



## “Work for a brighter future”: a reflection

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As the world progress into the future, we have seen advancements, growth, and development in both our technologies, economies and the working world which in turn have launched new innovations into our communities have boosted our superpowers into the future. However, despite the growth economically and technologically, the widening chasm of genders and global instability and unsustainability is ever present. Equal representation of all age, genders, and races is imperative in the establishment of a new working world. Establishing this policy for equal representation must begin with the commitment of all governments, and it must expand to each employer and employee. The respect for human rights must be at the utmost priority. Framing this new path commands attention and the recognition of a global dialogue to begin discussing the inclusion of all to the working world.

Despite, on the pathway to this modern world, today in our professional lives some components must develop before we can create a stronger and robust future for all. The development of social restoration between the sexes is imperative to generate a sustainable future within geopolitics, and the working life. It is crucial for today's working woman to have a voice in the position she holds and where it may take her through her life and career.

The piece *GLOBAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF WORK: [Work for a Brighter Future](#)*, focuses on equality of on women's rights in professionalism. Today, within geopolitics at home, in the office and at schools, it has never been so divided surrounding the current administration and legislation. Today's working-world gender equality continues to grind past the socio-economic chasm. Although, this process has been slow and formidable, for example, the election of new administrations globally, have created distinct legislation and conceptions about the place a woman should hold in the working world and at home.

Although it has been almost one year since I have seen my country, I know that protests reverberate through the streets, in public squares, and on university campuses protesting President Trump. Women and men of all ages and sexes continue to fill the streets to protest the growing oppositions and to begin dismantling systems of oppression and creating social, political and economic equality.

Moreover, as years continue to pass after significant turning points have been made for women's rights, and freedoms, several of these considerable strides have been pushed back against by the confines of the invisible barriers created by men. Although thousands of jobs and metaphorical doors have been opened up to women in the past, nearly double have been slammed, due to gender, race and economic standings; as that women's work are still seen as secondary to that of a man's.

Although a new year has been marked on our calendars, role reversal rarely is found in today's working class. Although today this struggle has been labeled as a "women's issue" is imperative not to forget that we have been taught about major women's rights and major figureheads in our history classes, most notably about Women's Suffrage, Betty Friedan, and Domestic Womanhood, yet we seem to forget their roles in our history.

As we launch ourselves into the future more and more each day, shattering old records through economic and technology development. It is imperative that we must not forget the glass ceiling that looms overhead and the gender and racial inequality that hovers just behind our office doors. We must begin a dialogue, to address the biases and impediments that we face each day, and create a brighter future.

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