

## The Role of Gender Equality in Politics in Example of USA

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**Annotation:** The article deals with the problems associated with gender risk in the United States. A detailed terminological analysis of the concepts of “gender” and “sex” was carried out. The problematic aspects of the impact of gender inequality in the United States are identified, the most important aspects of the impact of gender inequality in the country are analyzed. Issues of gender inequality at various scales have been explored. Particular attention is paid to the role of the gender factor in US policy. A comparative analysis of the position of women in European countries and in developing countries has been carried out. As part of a study conducted in Europe.

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### Introduction

Today, society faces with the problem of gender inequality, which has become a hotly debated topic all over the world. Since ancient times, women have not had any high-ranking position, while the main task of women was to perform household duties. However, currently, there are changes in way of thinking and outlook of women, what has become a catalyst for the struggle for their rights. Women began to occupy not only leading positions in various small industries but also in state and worldwide importance, for example in politics. The role of gender equality in politics and the challenges the United States faces are of great importance. In this regard, this research is aimed to identify the role of women involved in political issues in one of the most tolerant countries, which is United States of America. In addition, research is aimed to find contribution ways of equality in politics around the world.

Before analyzing the gender issue, it is necessary to determine the meaning of the term “gender”, which is not always fully understood by the public and therefore is reluctant to use internationally accepted terms related to gender inequality. In many cases, the word "gender" is widely regarded as synonymous with "women", and gender-focused work is often linked to social issues. Thus, “problems of gender inequality are predominantly addressed through the development of social policies that target vulnerable groups” (particularly women and girls), while policies related to aspects such as economic development, financial markets, private sector development and public expenditures adhere to an absolutely gender-neutral approach [11] [13].

Indeed, the problem posed above requires a theoretical understanding of the concept of "sex and gender" in the modern world.

The main problem is to accurately distinguish between the concepts of sex and gender. When using the concept of gender (and its derivatives), we are talking about the social, cultural, psychological characteristics of the positions of female and male. Unlike other scientific approaches, the concept of “gender” formed on the basis of this concept considers a female and male not as a “natural”, not as a biological being whose fate is predetermined by its physiological characteristics, but as a person, that is, a social being, with its special status, special social interests, requests, needs, strategy of social behavior. Gender means, first of all, physical, physiological, biological

differences between men and women. In this regard, E. Giddens rightly notes that “the distinction between sex and gender is fundamental, since many differences between a woman and a man are caused by reasons that are not biological in nature” [12] [14], which means literacy in the perception of the “gender issue” is a kind of overcoming of established stereotypes.

### **What is the most issue of gender inequality in legislative issues within the United States?**

First of all, it ought to be highlighted that with the improvement of mankind, the part of ladies in society has moved forward and increased compared to the last century. Today, we can observe how the states around the world pays uncommon consideration and create wider opportunities for the development of women in society. Concurring to David Harsanyi (2021), America is one of the foremost tolerant country that fights for women's rights [4]. By sources History.com (2009) for nearly a hundred years U.S fights for women's rights, and as it were in 1920, it managed to revise the structure, which expressed that a lady has the same rise to rights as a males [5]. In spite of the fact that 102 years passed since ladies in America have the same rights in society as a males, nowadays the number of ladies holding high-ranking positions within the state structure, specifically in politic industry is disappointing (Represent women 2021) [8].

Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University provides statistics on the percentage of women in political positions:

Women make up 51% of the U.S. population, but makeup only:

- ✓ 16.8% of seats in the Senate and House of Representatives
- ✓ 22.5% of statewide executive offices (including governors and lieutenant governors)
- ✓ 24.6% of state legislative positions
- ✓ 17.5% of mayoral positions in cities above 30,000 people (Cookson, n.d.)[2].

Based on the study of the data in the table above, it was shown that out of 51% of women who make up the United States only 20.35% (average value) of women hold high political positions. This statistics completely contradicts the words of David Harsanyi (2021). Based on this, it should be concluded that the words of David Harsanyi " America is the most tolerant country" is a stereotype. Also, one of those who expressed the idea that gender stereotypes of equality still exist despite the increase in the number of women holding high-ranking positions compared to the last decades was the source Lumen Learning (n.d.) [6]. Another proof that women in the role of politicians still do not receive the proper authority of trust among the population is a pilot survey conducted by American National Election Studies in 2006, where it was revealed that the population believes that the role of politic is more suitable for men than women. However, in areas such as education and medicine, females politicians were preferred much more compered to male by voters. This is due to the fact that the voters believed that the industry related to children and their education as well as health is suitable for a woman. Here we can suppose that this means, again, a woman can be a leader only in the industry where she is connected with children or anything that has connection with family[10].

### **Why the role of female is important in politics?**

The role of women in politics is important because it will help stimulate the growth of the improvement of the worldview of women in the country and will also make it possible to fight more effectively against discrimination of the rights of female carriers. As for example Nancy Pelosi constantly votes for women's reproductive rights. It is impossible not to mention the Congressman from New York, Representative Carolyn Maloney fought for women's rights from

the very beginning of her career. She was instrumental in drafting legislation that cleared the backlog of untested rape kits, provided funding for programs for Afghan women and girls, provided annual mammograms to Medicare women, and guaranteed medical care, counseling, and legal assistance to victims of sexual violence on college campuses.

She continues to push for Congress to pass an equal rights amendment that would guarantee equal rights to women on all fronts (Holter, 2015) [3]. From here we can also conclude that a woman who holding high positions in politics is a weapon for stimulating the role of women in society. Women tend to set goals and achieve them regardless of plans or circumstances, it is because of perseverance and endurance that women should occupy high positions in politics. Like, for example, the recognizable British "Iron Lady" Margaret Thatcher. She is a great proof that a female politician contributes to improving the efficiency of the level and quality of life, focusing on the development of the country and also contributes to the development of democracy (Coman, 2017) [1]. Also, according to the National Democratic Institute (NDI), American congresswomen pass about 3 more bills and support 26 more bills than men and also Also, according to Why Women Make Better Politicians, women congressmen invest 9% more financial investments in their district compared to the male gender of congressmen[7].

### **Several reasons that hinder the development of gender equality in the United States.**

One of the problems according to daedalus is that the US does not divide quotas by gender. This creates the greatest struggle for a place among men and women. As well as the two-party system and the absence of term limits give an advantage to current members of the US Congress, who have historically been disproportionately male (Sanbonmatsu, 2020) [9].

### **Conclusion**

This study revealed not only the gender disparity between female politicians and male politicians in the United States, but also the level of importance of women's role in politics and the problems with which women's gender faced. The results were not entirely satisfactory, although there is a big leap in the development of the role of women in politics compared to the last century, women will have to go through a difficult path to achieving full equality in the state structure. In this regard, we propose to create and provide more special places for women in political spheres, to improve the standard of living of the population, as well as to present more colorfully the role and efforts of women politicians in the media in order to instill a sense of equality among the population. In addition, to increase the number of women in politics, it is recommended to increase funding for pre-election races for election to the Chamber by the state. To eliminate this problem from the root, we recommend to conduct special lessons in kindergartens and schools that a woman has the same rights and instill desires in girls to reach heights that will not concern family work in any way.

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