Top Issues Facing Women in 2020

## STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## Violence against Women

- Physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, psychological abuse
- Treats, coercion
- Human Trafficking
  - Economic deprivation
- Can occur publicly or privately
- Female genital mutilation



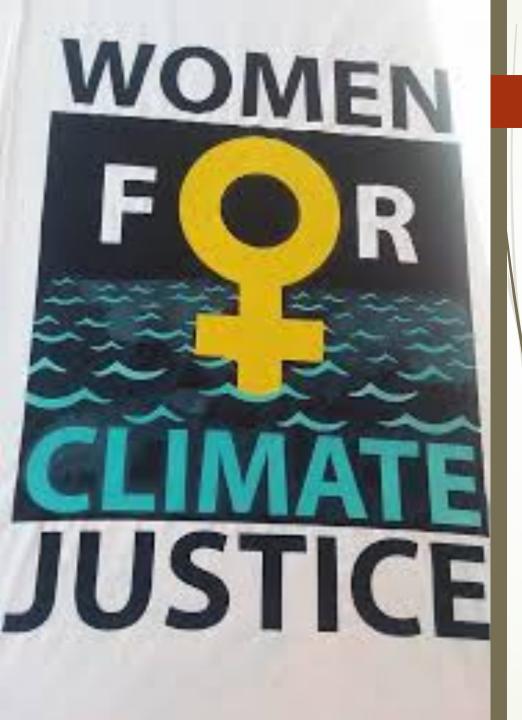
## Workplace Equality

- Wages
  - Women 63% minimum wage
- Women earn 87 cents for every dollar men earn / Black women – 62cents Latina – 54cents
- Support Women in Leadership Roles

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Equal Pay for Equal Work







## Women and the Environment

- Women are disproportionately affected by climate change
- The number of deaths from diarrhea due to inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene in developing regions was 0.8 million in 2012; the majority of such deaths in some parts of Asia were among women and girls.
- Ecofeminism as a response

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## Health Disparities

The U.S. has the highest maternal mortality rate of any developed country

#### **2018 MATERNAL MORTALITY STATISTICS** NCHS HIGHLIGHT WIDE RACIAL AND ETHNIC GAPS 37.1 14.7 11.8 Non-Hispanic Non-Hispanic **Hispanic** women black women white women SOURCE Matorial Carbon for Health Statistics, National Visa Parketon Bythem For more information, visit https://www.odc.gov/nche/restemsi-reorisita/.

## Women in Criminal Justice System

- Sexism and Racism combined mean women of color are one of the fastest growing segments of the prison populations
- Between 1980 and 2017, the number of incarcerated women increased by more than 750%, rising from a total of 26,378 in 1980 to 225,060 in 2017.



# Convention to End Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

- An international treaty of the United Nations in 1979 and adopted around the world
- United States is the only developed country not to ratify it since 1979
- Cities for CEDAW: www.citiesforcedaw.org





### Time to Celebrate: Women in Congress

- In 2020, 127 (105D, 22R) women hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising 23.7% of the 535 members;
- 26 women (26%) serve in the U.S. Senate, and 101 women (23.2%) serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. (<u>https://cawp.rutgers.edu/women-us-congress-2020</u>).
- Women in Congress are making a Revolution.....
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#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Join us in our work
- Support Loretto at UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Educate yourself
- Contact senators about ratifying ERA and the Convention to End Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Help women vote
- Support women in Congress

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