* Women have the right to vote in every state.
* In the 2012 elections, 53% of the voters were women.
* In 2014, 5 of 50 U.S. governors are women.
* In 2014, 20 of 100 U.S. Senators and 79 of 435 House of Representatives members are women.
* There has never been a female president or vice president; twice a major political party nominated a woman as a candidate for the vice presidency. In 2008 Barack Obama narrowly defeated Hillary Clinton as the Democratic presidential nominee.
* In 2014, three of the nine Supreme Court justices are women.
* In 1972, 26% of Americans said they would not vote for a woman for president.

In 1996, 6% of Americans said they would not vote for a woman for president.

* In 1999, women earned approximately 79 cents for every dollar men earned.
* The average lifetime earnings for a 50-year-old woman is $496,000, while the average lifetime earnings for a 50-year-old man is $1.1 million.
* In 1999, of the 500 largest businesses in America, 11.9% of the top officers were women, up from 8.7% in 1994. In 2012, 21.6% of the top officers were women.
* In 1983, 15% of lawyers were women. In 1995, 26% of lawyers were women. In 2012,

31.5% of lawyers were women.

* In 1983, 16% of doctors were women. In 1995, 24% of doctors were women. In 2000,

32.4% of doctors were women.

* In 1995, the average annual salary for male computer operators was $26,000.

For female computer operators, the average annual salary was $19,084. • In 1995, the average annual salary of female elementary school teachers was $32,292. For male elementary school teachers, the average annual salary was $33,800.

* In 1998, 69.1% of the women graduating from high school went on to college, compared with 62.4% of the men.
* In 1994, the number of women taking math and science courses equaled or surpassed the number of men taking those courses.
* In 1970, 1 in 27 girls played high school sports. In 1995, 1 in 3 girls played high school sports.
* The number of single-parent families headed by women increased from 2,619,000 in 1960 to 7,874,000 in 1997.
* In 1995, 54% of single-parent families headed by women were living below the poverty line.
* In 2014 women in America earn 77% of what men earn.

**Dictionary:**

I. compel — to force someone to do something

* 1. "elective franchise" -- vote
	2. employments -- jobs
	3. "facilities for" — ability
	4. He – men
	5. Her -- women
	6. inalienable — things everyone should have and can't be taken away
	7. monopolize — dominate/take for themselves
	8. morals (code of morals) — standards of good behavior
	9. “no voice” – “no say” (no opportunity to express an opinion)
	10. remuneration — pay (for doing work)
	11. scant — barely enough
	12. sentiment — opinions/beliefs
	13. She – women/ a woman
	14. submit — accept (give in to) what another person wants