

POSSIBLE IDEAS/DATES FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Note: These suggestions are meant **to inspire, not limit**, your choices of current events topics to select news articles for oral presentations, which will begin after spring break. By the end class 8, **two possible presentation dates** (you don't need to know specific topics or articles, just general topic areas!); indicate your preferred date (if any). You can sign up as a two-person team, or sign up alone and I will pair you with a classmate. Typically, there will be no more than two presentations on a given date. **Remember: selecting a date(s) means selecting a specific topic area; dates listed are the only dates available.**

Socialization and Gender Roles; Conceptualizing the Meaning of Biological Differences; Race, Ethnicity, Nationality and Gender Roles; Gender and Education

Gender stereotypes and children's toys/games; differences in male and female patterns of parenting; gender roles in children's television programming; influence of sex hormones; differences in female and male brains and potential implications for personality; divorce and gender socialization of children;
 Gender socialization in specific ethnic and racial groups;
 Multicultural heritage and gender socialization;
 Title IX and educational equality;
 Women in science and math education;
 Single-sex schools (high schools, colleges) for males and females.

Representation of Race and Gender in Advertising and Popular Visual Media

Images of women/men in advertising;
 Dieting, eating/body image disorders and influence of media among males and females;
 Alternative beauty/body ideals for both sexes;
 Race/gender representations in popular music (e.g., hip-hop, rock), television or film;
 Gendered representations in videogames;
 Cosmetic surgery and media influence;
 Feminist media (e.g., TV, documentary film, blogs).

LGBTQ+ Rights Movements; Transgender Equality Issues

LGBTQ+ rights in schools, workplaces, religious institutions, the military; Same-sex marriage debate, gay adoption rights/gay parenting;
 Legal cases of hate crimes/anti-gay violence;
 Experience of LGBTQ+ individuals in the military;
 Popular media images of the LGBTQ+ community
 Transgender rights and the workplace
 Transgender Issues at women's colleges
 Transgender Rights and Sports
 Supreme Court Cases: LGBTQ+ rights

Sexuality, Contraception and Reproductive Choice

New developments in contraception for women and men; birth control as a health care right; Abortion rights and reproductive choice; Reversal of *Roe v. Wade* contraception for minors; teen pregnancy; HIV/AIDs and gender roles; sexuality education in public schools.

Gender, Work and Families; Women in STEM

Affirmative action; American and international parenting leave and support policies in the workplace for women and men; workplace issues for women of color; full time parenthood/homemaking as a career choice; women as entrepreneurs
Gender and unionization; role of women/men in nontraditional occupations; status of women in science and engineering; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and discrimination in the workplace; sexual harassment; “Me,too” movement; gender and retirement; gender and disability; the “glass ceiling”, sexual segregation of the labor force (“pink collar work”).
Globalization of labor and women in sweatshops;
Microfinance as a strategy for women’s economic development (e.g., Grameen bank).

Gender and Work- Global Dimensions; Global Gender

Issues; Contemporary Feminist Voices

Legal rights of women in specific countries (e.g., voting, education, employment, marriage, property, divorce, child custody);
Issues of violence against women in different countries;
Health issues of women in the developing world or in specific countries (e.g., maternal health, contraception, abortion, HIV/AIDS);
Abortion rights/reversal of *Roe v. Wade*
International mobilizations for women’s rights (e.g., UN);
Female circumcision/genital mutilation;
Women and the politics of immigration;
Contemporary feminist activists (e.g., Eve Ensler, author of *The Vagina Monologues*, Roxane Gay) and groups (NOW); young women’s initiatives; Intersectionality in contemporary feminism
Gender and American electoral politics
Men and feminism
Feminism and the environmental movement; feminism and the climate change crisis; web-based feminist organizing; feminism and vegetarianism/veganism
Women as social entrepreneurs and philanthropists.

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