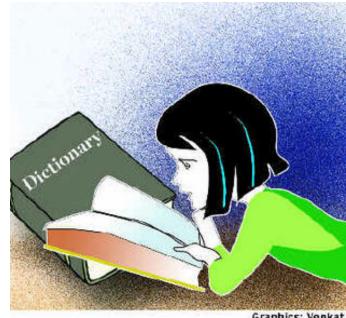# In the 1800s,

- A Woman was considered the property of her husband. Women could not own their own property.
- Husbands had the right to "discipline" their wives.
- After marriage, women could not own property, control their wages, or sign a contract.
- Women could not serve on a jury, bring a lawsuit or sue in court.
- Women could not attend most colleges and universities.
- Women could not vote or hold elective offices.

Declaration of Sentiments

- Modeled on the Declaration of Independence

- "We hold these truths that all men and women are created equal . . ."

- "The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries . . . on the part of man toward women . . ."

In education today, women

- Make up 57% of all college students
- Make up 60% of master's degrees given
- Make up 50% of medical students.
- Make up, 44% of all law students.
- Make up 30% of business school students.
- By age 29, 34% of women and 26% of men have a college degree

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In government today,

- Of the 100 Senators, there are **25 (25%) women in the U.S. Senate**
- Of the 435 House members, there are **102 (23.4%) women in the House of Representatives from 34 states.**
- **Nancy Pelosi –** Speaker of the House
- **131** women will be in Congress. This is **24% of the U.S. Congress.**
- In 1979, 3% of the US Congress were women
- **3 of the 9 Supreme Court Justices** are women.
- There are **9 women who are governors** of states. (6D, 3R)

In business,

- 20% of companies earning over a million dollars a year are owned by women.

- Women own 10 million businesses.

- In 2018, 26% of small businesses were owned by women.

Women Today: In the Workforce

- Make up 47% of the workforce in 2017 (74.6 million)

- Women make 80.5 cents for every dollar a man makes in 2017

- In California, women make 90 cents for every dollar a man makes

- Single, childless women in their 20s make more than their male peers.
  - In L.A. they make $1.09 for every $1.00 a man in his 20s makes.

- Women were the only or leading earner in 40% of families

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