

DEMANDING EQUALITY, AND POWER, IN AMERICA

Women must reject

THE

subordinate status that society confers.

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FRAMING HISTORY IN PHOTOS ↓

National Geographic's archive contains millions of images. Consider what they reveal about the lives of women. PAGE 34
BY SARAH LEEN



A Kenyan woman with her pet, a juvenile antelope

RWANDA'S RENEWAL BY WOMEN

After the 1994 genocide, women stepped up to fill the gaps in power. Now Rwanda has some of the most female-friendly policies in the world. What's still to be done? PAGE 82

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Maria Grazia Chiuri is the first woman creative director in the Dior fashion house's 72-year history.

SHAPING THE FUTURE ↑

In numerous male-dominated societies, women aren't waiting for men to cede or share authority. Instead they organize, legislate, campaign, and

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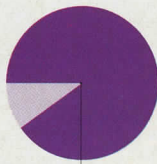
to secure roles, rights, and privileges often reserved for men. "Women find strength to fight," says one, "in their own way." PAGE 50

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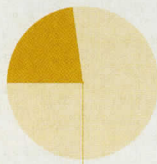
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Measuring women's sense of inclusion, security, and discrimination around the world. PAGE 74

BY IRENE BERMAN-VAPORIS, LAWSON PARKER, AND ROSEMARY WARDLEY



90% of countries have one or more laws that discriminate against women.



23% of national legislative seats are held by women.



3% of countries afford women and men equal legal rights.

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Top, left to right: student Janae' Sumter at Atlanta's Spelman College; teen Carolyn McDermott on a Nebraska farm; author Roxane Gay. Middle: scientist Jennifer Doudna; an Ouled Nail woman in Algeria; Kenyan student Jessica Chege. Bottom: hand-tinted photo of a Japanese woman; Jane Goodall in Tanzania; woman draped in silk.

A RIGHT TO BE SAFE

Urban India's women have long risked harm just by walking down the street. Now there are signs

OF PROGRESS

in burgeoning programs to make spaces safer and increase penalties for assailants. **PAGE 98**

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All female marine recruits pass through Parris Island, South Carolina, for boot camp. Men and women at the base once had different training regimens; now they're the same.

WHERE ARE THE WOMEN IN SCIENCE?

During women's long history in the sciences, they've been handicapped by sexism and harassment. **PAGE 110**

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FOR GIRLS IN SCIENCE, THE TIME IS NOW

Encouragement for girls' STEM ambitions

IS

replacing some of the barriers that frustrated previous generations. **PAGE 118**

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IN THE FIGHT ↑

As militaries open frontline roles to women, the rise in opportunities is

UNDENIABLE.

From the United States to hot spots around the world, a veteran conflict photographer documents women warriors in training and in the field. **PAGE 132**

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