | Equal Rights Amendment for Women Passed**

learning.blogs.nytimes.com/.../march...

New York Times Learning Network

Mar 22, 2012 - Only 35 states ratified the E.R.A. by the 1979 deadline, three short of the necessary 38. Congress extended the deadline by three years, but no ... Searches related to ratify era

1. **1972 equal rights amendment**

2. **status of equal rights amendment**

3. **has the equal rights amendment been ratified**

4. **how many states ratified the equal rights amendment**

5. **what does the equal rights amendment say**

6. **how many states have ratified the equal rights amendment**

7. **era organization**

8. **equal rights amendment now**

Pilisuk and Rountree, *The Hidden Structure of Violence*

Thesis: “Although individual acts of violence are readily noticed, there is often a pattern underlying them that is less obvious. Violence is not adequately understood by the examination of occurrences of specific violent behavior. Rather. . .beneath these phenotypic events there lies a genotypic pattern, often hidden, that is a fundamental factor in its occurrence.” (80).

“Systemic Violence against Women and Children” (92-).

“The incidence of sexual slavery and human trafficking among poor women and children represents yet another form of structural violence enhanced by the global economy” (i.e., the dominant economic system). “The United Nations estimates that there are currently 57 million female and child prostitutes.” P & R give as an example the sexual exploitation by the US military occupation of the Philippines. Also see 36 sexual assaults, 74 sexual abuse
during wars, 93-4 human trafficking, 94 Violence against Women Act, 96-6 AIDS and HIV.

to James 5-10-15

**Insurance companies violating ACA’s requirements for women’s health care coverage**

*Tell insurance companies:*  
"Stop denying women access to the full range of health care coverage guaranteed to them under the Affordable Care Act. It’s illegal and it’s wrong."

*Add your name:*

Dear Dick,

The Affordable Care Act made historic advances in coverage of women’s health care. **But insurance companies are keeping many women from accessing the coverage they deserve.**

The National Women’s Law Center just released two reports that show how insurance companies across the country are failing to cover the range of women’s health care mandated by the ACA.¹,² **It’s not just wrong, it’s against the law.**

**Women deserve access to the coverage to which they are entitled. Tell insurance companies to give it to them.**

Insurance company violations of the Affordable Care Act take far too many health care options off the table for women. **The National Women’s Law Center looked at plans offered by 100 insurance companies in 15 states and found that more than half of them were violating the ACA.** Such a widespread pattern of noncompliance makes it more than likely that the problems are systemic and nationwide.

Here are some of the ways that women are being left out:

**Birth control:** Companies are either not covering all FDA-approved methods of birth control; demanding out-of-pocket costs for them; or limiting coverage to generic birth control. Companies are also charging co-payments for, or limiting access to, the counseling and follow-up visits that are a normal part of birth control use.

**Maternity and postnatal coverage:** Some companies arbitrarily limit maternity benefits, including only covering a single ultrasound during the pregnancy. They also exclude maternity coverage for dependents and restrict it outside of the plan’s service area. After birth, they limit breastfeeding education or access to breast...
Preventive and well-woman services: Companies are requiring co-pays for preventive care and limiting the frequency of well-woman visits. They are also limiting the scope of gynecological exams.

In addition, insurers are failing to provide non-discriminatory coverage by denying or restricting coverage for pregnancy, restricting coverage based on a woman’s age, and excluding coverage related to gender transition.

When the National Women’s Law Center worked with local activists to confront insurers in several states, the insurers made changes to bring their plans into compliance with the ACA. But we know that they would never have made the changes on their own.

The more of us who speak out, the more pressure insurance companies will feel to stop breaking the law and provide real, equitable coverage to women. Click the link below to sign the petition:


Thanks for standing up for women’s health.

Heidi Hess, Campaign Manager
CREDO Action from Working Assets

Add your name:


COMBAT ROLES FOR WOMEN IN THE US MILITARY

Why do women seek the equity they deserve in the US, a central goal of women’s liberation, by pushing for military combat equality? They gain so little via the killing code and profession, and lose so much for our entire society and the world by rejecting that much of the responsibility to nurture the world, help the weak and victims, care for the sick and powerless. -- Dick
US WOMEN AND US NATION ENHANCED BY WOMEN’S SUCCESS IN ARMY RANGER SCHOOL?


“…becoming the first women to complete the grueling combat training program and earn the right to wear Ranger tabs on their uniforms.” However, wearing the tab “does not let them become members of the Ranger regiment.” Completing the “leadership course” is “part of the U.S. military’s push to open more combat jobs to women. But the toughest jobs remain closed to female soldier.” “Today about 220,000 positions are open only to men.” But former Army officer Sue Fulton, “who in 1980 was among the first women to graduate from West Point, celebrated the news as another milestone toward ending gender barriers in the military.” “Women have for years played increasingly significant roles in combat.”

But does the goal of achieving gender equality in all areas of US society trump that of seeking a humane, caring, nonviolent, non-militaristic society? Both men and women can choose nonviolent, conscientious objection to war, particularly to the indefensible because unnecessary, illegal, and immoral US wars since 1945. And women have traditionally provided our society the values of caring and nurturing. That the Pentagon would suppress those values under the guise of expanding equality offers more loss than gain. --Dick

STOP SEXUAL ASSAULT

Heidi 12-1-14
Heitkamp campaign@heidifornorthdakota.com via mail.salsalabs.net to me

This is horrifying, Dick –

A Department of Defense report shows that as many as eight in 10 victims of military sexual assault don’t trust the chain of command enough to report the atrocious crimes committed against them.

I cringe when I hear statistics like this, but these are the facts: The current system doesn’t work.
We need to take immediate action to secure justice for our troops. The Military Justice Improvement Act would put independent military prosecutors in charge of sexual assault cases, ensuring that victims can speak freely without fear of retribution. Help us pass this important bill now: Add your name to support justice for our military.

Click here now to join me and my colleagues in demanding Congress pass the Military Justice Improvement Act to protect our brave troops.

As North Dakota’s attorney general, I saw the damage done to victims of sexual assault up close. But few cases in the military even reach prosecution, because the victims can’t trust that the current system will bring them justice or protect them from retribution.

With so many assaults and such little justice for victims, this couldn’t be more urgent. We need to pass legislation showing the men and women of the military that we stand with them.

It's time to end sexual assault in the military. Tell Congress to pass the Military Justice Improvement Act now.

Thank you, Heidi


www.pbs.org/independentlens/invisible-war/

Documentary explores life after the military for female veterans

Mon May 27, 2013 7:56 am (PDT) . Posted by:

"David Culver" mplsstreetrwy, Veterans for Peace
> “Service: When Women Come Marching Home,” a new documentary, chronicles the stories of eight military women, including their struggles with sexual assaults and serious wounds and the challenges of returning from war to family life.
> Film shows challenges of female veterans
> Military Sexual Assaults Spike Despite Efforts To Combat Epidemic
> Hal Bernton, Seattle (WA) Times

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