

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' HUMAN RIGHTS

GENERAL RESOURCES

Half the Sky

***Half the Sky* book**

<http://www.halftheskymovement.org/pages/book> book by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn addressing the oppression of women and girls in the developing world and what we can all do to help.

***Half the Sky* film**

<http://www.halftheskymovement.org/pages/film> documentary series introducing women and girls who are living under some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable — and fighting bravely to change them.

Half the Sky Movement <http://www.halftheskymovement.org> includes many resources for helping to put an end to the oppression of women and girls worldwide.

The Representation Project

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<http://therepresentationproject.org/about/>

Organization that, using film and media as catalysts for cultural transformation, inspires individuals and communities to challenge and overcome limiting stereotypes so that everyone – regardless of gender, race, class, age, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or circumstance – can fulfill their human potential.

Films:

MissRepresentation

<http://therepresentationproject.org/film/miss-representation/>

addresses the way the media sells the idea that girls' and women's value lies in their youth, beauty, and sexuality and not in their capacity as leaders.

The Mask You Live In

<http://therepresentationproject.org/film/the-mask-you-live-in/> follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity tying success to dominance, power, and aggression.

UN Women

UN Women <http://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us>

UN Women is the global champion for gender equality, working to develop and uphold standards and create an environment in which every woman and girl can exercise her human rights and live up to her full potential.

UN Women: Putting the Women's Agenda as a Priority

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co3-Uech1Fc> short film about UN Women was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 to accelerate progress on gender equality and the empowerment of women. Over the last two years, it has achieved results for women and girls everywhere by supporting efforts to end violence against them, bringing them to the center of peace-building, advancing their political participation and leadership and increasing their economic.

Miscellaneous

International Women's Day website

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com> website of the global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

Equal Means Equal <http://equalmeansequal.com> the definitive documentary film on the status of women in America.

Honor Diaries <http://www.honordiaries.com/about-the-film/>

features nine women's right advocated with connections to Muslim-majority societies who are engaged in a dialogue about gender equality.

GIRLS' EDUCATION

Resources related to Malala Yousafzai

I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban—<https://www.amazon.com/Am-Malala-Stood-Education-Taliban/dp/0316322407> book about Malala's life.

He Named Me Malala <https://www.malala.org/host-a-screening> film about Malala's life.

Malala Fund <https://www.malala.org/about> works in regions where the most girls miss out on secondary education with priority countries being Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and countries housing Syrian refugees (Lebanon and Jordan).

Girl Rising Resources

Girl Rising movement <http://girlrising.com/about-us/> a global campaign for girls' education and empowerment.

***Girl Rising* film**

<http://girlrising.com/see-the-film/index.html#watch-girl-rising-at-home> film spotlighting the stories of 9 girls living in the developing world, striving beyond circumstance and overcoming nearly insurmountable odds to achieve their dreams.

We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World <http://girlrising.com/see-the-film/index.html#idg-2016> CNN film about the power of girls' education, following a journey by First Lady Michelle Obama, actors Meryl Streep and Freida Pinto, and CNN journalist Isha Sesay to meet a group of girls from Liberia and Morocco who have overcome immense barriers to education.

I Shall not Hate by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish
<http://daughtersforlife.com/about/the-founder/publications/>
Story of Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish whose three daughters, Bessan, 21, Mayar, 15, and Aya, 13 were killed in the Gaza Strip when an Israeli tank shelled their home. Instead of seeking revenge or sinking into

despair and hatred, Dr. Abuelaish has called for the people of the Middle East to stop the bloodshed and start talking to each other. Known as "the Gaza doctor" he founded:

Daughters for Life Foundation <http://daughtersforlife.com>

Organization established in memory of Bessan, Mayar and Aya that promotes the belief that lasting peace in the Middle East depends on empowering girls and young women through education to develop strong voices for the betterment of life throughout the Middle East. To that end, they provide scholarships and awards for aspiring young women that enable them to pursue studies otherwise inaccessible to them.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Harvesting Stones by Paula Lucas

<http://harvestingstonesbook.com>

FAUSA member, Paula Lucas's memoir of escaping from a life of domestic violence overseas, resulting in the founding of:

Pathways to Safety International (formerly Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center (AODVC))

<https://pathwaystosafety.org> provides international domestic violence response, holistic services to the growing American overseas community of 80 million Americans traveling abroad annually and the 9 million Americans that live overseas—available 24/7.

"Lay Down Your Life", The Cost of Freedom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SsOM3zEI74> short film about Liysa Swart who shot and killed her husband after 4 years of abuse, spent 12 years in Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and now speaks out against domestic violence, the limitations of Oregon laws and the marginalization of victims.

Hot Peaches www.hotpeachpages.net a global inventory of hotlines, shelters & crisis centers by country.

US Bureau of Consular Affairs: US Embassies, Consulates and Diplomatic Missions - www.usembassy.gov and/or

www.travel.state.gov/travel help for American Victims of Crime Overseas (Click on Emergencies and Crisis and then Help for U.S. Citizen Victims of Crime Overseas).

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad (SASHAA) <https://sashaa.org> provides sexual assault prevention & response regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or location worldwide.

Campus Prevention Network

<https://campuspreventionnetwork.com> committed to supporting colleges and universities in driving lasting, large-scale change on critical health and safety issues impacting the lives of students, staff, and faculty through innovative research, proven and promising prevention strategies, and opportunities to engage and benefit from the collective wisdom of peers.

It's on Us <http://www.itsonus.org> a cultural movement started by former US Vice President, Joe Biden, aimed at fundamentally shifting the way we think and talk about sexual assault. The Campaign was developed after Biden asked thousands of high school and college students how to make campuses safer with the response, "Get men involved!" It's On US works to educate, engage, and empower students and communities to help end sexual assault by speaking out, standing up and monitoring one's own behavior.

White Ribbon Campaign <https://www.whiteribbon.ca> through education, awareness-raising, outreach, technical assistance, capacity building, and partnerships, challenges negative, outdated concepts of manhood and inspires men to understand and embrace the incredible potential they have to be a part of positive change.

The Uncondemned <http://www.theuncondemned.com> the gripping and world-changing story of a group of young international lawyers and activists who fought to make rape a crime of war, and the Rwandan women who came forward to testify and win justice where there had been none. Up until this point, This case was the first time that rape was prosecuted as a war crime and changed the world of criminal justice forever.

The Hunting Ground <http://thehuntinggroundfilm.com> award-winning film about the movement to address the epidemic of sexual assault on college campuses.

Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town <http://www.jonkrakauer.com/missoula> a stark, powerful, meticulously reported narrative about a series of sexual assaults at the University of Montana — stories that illuminate the human drama behind the national plague of campus rape.

Transforming a Rape Culture by Emilie Buchwald, Pamela Fletcher, and Martha Roth <https://milkweed.org/author/emilie-buchwald> a pioneering anthology and powerful polemic for fundamental cultural change: the transformation of basic attitudes about power, gender, race, and sexuality.

Brave New World <http://www.bravemissworld.com> a documentary that follows Miss Israel (Linor Abargil) through her journey after being brutally raped just 6 weeks before she won the Miss World title for Israel. You can also watch it on Netflix.

MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Not My Life <http://notmylife.org/#the-film> filmed on five continents, in a dozen countries, the film takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited, every day, through an astonishing array of practices including forced labor, domestic servitude, begging, sex tourism, sexual violence, and child soldiering.

Syrian Refugee Girls

https://www.viceland.com/en_us/video/Syrian-Refugee-Girls/57b7745b8f921daa556c6948 a short documentary on *Viceland* that tackles some disturbing trends about human trafficking, refugees, and religion (if you don't have access to *Viceland*, you can watch the short series [here](#)).

Sugar Babies https://www.viceland.com/en_us/video/Sugar-Babies-1/57d1c6c5e011bf090754920b a *Viceland* documentary that tackles issues about the dark web, the "new" dating and prostitution.

Girls Like Us

<https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062105745/girls-like-us>

a truly remarkable book that looks at the story of girls and prostitution in the US. The author, having gone through the life herself, has started an organization in NYC:

Girls Education and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

<http://www.gems-girls.org> connects individuals from all walks of life to stand in solidarity with survivors to end commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking of girls and young women. Check out their Girls Like Us Campaign.

Polaris <https://polarisproject.org/about> a leader in the global fight to eradicate modern slavery with a comprehensive model that puts victims at the center of what they do – helping survivors restore their freedom, preventing more victims, and leveraging data and technology to pursue traffickers wherever they operate. National Human Trafficking Hotline [1 \(888\) 373-7888](tel:18883737888).

Slavery Footprint <http://slaveryfootprint.org> learn how many slaves work for you.

Global Modern Slavery Directory

<http://www.globalmodernslavery.org> provides an interactive, publicly searchable map and database of organizations and agencies across the globe that address the issue of modern slavery and human trafficking.

The Global Slavery Index

<https://www.globalslaveryindex.org/findings/> provides a map, country by country, of the estimated prevalence of modern slavery, together with information about the steps each government has taken to respond to this issue.

Fight the New Drug <http://learn.ftnd.org> organization with mission to raise awareness on the harmful effects of pornography through creative mediums.

Not Today, <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1564870/> a fictional but realistic and thought provoking film about trafficking that has won a lot of awards.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/mission> a national anti-trafficking hotline serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. The toll-free hotline is available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year in more than 200 languages. The National Hotline can also be accessed by emailing help@humantraffickinghotline.org submitting a tip through the [online tip reporting form](#), and visiting the web portal at www.humantraffickinghotline.org.

Thorn <https://www.wearethorn.org/child-sexual-exploitation-and-technology/> deals with the intersection between child sexual exploitation and technology

WOMEN, PEACE AND CONFLICT

Women for Women International

<http://www.womenforwomen.org.uk> organization helping marginalised women in countries affected by war and conflict, serving women in 8 countries offering support, tools, and access to life-changing skills to move from crisis and poverty to stability and economic self-sufficiency.

Medica Mondiale

<http://www.medicamondiale.org/en/404.html>

an internationally renowned women's rights and aid organization supporting women and girls in war and crisis zones.

Women on the Run <http://womenonthe.run> organization focusing on women are fleeing escalating violence in Mexico and the Central American Northern Triangle region of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

The International Campaign to Stop Rape & Gender Violence in Conflict <http://www.stoprapeinconflict.org/about> the first global collaboration between Nobel Peace Laureates, international advocacy organizations, and groups working at the regional and community levels in conflict to amplify the voices of survivors and stop rape.

Pray the Devil Back to Hell <http://www.forkfilms.net/pray-the-devil-back-to-hell/> documentary reconstructing the way that the social unrest in the West African Republic of Liberia, where civil war tore the nation apart and left hundreds of thousands dead or displaced, galvanized a coalition of Christian and Muslim women to rise up and, through nonviolent tactics, put pressure on their government to pursue peace talks. The film follows their grassroots moment as it leads to democratic elections and Liberia's first female president.

WOMEN'S ROLE IN HISTORY

National Women's History Project <http://www.nwhp.org> recognizes and celebrates the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing informational services and educational and promotional materials.

Sisters of '77 www.mediaprojects.org an award-winning film that chronicles an unprecedented moment in women's history, the National Women's Conference in 1977.

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II <http://www.girlsofatomiccity.com> book about women who helped win World War II. Website has related videos and information.

Books about women's contribution to the early US space program:

Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B013CATQPY/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1

Hidden Figures

https://www.amazon.com/Hidden-Figures-American-Untold-Mathematicians-ebook/dp/B0166JFFD0/ref=pd_sim_351_1?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=RNEZ8DSC4ARW9D3M6XMZ

CHILD MARRIAGE

Tahirih Justice Center <http://www.tahirih.org> a national non-profit that, through direct services, policy advocacy, and training and education, protects immigrant women and girls and promotes a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and dignity.

Unchained at Last

<http://www.unchainedatlast.org> the only nonprofit in the US dedicated to helping women escape or resist arranged/forced marriages and rebuild their lives and promote social, policy and legal change to end forced and child marriage in America.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-ezra-klein-show/id1081584611?mt=2> scroll down to # 37

Girls Not Brides <https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/about-child-marriage/> a global partnership of more than 800 civil society organizations from over 95 countries committed to ending child marriage and enabling girls to fulfill their potential.

Plan International UK <https://plan-uk.org/about/our-work/child-marriage> promotes the rights of children, specifically girls, through its work in education, health, child protection, economic security and sanitation.

Growing up Married <https://www.facebook.com/A-Documentary-Film-on-Child-Marriages-Growing-Up-Married-1047684041965490/> a documentary film on child marriage

INVOLVING MEN

Raising Great Men <http://raisinggreatmen.com> addresses raising boys to become men of character, inspiring and preparing them to change the world.

The Good Men Project <https://goodmenproject.com>

A Call to Men <http://www.acalltomen.org> helps create a world where all men and boys are loving and respectful and all women and girls are valued and safe.

FUNDING FOR ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING WOMEN

Global Fund for Women

<https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/womens-human-rights/#.WXkXtjOZO3U> organization that supports the tireless and courageous efforts of women's groups who work every day to win rights for women and girls--working to ensure women can own property, vote, run for office, get paid fair wages, and live free from violence – including domestic violence, sexual assault, and harmful practices such as female genital mutilation.

Dining for Women <http://diningforwomen.org> a global giving circle dedicated to transforming lives and eradicating poverty among women and girls in the developing world. Through member education and engagement, as well as the power of collective giving, Dining for Women funds grassroots organizations that empower women and girls and promote gender equity.

The following issues do not affect females exclusively but are included because they have a significant impact on many women's lives and undergird many other significant issues.

RACE ISSUES

Ain't I a Woman by Bell Hooks) <https://www.amazon.com/Aint-I-Woman-Pluto-Classics/dp/0861043790> a deep and powerful, book about feminism and its roots. This classic study is deeply critical of the racism inherent in the thought of many middle-class white feminists who have failed to address issues of race and class.

Tears we Cannot Stop (Dyson) by Michael Eric Dyson
<https://www.amazon.com/Tears-We-Cannot-Stop-America/dp/1250135990> a provocative and deeply personal call for change in which Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted.

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
<http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/220290/between-the-world-and-me-by-ta-nehisi-coates/9780812993547>.

What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? This book is the author's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. You can also hear him give an interview with Ezra Klein of Vox talking about the book.

Born a Crime
<http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/537515/born-a-crime-by-trevor-noah/9780399588174/> comedian Trevor Noah a book about the author's life growing up in South Africa. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison, making his birth a criminal act.

REFUGEES

When the Moon is Low by Nadia Hashimi
(<https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062369574/when-the-moon-is-low>) novel about Afghani family faced with agonizing decisions about their future when they are forced to flee their country

A Hope More Powerful than the Sea, by Melissa Fleming, Chief Spokesperson for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency
<https://us.macmillan.com/ahopemorepowerfulthantheseathejourneyofdoaaalzamel/melissafleming/9781250105998>
remarkable story of a teenaged Syrian refugee who survived a shipwreck and saved a baby's life.

PODCASTS

These podcasts present the opportunity to learn about diverse experiences.

Strangers

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/strangers/id490297492?mt=2> From Lea Thau, Peabody award-winning producer and creator of The Moth Podcast and The Moth Radio Hour, comes her new storytelling baby, Strangers, part of KCRW's Independent Producer Project. Each episode is an empathy shot in your arm, featuring true stories about the people we meet, the connections we make, the heartbreaks we suffer, the kindnesses we encounter, and those frightful moments when we discover that WE aren't even who we thought we were. Strangers is a proud member of Radiotopia, from PRX. Learn more at radiotopia.fm.

Uncomfortable

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/uncomfortable/id1214046580?mt=2> Honest conversations about the issues dividing America. Hosted by Amna Nawaz, we're tackling the tough stuff: race, gender, economics, religion. You may not agree with everything you hear, but we can't move beyond our problems until we talk about them. Each episode features an in-depth interview with an influential voice in America to unpack not just what we believe, but why we believe what we do.

Out Here in America

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/out-here-in-america/id1244136129?mt=2> addresses the LGBTQ experience in the Deep South and America's heartland.