

McBride: ENG 1213

Essay 4

Free Topic **-not a suitable title**

During the last one-hundred years men and women's roles have changed drastically. Women have come out of the home and into the workplace. Women have begun to gain higher positions in male dominated fields of work. Women have obtained the right to vote. **-you provide no transition in this huge leap of information** Today men and women are not treated equally in wages, jobs, and politics.

Men and women do not receive equal wages. Men tend to have higher wages than that of women. In an article from *Fortune Magazine* by Linda Chavez states **-your opening phrase is grammatically incorrect** "women make 72 cents for every dollar the men earn, based on their average hourly wages". Women are less likely to receive the same retirement pension and benefits as a man. **-How is this an argument? You are simply giving facts.**

Men and women are not equally hired for jobs. Women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton stated "He has monopolized nearly all profitable employments" (562) this statement holds true in that men have control of jobs today. **-but Stanton was speaking @100 years ago. You need to connect her statement of life then to conditions now in order for her words to logically work with your argument about today's situation. She isn't alive today to comment on the work situation now, so you have to connect her words to modern life.** There is still job stereotyping in today's workforce. In today's society there is a belief that women cannot do physical labor as well as a man in a job setting. **-what proof do you have about the following**

statements? This is argument, so there are people out there who will disagree with you.

What have you done to help convince them that you are speaking the truth? Women are

looked down upon by members in society as less feminine and more masculine if they accept and are able to succeed in construction, oilfield or other masculine associated job roles. There is a belief that women should be lower than men in their job position still exist in the workforce. –

grammar is all over the place here Secretaries, sales associates, and care-givers are all

associated as feminine jobs.(Chavez) Men are also faced with the stereotype of being more

feminine if they pursue a career in childcare, nursing or other jobs that are associated with

women. Women are also discriminated by employers due to there future plans for a family. The

employers do not want to pay a female employee to be off work on maternity leave and then

have to pay a replacement to do the woman's job. In 1985 –that's 23 years ago. This source is

completely out of date for the modern times – and anyone reading this will blow off your

argument because you have no recent data to support your point. Linda Chavez also stated

that

“Working mothers may be willing to take less pay to get other benefits – a job that doesn't penalize a woman who intermittently interrupts her career for childbearing, or a job that provides regular working hours and proximity to a telephone in case of a child-related emergency” which is still true for the working women of today.

In addition, Judy Brady who stated “I would like to go back to school so that I can become economically independent, support myself, and, if need be support those dependent on me (385)” most women in society today believe in this statement. –this appears tacked on as an afterthought. You have not prepared us for this argument nor provided any proof that women do believe in it. What is your evidence? How do you know this is true?

Women and men are not equally represented in politics. There is a stern belief from biblical times that women should not lead as Elizabeth Stanton stated “He allows her in church, as well as State, but a subordinate position” (562). In the United States today there are seventy-four women in the House of Representatives and sixteen women in the United States Senate. There are a total of ninety members out of five-hundred thirty-seven total members that are women in congress. **-grammar** Hillary Clinton has been the closest woman to becoming president. Sarah Palin is the only woman on the presidential ballot as the candidate to be Republican John McCain’s vice president. **-the verb tense is incorrect here since the election is over.**

Some people may claim that men and women do have equal pay. **-what proof can you offer to refute this statement?** However, women are still underpaid and underappreciated in the workplace. Some people believe that men and women have the same job opportunities. However, women are still placed in demeaning and sexually stereotypical jobs. **-proof?** Some people believe that men and women have equal political opportunities. However, women are still being shot down because of their supposed lack of military experience and they are dying in war just like the men. **-Again, you seem to throw in a bunch of wild statements but you have not created an argument where these specific examples make sense. Women shot down? Where did that come from?**

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-the Brady source is not used in any significant way, so it really doesn't even count as a source here in terms of supporting your argument. This paper is very unorganized, not well thought out at all, and provides plenty of personal opinion but very little argument.

Grade: D-