

Women's Rights (New Poll Results- August 2008)

*Searches for polling data that appear on "[Americans and the World](#)" are done with the aid of the IPOLL Database at the [Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at the University of Connecticut](#).

The UN (United Nations) Human Development report has ranked 32 industrial countries, including the United States, on a number of dimensions. Where do you think the United States ranks--from 1 being first to 32 being last--on each of the following?...Gender equality as measured by the ratio of female to male earned income. Rank 1 means the country has the most gender equality and a rank of 32 means the country has the least gender equality

Subpopulation/Note: * = less than .5%.

13% 1
21% 2-7
16% 8-13
20% 14-19
15% 20-25
4% 26-31%
6% 32
3 % Not sure

Organization: Center for Public Leadership of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, U.S. News & World Report.:
Dates: September 5-September 17, 2006

Here are a few statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it, or completely disagree with it....Women should return to their traditional roles in society.

March 19-March 22, 2008	January 24-February 19, 2008
Research Center for the People & the Press	Pew Research Center
6% Completely agree	7% Completely agree
12 Mostly agree	16 Mostly agree
27 Mostly disagree	28 Mostly disagree
49 Completely disagree	44 Completely disagree
6 Don't know	5 Don't know/Refused

Here are a few statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it, or completely disagree with it....In general, men are better leaders than women.

- 7% Completely agree
- 19 Mostly agree
- 31 Mostly disagree
- 38 Completely disagree
- 5 Don't know

Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Dates: March 19-March 22, 2008

How important to our foreign policy should each of the following be? Should this be very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important?...Improving the treatment of women in other countries

	3/18-4/1, (2008)	9/17-9/27, (2007)	2/21-3/4, (2007)	9/5 -9/18, (2006)	1/10-1/22 (2006)
Very Important	66%	60%	60	60	57
Somewhat Important	27	30	29	30	35
Not Very Important	4	6	5	5	4
Not At All Important	2	3	4	4	3
Don't Know	2	1	1	1	1

Organization: Conducted by Public Agenda Foundation

Please tell me if each of the following would enhance our security a great deal, somewhat or not at all...Creating policies that support equal rights and better educational opportunities for women in Muslim countries

	3/18-4/1, (2008)	9/17- 9/27, (2007)	2/21-3/4, (2007)	9/5-9/18, (2006)	
A Great Deal	37%	27	29	32%	
Somewhat	41	44	43	44	
Not at All	19	28	25	20	
Don't Know	2	2	2	3	

Organization: Conducted by Public Agenda Foundation

To what degree are women in the United States who are widowed treated worse than other women: a great deal, some, a little, or not at all?

	A great deal	Some	A little	Not at all	DK / NS
US	9	28	20	38	4

Organization: Program on International Policy Attitudes

Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008

How about women who are divorced?

	A great deal	Some	A little	Not at all	DK / NS
US	8	29	25	35	3

Organization: Program on International Policy Attitudes

Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008

Now, I would like you to tell me if you think each of the following should be a human right that should be protected or should not be considered a human right. Should...equal opportunities regardless of whether you are male or female be considered a human right or not? (If Should, ask:) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

- 86% Strongly should be human right
- 9 Somewhat should be human right
- 5 Should not be human right

Organization: The Opportunity Agenda

Dates: June 20-July 8, 2007

Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about educating children?...It is more important for boys than for girls. It is more important for girls than for boys. It is equally important for boys and girls.

- 1% It is more important for boys than for girls
- 1 It is more important for girls than for boys
- 98 It is equally important for boys and girls

Organization: Pew Global Attitudes Project

Dates: April 23-May 6, 2007

Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about men and women as political leaders?...Men generally make better political leaders than women. Women generally make better political leaders than men. In general, women and men make equally good political leaders.

- 16% Men generally make better political leaders than women
- 6 Women generally make better political leaders than men

- 75 In general, women make equally good political leaders
- 3 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Pew Global Attitudes Project
 Dates: April 23-May 6, 2007

When it comes to the issue of women's rights in Iraq, should the U.S. insist that a new Iraqi government provide equal rights for women, encourage equal rights for women, but leave it up to the Iraqis to decide, or not get involved in the issue?

- 20% Insist that a new Iraqi government provide equal rights for women
- 49 Encourage equal rights for women, but leave it up to the Iraqis to decide
- 29 Not get involved in the issue
- 2 Don't know/Refused

Organization: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press
 Dates: September 8-September 11, 2005

How important do you think it is for women to have full equality of rights compared to men? Would you say that is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Depends (vol)	DK / NS
US	77	20	2	1	0	1

Organization: PIPA
 Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008

Thinking about the course of your lifetime, would you say, compared to the rights men have in this society, that women now have much more equality, a little more equality, a little less equality, much less equality, or that there has been no real change?

	Much more equality	A little more equality	A little less equality	Much less equality	No real change	Women now have more rights than men (vol.)	DK / NS
US	37	42	13	3	5		0

Organization: PIPA
 Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008

Do you think the government should make an effort to prevent discrimination against

women, or do you think the government should not be involved in this kind of thing?

	Should make an effort	Should not be involved	DK / NS
US	82	17	1

Organization: PIPA

Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008

Do you think the government is doing enough to prevent discrimination against women or do you think it should do more?

	Doing enough	Should do more	Government is doing too much (vol.)	Should not be involved (Q18)	DK / NS
US	35	48	0	17	0

Organization: PIPA

Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008

Do you think the UN should make efforts to further the rights of women or do you think this is improper interference in a country's internal affairs?

	Make efforts to further the rights of women	Improper interference in a country's internal affairs	DK / NS
US	59	38	2

Organization: PIPA

Dates: Jan 18-27, 2008